

# NOx Treatment by Selective Catalytic Reduction with Catalytic Ceramic Filter Elements

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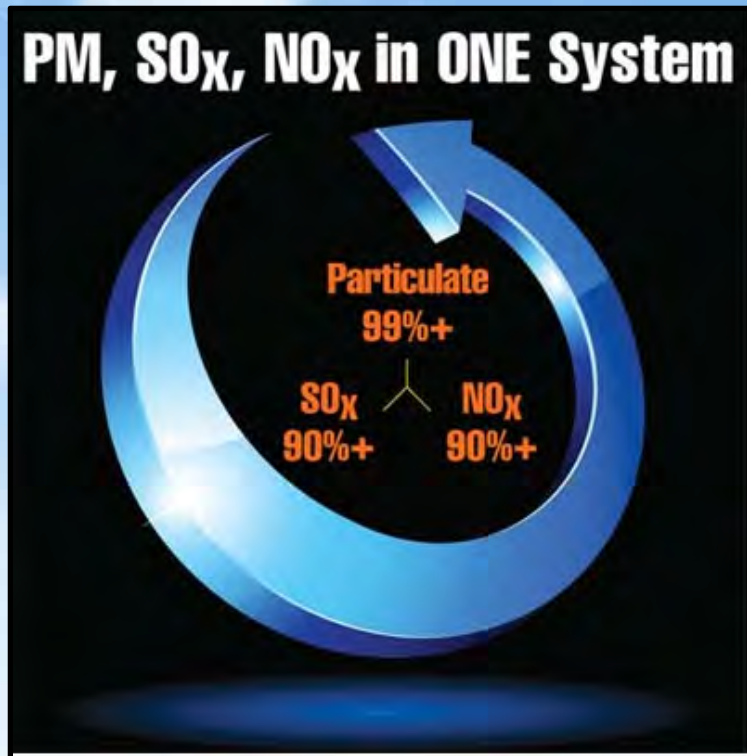
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# Ceramic Catalyst Filters for Multi-Pollutant Control



## Also Treats

- CO
- VOC
- Hg
- Pb
- Se
- Other Metals
- Dioxin

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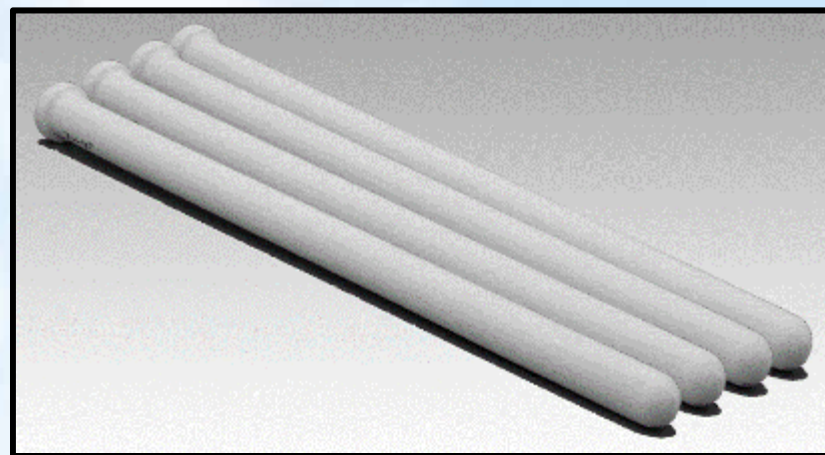


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# Presentation Outline

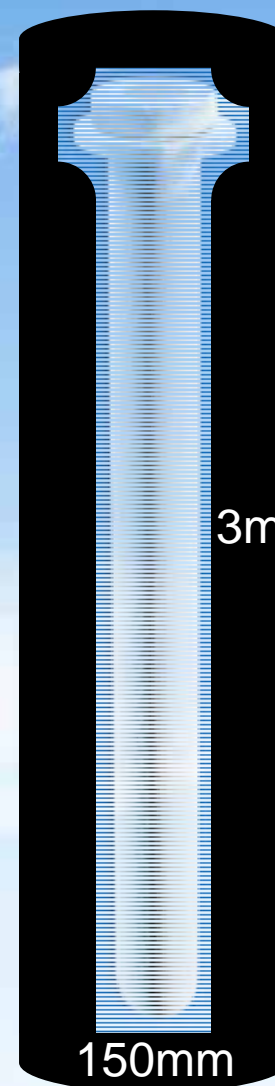
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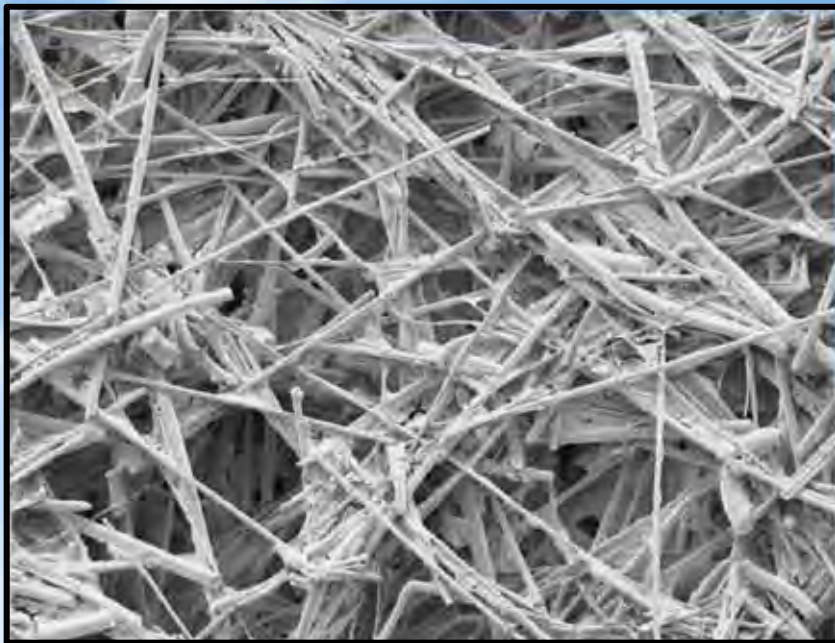
# UltraCat Ceramic Filter Elements

CHARACTERISTICS OF (LOW-DENSITY) CERAMIC ELEMENTS	
Form	Monolithic rigid tube
Composition	Refractory fibers plus organic and inorganic binding agents
Porosity	About 80-90%
Density	About 0.3 - 0.4 g/cc
Support	Self supporting from integral flange
Geometry	Outer diameter up to 150 mm; Length up to 3 m



Technology Basis

# UltraCat Ceramic Filter Construction



Ceramic Filter Element Outer Surface

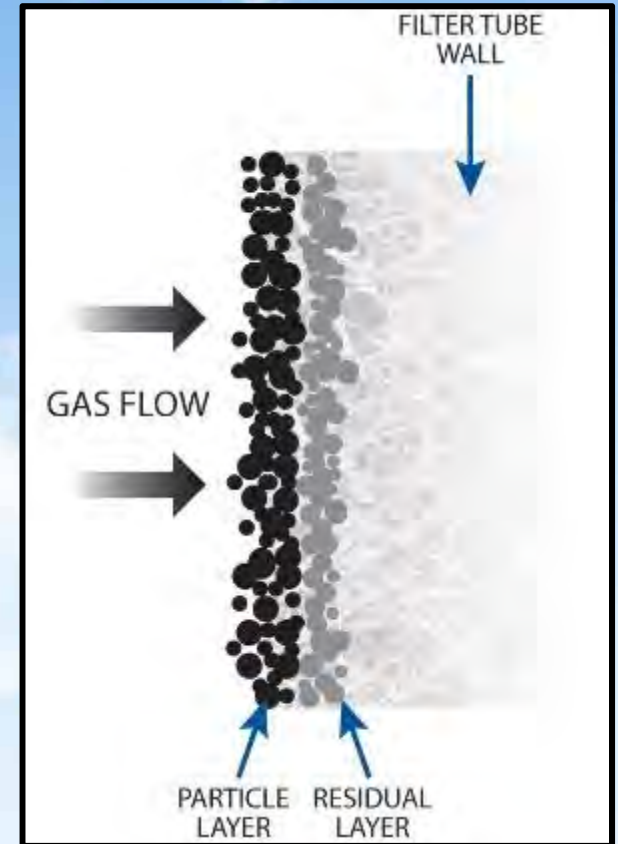


Inner Fibers with Imbedded Catalyst

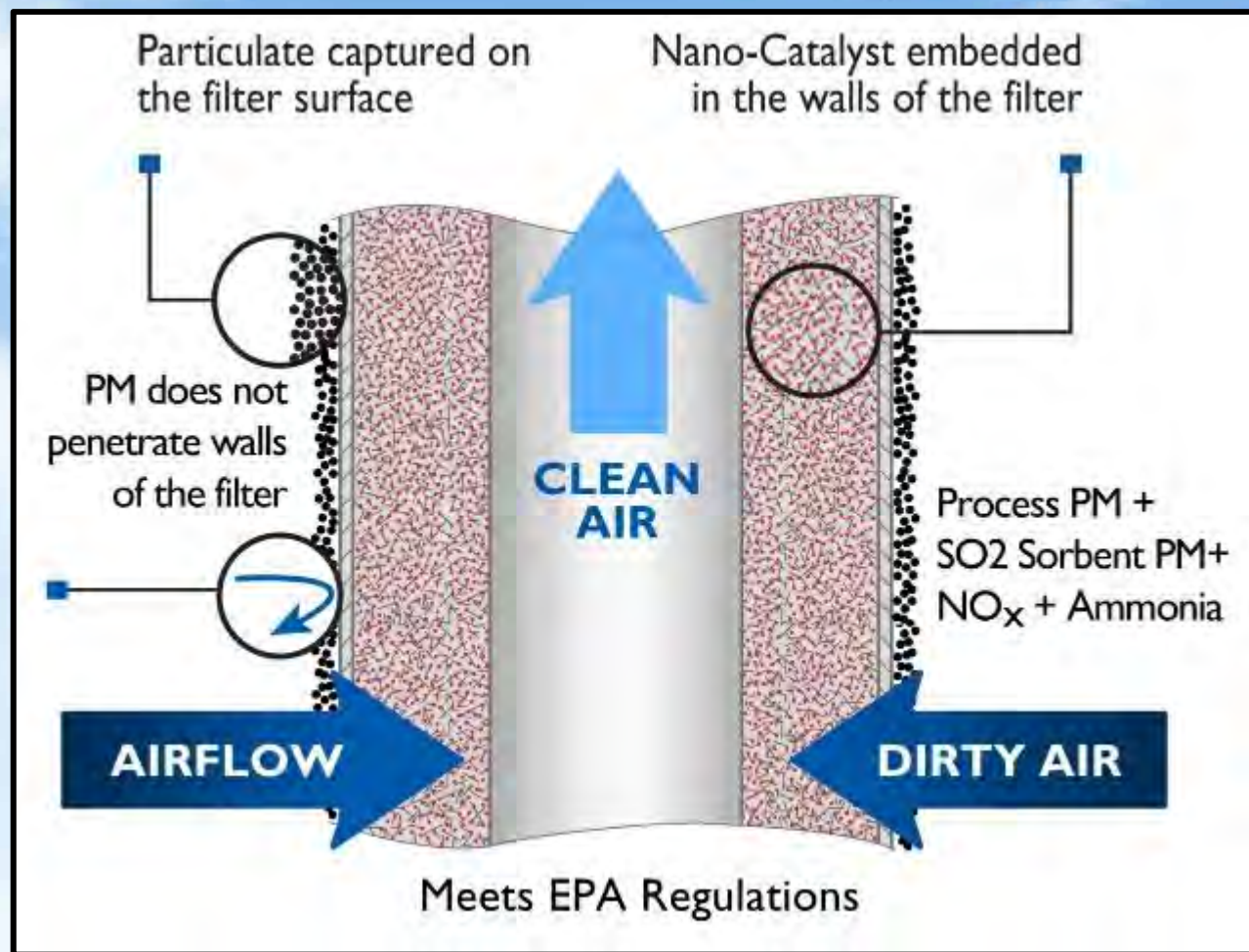


# Filtration Mechanism

- Dust cake builds upon the residual layer, does not penetrate into filter body
- Cake is periodically removed with a reverse pulse of air, a brief low volume shockwave
- Can handle variable loading conditions
- Tube does not flex like a Fabric Filter bag, No mechanical wear = long filter life

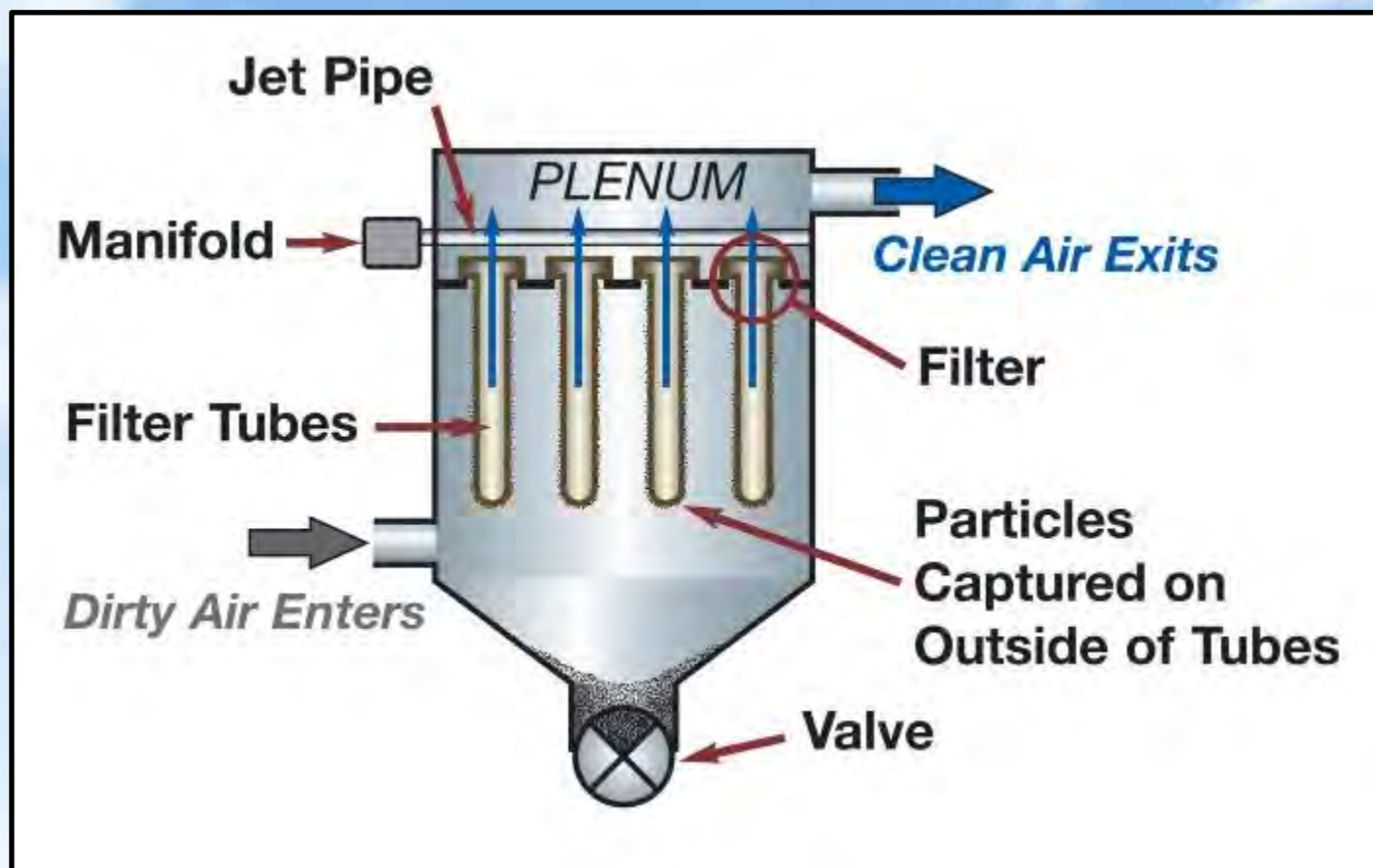


# Protection from Catalyst PM Blinding and Poisoning





## Filter Elements - Basic Operations





# Filter Elements – Operating Temperatures

PM + Acids + NO<sub>x</sub>  
280 → 750 °F

Low temp applications might require  
second stage of catalyst

PM + Acids  
200 → 1200 °F

PM only  
200 → 1,650 °F

200 °F

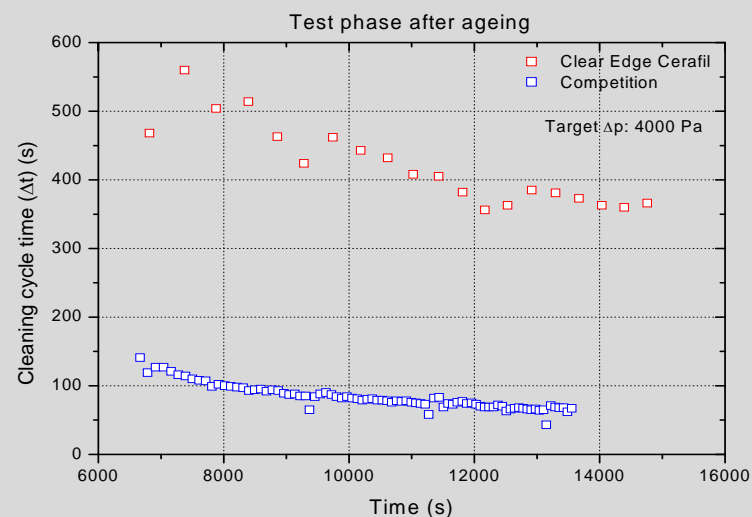
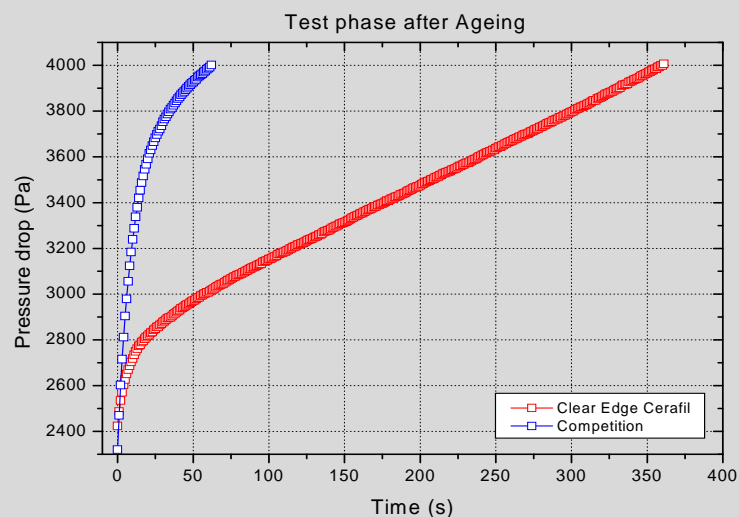
Temperature Scale

1,650 °F

Acids Include: SO<sub>2</sub>, HCl, HF, SO<sub>3</sub>

## Technology Basis

# UltraCat by Clear Edge vs. Other Filter Brands



Parameter	UltraCat by Clear Edge	Others
Porosity	80% (dense outer wall)	90% (open outer wall, dense inner wall, gradient)
Filtration	Mainly on the conditioned outer surface	First dust penetration and then filtration
Dust penetration	0.63 mg	5.03 mg
Pressure drop rise	Gradual	Quick
Cleaning cycle interval	Long	Short



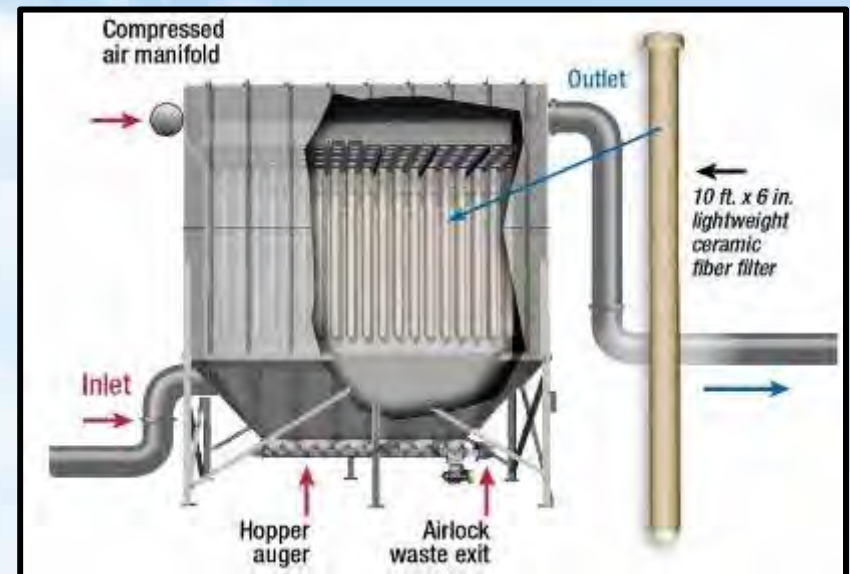
# Pressure Drop and Filter Life

- Initial pressure drop dP approximately 4 to 6 "H<sub>2</sub>O.
- Very gradually ultrafine and condensable penetrate filter.
- Less than of **3%** differential pressure increase per year.
- Performance is not affected by increase in pressure drop.
- Extra fan power is built into the system.
- Filters must be changed when the system runs out of fan.
- Filter change is not triggered by catalyst deactivation or change in PM performance.

**7 – 10 years filter life**

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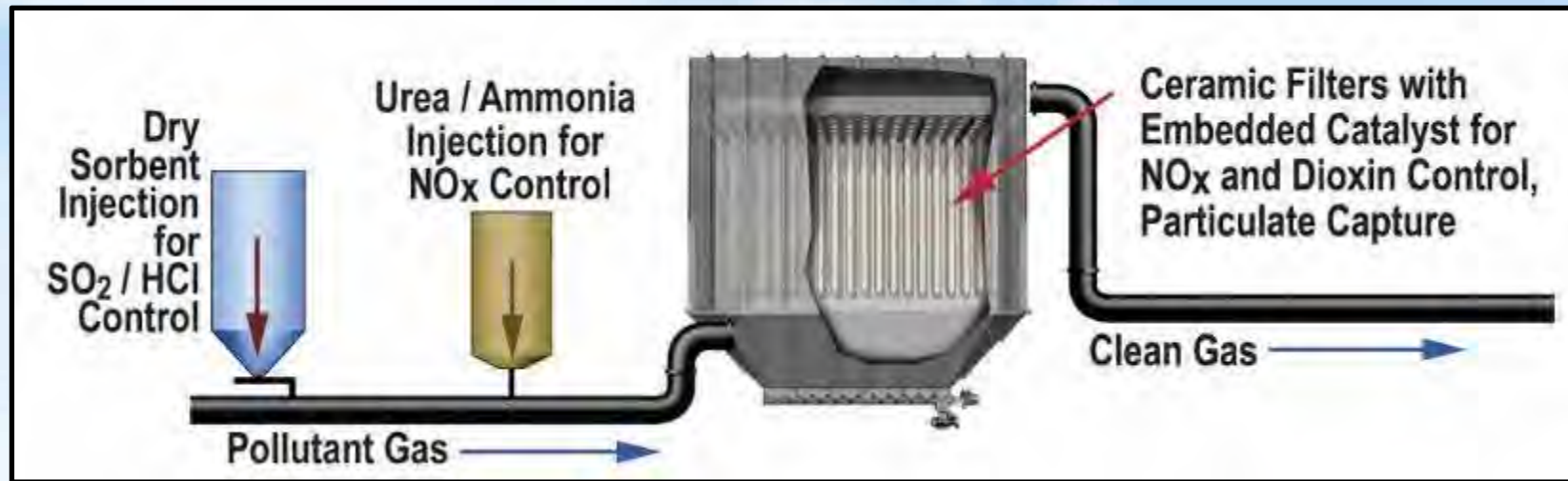
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## Typical System Configuration

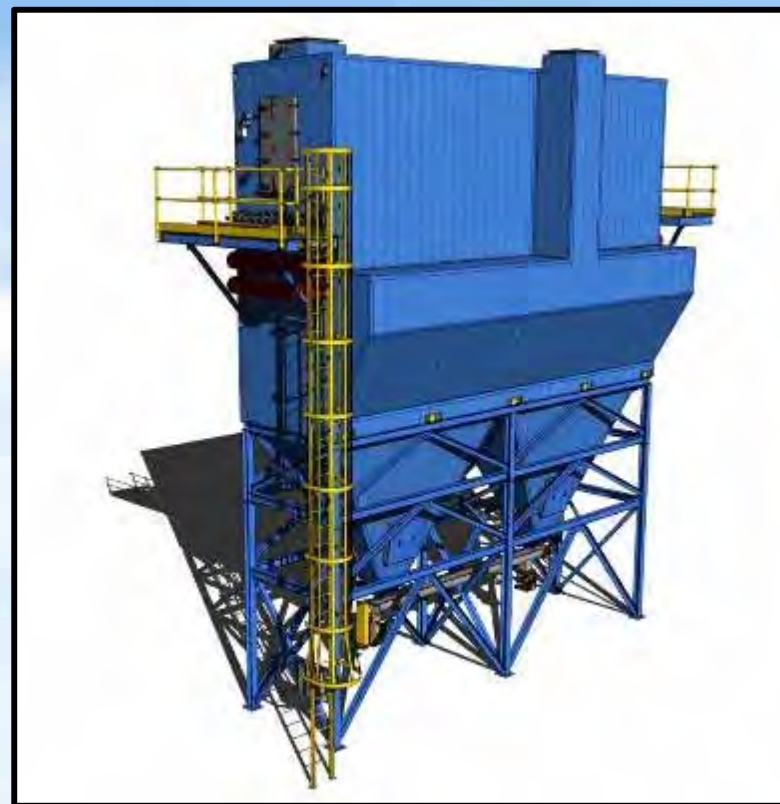
1. If necessary, condition incoming gas to  $<750^{\circ}\text{F}$
2. Add sorbent to control acid gases and Hg.
3. Add aqua ammonia for  $\text{NO}_x$  reaction.
4. Remove solid waste.



## System Design

# Single Housing Configuration

1. Maximum of 500 filters per housing.
2. No limit to housings operating in parallel
3. Single Housing Height 34'
4. Single Housing Width 11'
5. Single Housing Length 11' to 38' depending on filter count
6. Fully Insulated
7. Indoor/Outdoor





## System Design

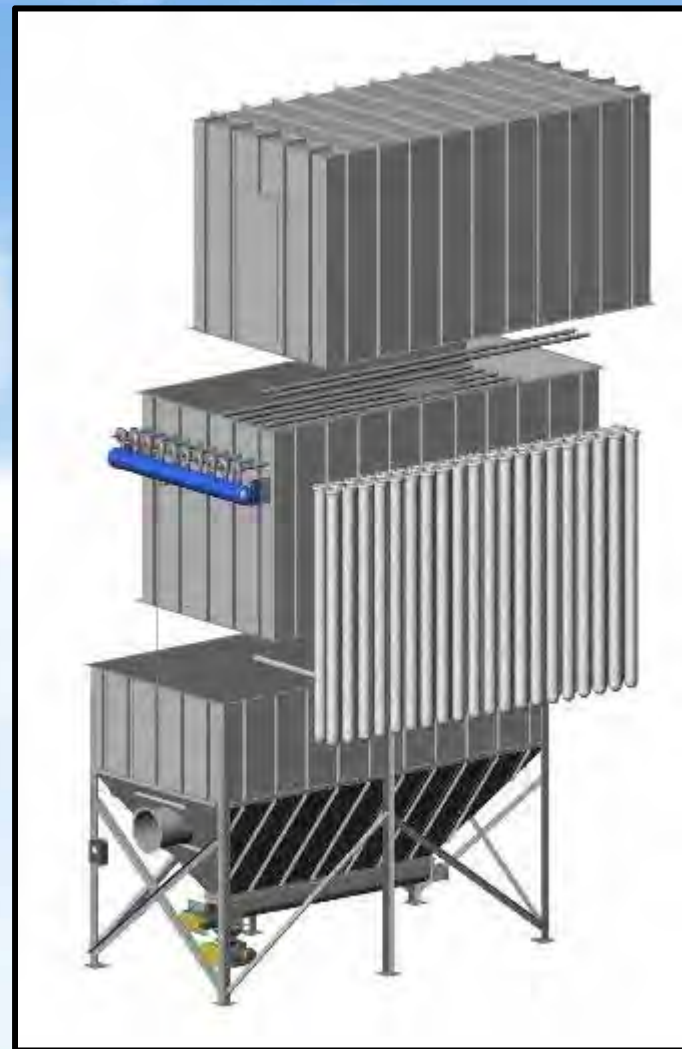
# Constructed in Four Sections

1. Walk-in plenum
2. Tube Sheet
3. Hopper
4. Support Frame

Shipped in four pieces

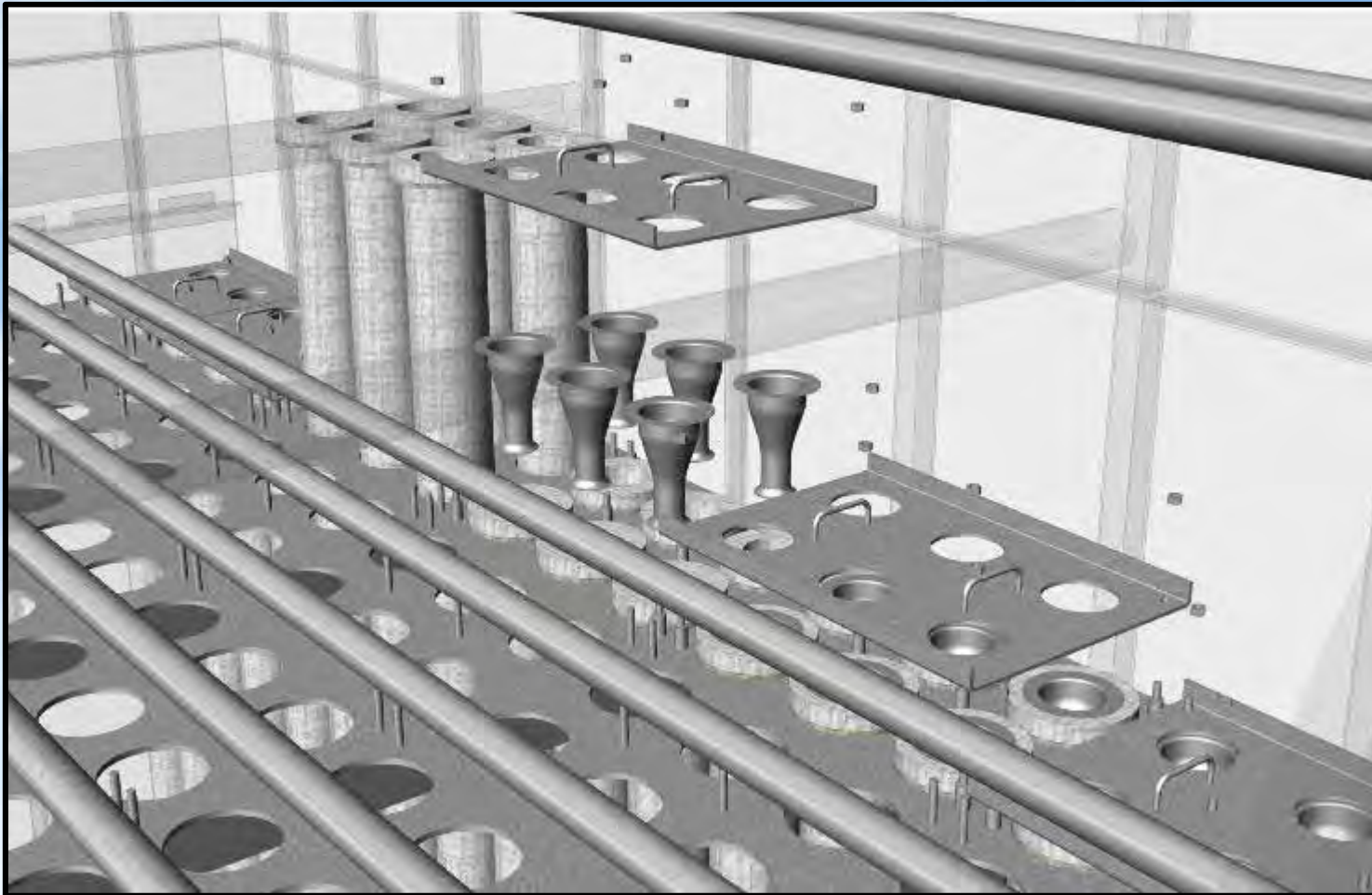
Simple installation with a crane

Filter elements installed in the field by Tri-Mer personnel.



System Design

## Tube Sheet and Filter Element Hold Down Detail





# System Design

## Filter Element Installation



Filter Gasket, Stud, Spacer,  
and Hold Down Plate



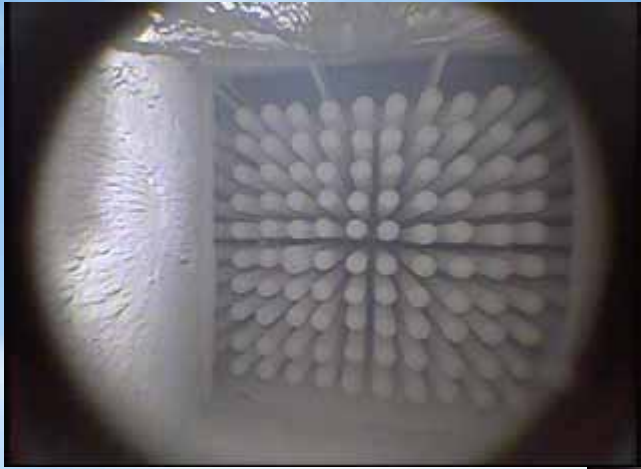
Completed Assembly with  
Blow Tubes in Place



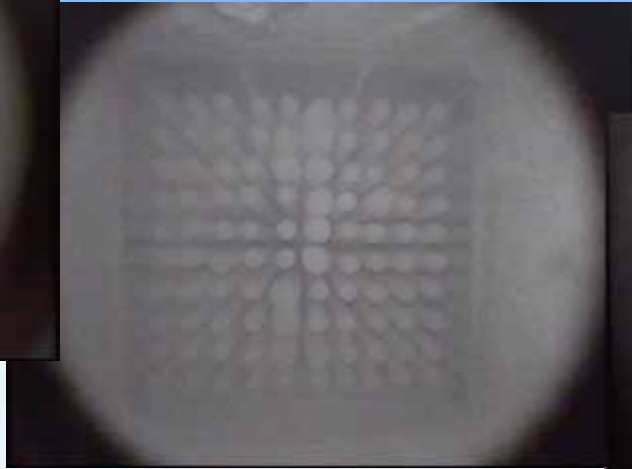
Broken Filter  
Element



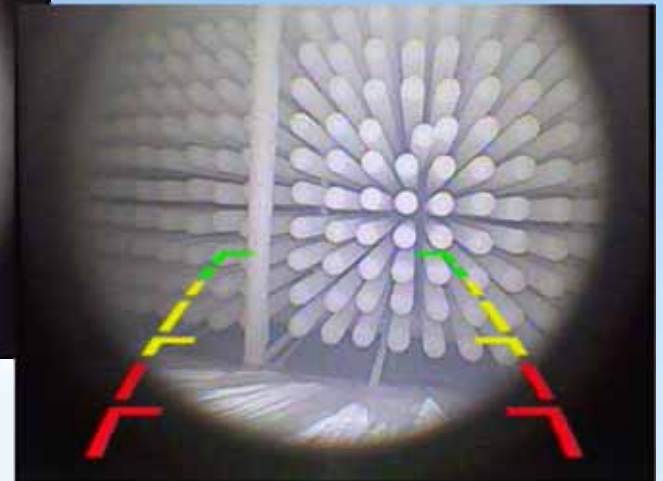
## System Inspection Camera - Results



Elements Intact



Pulse Valve Inoperable



Broken Element

- Filters fail at a rate of less than 1 per 500 annually
- Changing a filter requires 4 to 6 hours, most of that is cool down time
- After service gradual heat-up is unnecessary

## System Design

# Multiple Filter Housings to Match the Flow

With 3 or More Housings...

- Modules are serviced individually
- Remaining modules treat 100% of the gas flow
- No loss of performance while servicing
- Minimal pressure drop increase while servicing





System Design

## 12 Housings – Kiln Exhaust

- Ceramic Proppants (Fracking)
- 650 F
- NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, HCl, HF, and PM
- Operational Q1 2013
- Compliance Verified



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## Diesel Exhaust (PM, SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>)

Systems for treating diesel exhaust from ships at berth are comprised of 2 principal components.

### 1 Capture System

Stack adaptor and exhaust shuttle connected to stack of auxiliary engine



### 2 Treatment System

Catalytic ceramic filter system configured for treating PM, SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>

## System Design

# 9 Housings – Glass Furnace, Tableware

- 3 Housings per Furnace, 3 Furnaces
- 600 °F
- PM, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, HCl, and Metals
- Operational Since Jan 2011
- Compliance Verified





System Design

## 6 Housings – Glass Furnace, Containers

- 3 Furnaces
- 600 °F
- PM, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, and Metals
- Operational Since Sept 2014
- Compliance Verified



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System Design

## 5 Housings – Glass Furnace, Flat Glass

- 1 Furnace
- 725 °F
- PM, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, and Metals
- Operational Since April 2015
- Compliance Verified



## System Design

# Experience Counts: 25 Ceramic Filter Projects – Selected List

	Project	Type	ACFM	Emissions	Comments
	Kohler Glass, WI	Glass Furnace	12,000	PM, NOx, HF	Specialty glass
	Illumina, CA	RTO Exhaust	13,500	PM, HCl, NOx	Biotech company
	U of Iowa, IA	Biomass Boiler	15,600	PM, NOx, CO	Boiler MACT
	Gallo Glass, CA	Glass Furnace	23,125	PM, SO2	First module of 6
	Military/Siemens, CA	Boiler Exhaust	24,000	PM, NOx, HCl, SO2	Boiler MACT
	3M, MN	Production	25,000	PM, NOx	Two projects
	Calgon Carbon, AZ	Reactivation Furnace	25,400	PM, SO2, HCl	First industry application
	CAEM, Port of LA	Diesel Engine Exhaust	25,900	PM, NOx	Ships at dock
	EveryWare Glass, PA	Glass Furnace	29,300	PM, NOx, SO2, Metals	EPA ruling
	Durand Glass, NJ	Glass Furnace	106,000	PM, NOx, SO2, Metals	EPA ruling
	Ardagh Glass, IL	Glass Furnace	144,000	PM, NOx, SO2, Metals	EPA ruling
	AGC Glass, KS	Glass Furnace	150,000	PM, NOx, SO2, Metals	EPA ruling
	AGC Glass, TN	Glass Furnace	165,000	PM, NOx, SO2, Metals	EPA ruling
	Guardian Glass, MI	Glass Furnace	175,000	PM, NOx, SO2, Metals	EPA ruling,
	Imerys, GA	Ceramic kiln	324,000	PM, NOx, SOx, HCl, HF	First industry application
	Confidential	Kiln Exhaust	450,000	PM	Design, industry first



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# Tri-Mer Catalytic Ceramic Filters - Applications

## Combust/Incinerate

- Glass furnaces
- Solid fuel boilers
- Syngas cleaning
- Chemical waste
- Medical waste
- Radioactive waste
- Munitions destruct
- Petrochemical sludge
- MSW, scrap tires
- Animal waste

## Chemicals & Minerals

- Alumina refining
- Calcium carbide production
- Activated carbon production
- Catalyst production
- Silica production
- Fine chemicals production
- Sulphuric acid plant

## Metallurgical

- Secondary aluminium smelting
- Precious metal recovery
- Swarf drying
- Tin smelting
- Lead smelting
- Nickel refining
- Foundries
- Copper smelting
- Steel making



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## Tri-Mer System – Brief Summary



1. Dry powdered sorbent – bicarb, trona, or lime – is injected into the duct. It immediately starts to react with the SO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub>, and HCl to form solid particles that will be captured by the ceramic filter.
2. Non-hazardous 19% aqueous ammonia is atomized and sprayed into the duct. It immediately turns into a gas and mixes with NO<sub>x</sub>. This mixing is not affected by the process PM or sorbent PM.
3. The gas stream goes into the filter housing, and the particulate from the process and sorbent is captured on the outside surface of the filters. Filters are periodically cleaned (about twice a day for many applications) with a burst of compressed air while filter housings remain on-line.
4. The NO<sub>x</sub> and ammonia mixture react on the enormous surface area of the nano-catalysts embedded in the filter walls. The mixture is free from particulate that can blind or poison the catalyst, so the reaction can occur more efficiently and across a much wider temperature range. NO<sub>x</sub> is broken down into harmless N<sub>2</sub> and water vapor. There is minimal ammonia slip.
5. Treated air exits the ceramic filter system, drawn by an induction fan to the stack.



## Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)



NO<sub>x</sub> is converted to the harmless basic constituents of our atmosphere, nitrogen and water vapor.

## Conventional SCR Catalyst Support Systems

**High Removal at >650 F**

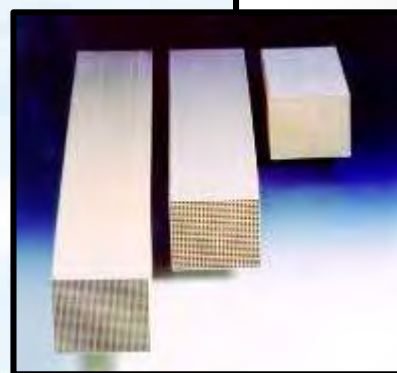
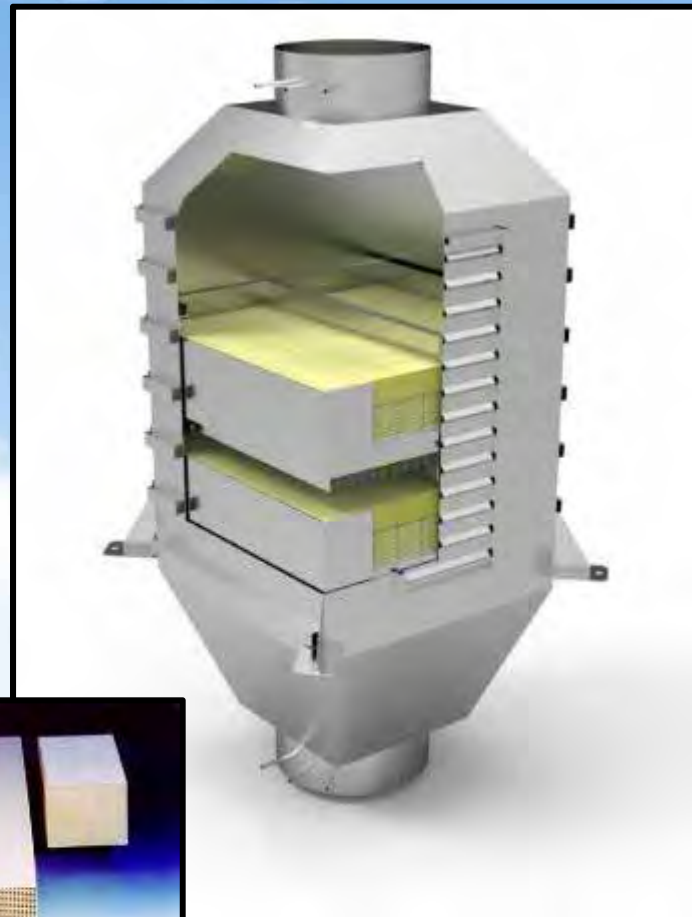
**Blinding and poisoning the catalyst are the greatest drawbacks.**

### **“Hot side”**

Reactor placed before any PM or other pollutant removal

### **“Cold side”**

Reactor placed after electrostatic precipitator or fabric baghouse for PM control.





## Conventional SCR Blocks and Channels

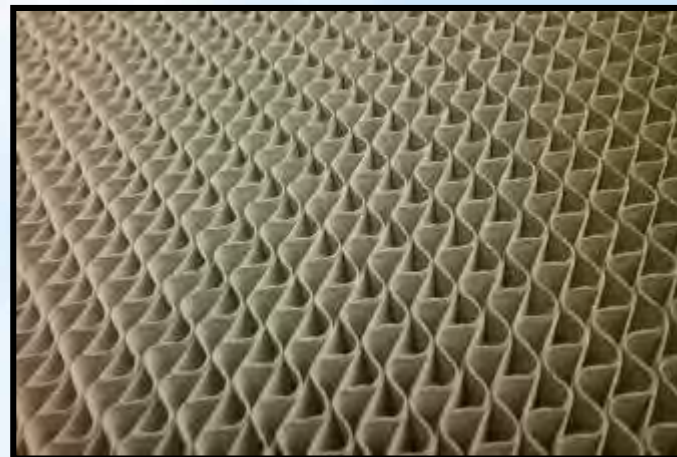
Typical SCR Block Catalysts



Typical temperature range  
600 F – 1,100 F

In industrial plants the conventional catalyst types typically operate with 5-15% catalyst effectiveness in the SCR (Selective Catalytic Reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> by NH<sub>3</sub>) – Haldor Topsoe, P. Schoubye paper 2006

Gas Channels



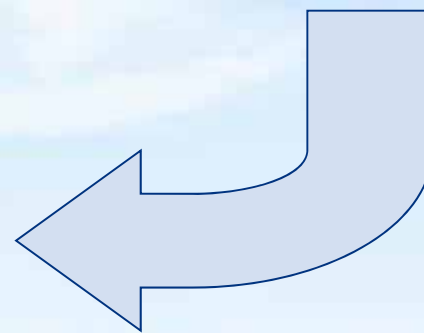
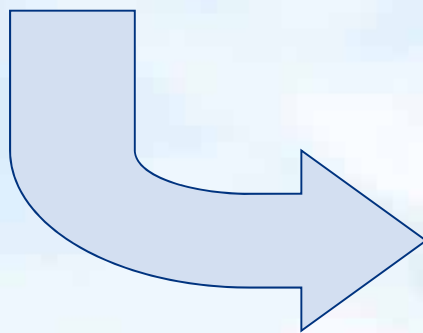
NO<sub>x</sub> Control

# Catalytic Filter Technology for NO<sub>x</sub>

The combination of two well established technologies



Standard filter tube  
+ SCR catalyst (in  
micronized form  
Infused in filter walls)

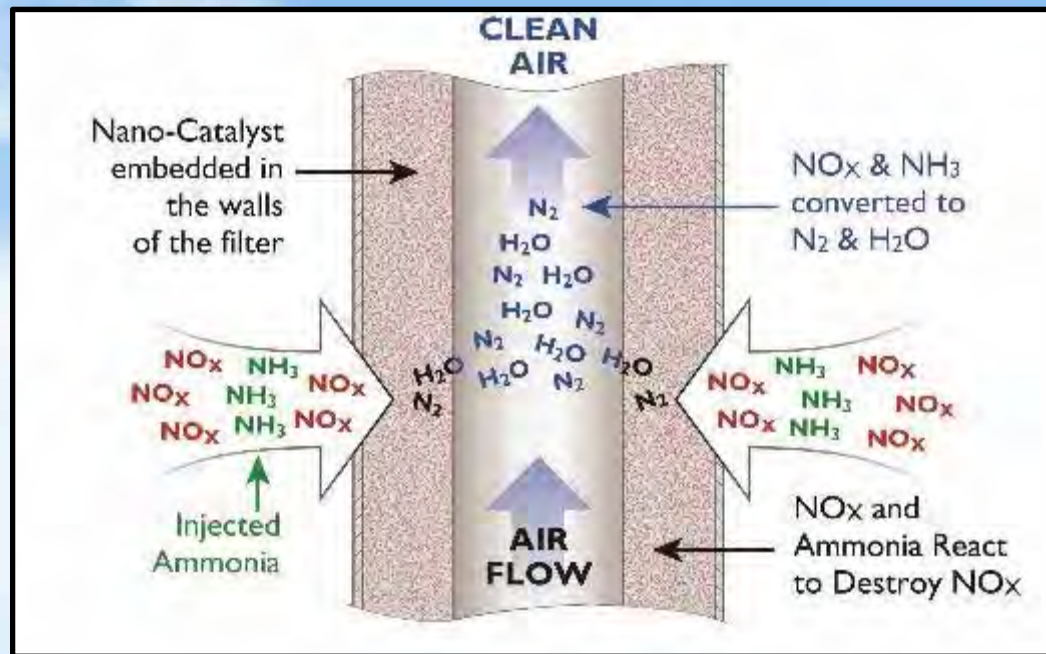




## Catalyst Utilization: 6X over Conventional SCR

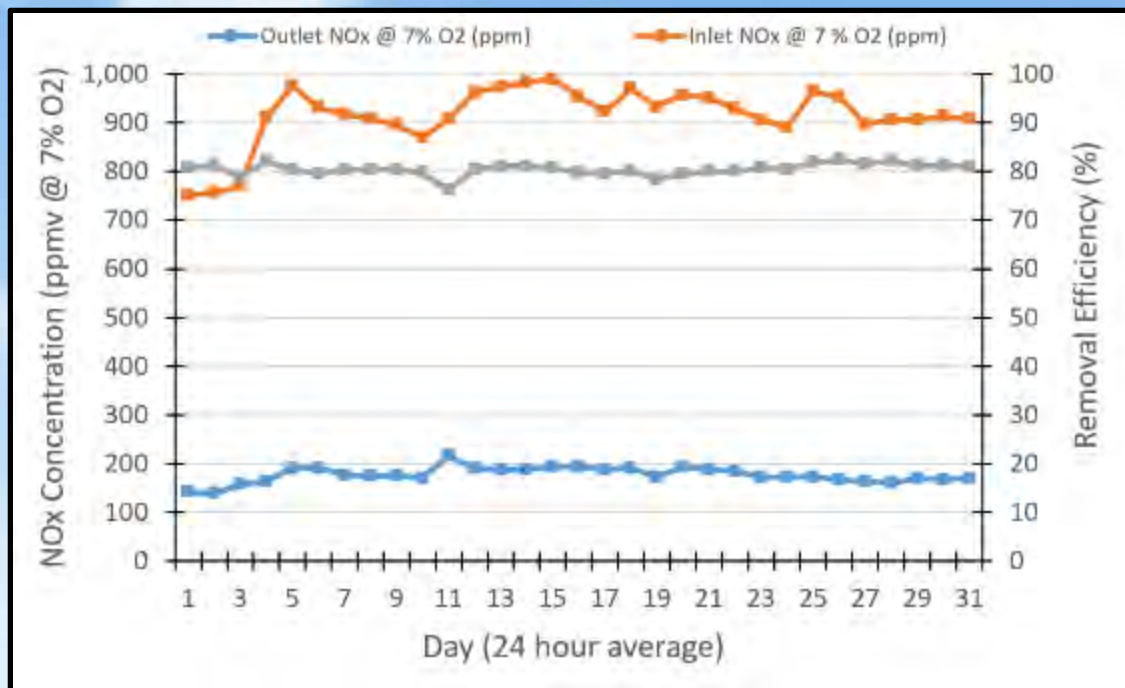
Utilization is virtually 100%, compared to 15% for traditional SCR

Haldor Topsoe, P. Schoubye paper 2006



- Lower temperatures achieve higher removal efficiency.
- 60-70% starting at 350 °F, and over 90% approaching 450 °F.
- Traditional block SCR usually requires 650 °F to reach 90%.

## NO<sub>x</sub> Control Float Glass Furnace

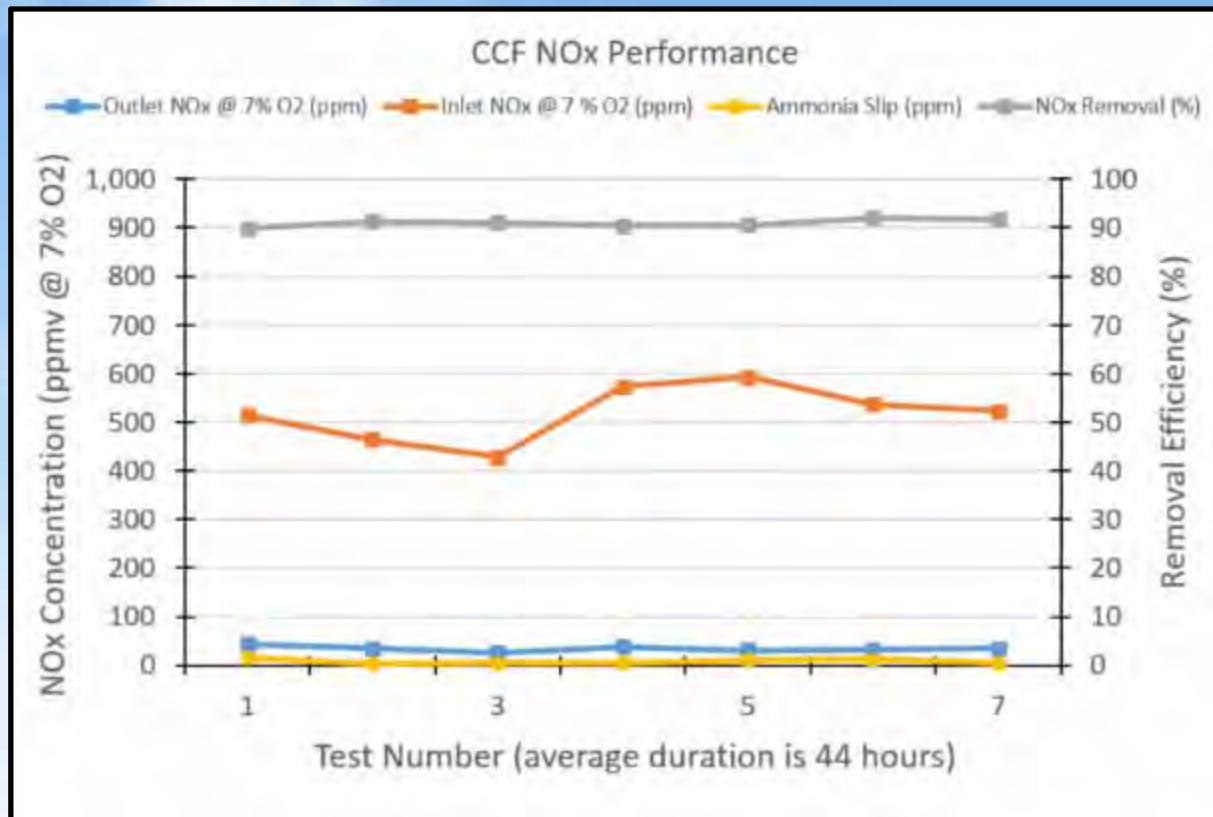


- Compliance Requirement is 80% Reduction
- Average Reduction = 80.5%
- Ammonia Slip <5 ppmv as Measured by Insitu IR
- Precise Control Minimizes Ammonia Consumption
- Filter Operating Temp = 690F

Average Inlet NOx	[ppm]	915.2
Average Outlet NOx	[ppm]	176.6
Average NOx Percent Removal	[%]	80.5%



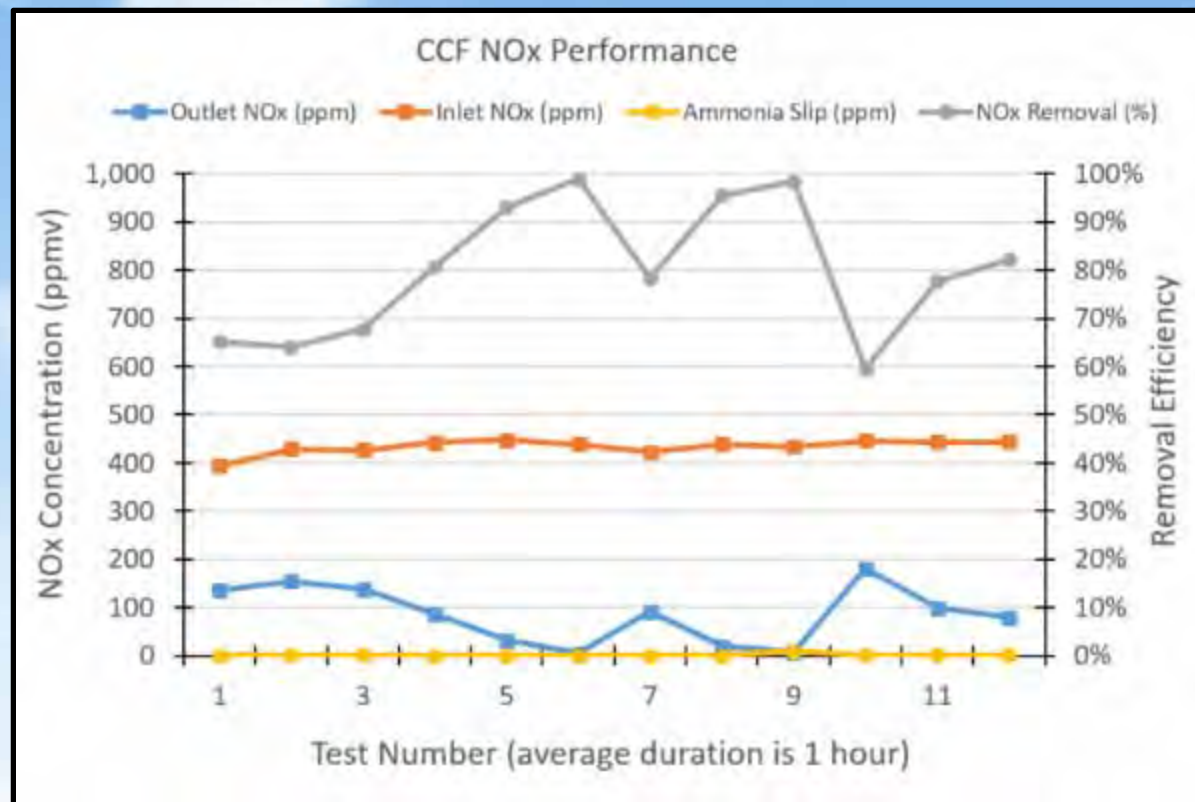
# NO<sub>x</sub> Performance Multiple Stationary Diesel Generators



- Compliance Requirement is 90% Reduction
- Average Reduction = 91.0%
- Filter Operating Temp = 450F
- Ammonia Slip <5 ppmv as Measured by Insitu IR
- Precise Control Minimizes Ammonia Consumption

Average Inlet NOx	[ppm]	519.4
Average Outlet NOx	[ppm]	34.6
Average NOx Percent Removal	[%]	91.0%
Average Ammonia Slip	[ppm]	3.5

# NO<sub>x</sub> Performance Lignite Coal



Average Inlet NOx	[ppm]	433.7
Average Outlet NOx	[ppm]	85.3
Average NOx Percent Removal	[%]	80.1%
Average Ammonia Slip	[ppm]	0.9



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## Typical Ceramic Filter PM Results

EFFICIENCY OF FIBROUS CERAMIC FILTER ELEMENTS IN VARIOUS APPLICATIONS						
PROCESS	PARTICLE SIZE	INLET PM LOADING		OUTLET PM LOADING		INFERRED EFFICIENCY
	$d_{50}^1, \mu\text{m}$	$\text{mg}/\text{Nm}^3$	$\text{gr}/\text{dscf}$	$\text{mg}/\text{Nm}^3$	$\text{gr}/\text{dscf}$	%
Aluminum powder production	<50	550	0.24	<1	<0.0004	99.99
Nickel refining	<10	11,800	5.16	<1	<0.0004	>99.8
Smokeless fuel production	4.8	1000	0.44	1.5	0.0007	99.9
Zirconia production	1.2	8000	3.5	0.8	0.0003	99.85
Secondary aluminum	<1.0	870	0.38	0.5	0.0002	>99.99

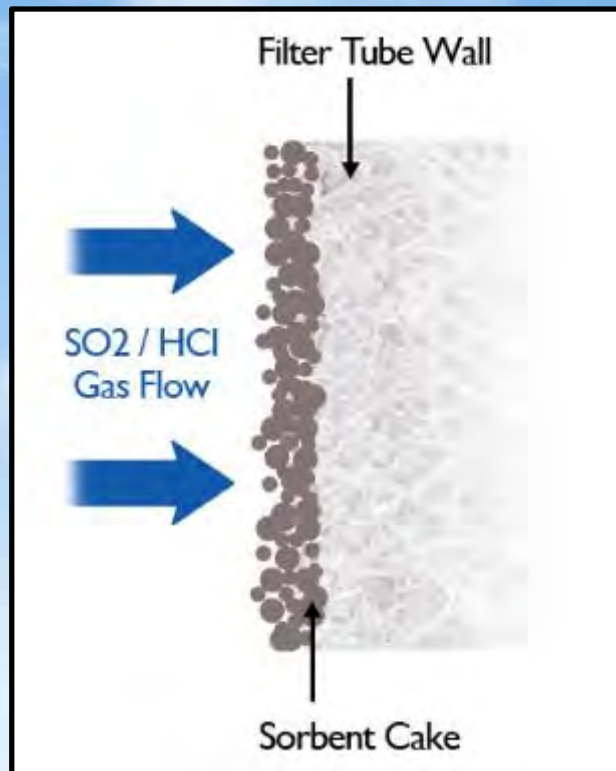
1. Diameter of median size particle 2.  $1 \text{ mg}/\text{Nm}^3$  equals 2288 grains/dry standard cubic foot.

Meets all EPA and state requirements across the spectrum of applications.

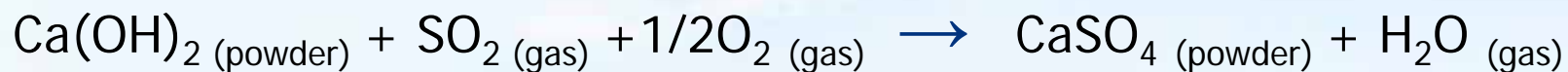


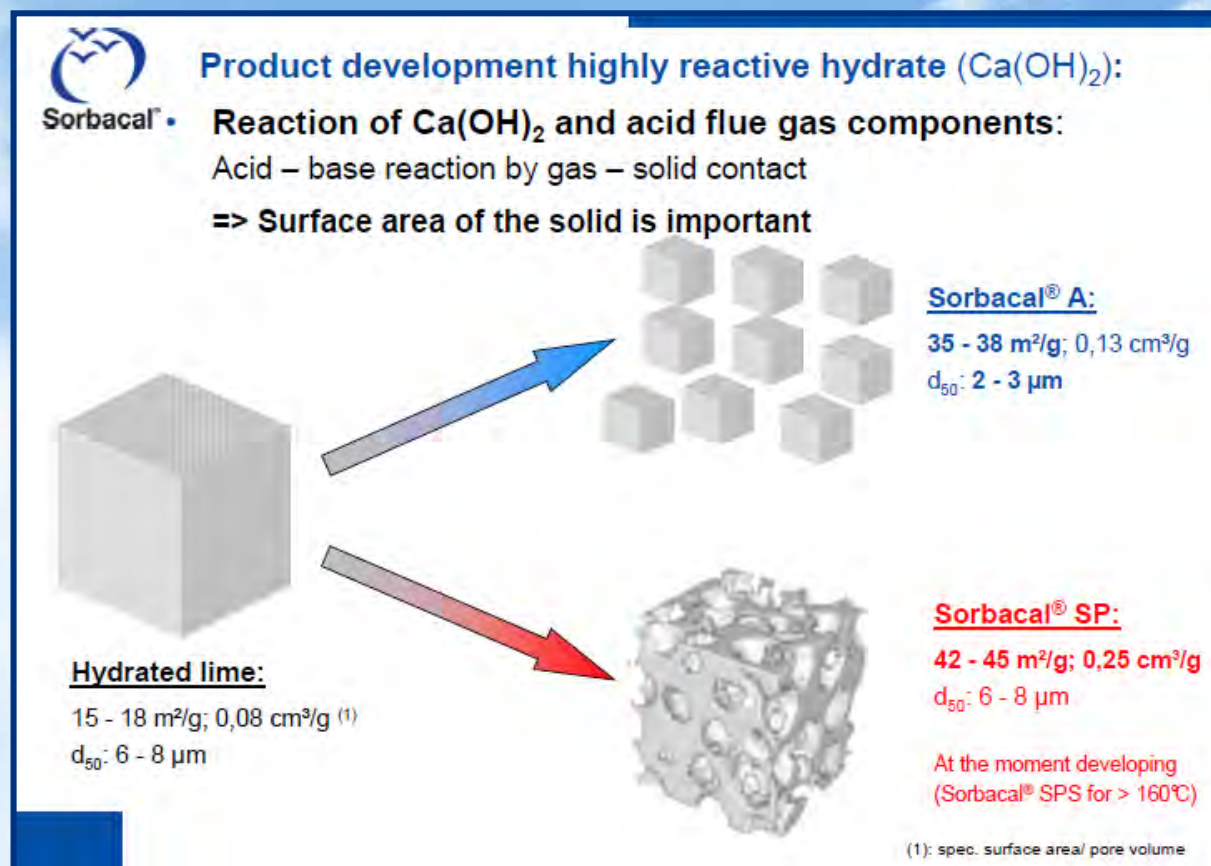
## Multi Pollutant Performance

# In-Duct Reaction PLUS Sorbent Cake on the Filter



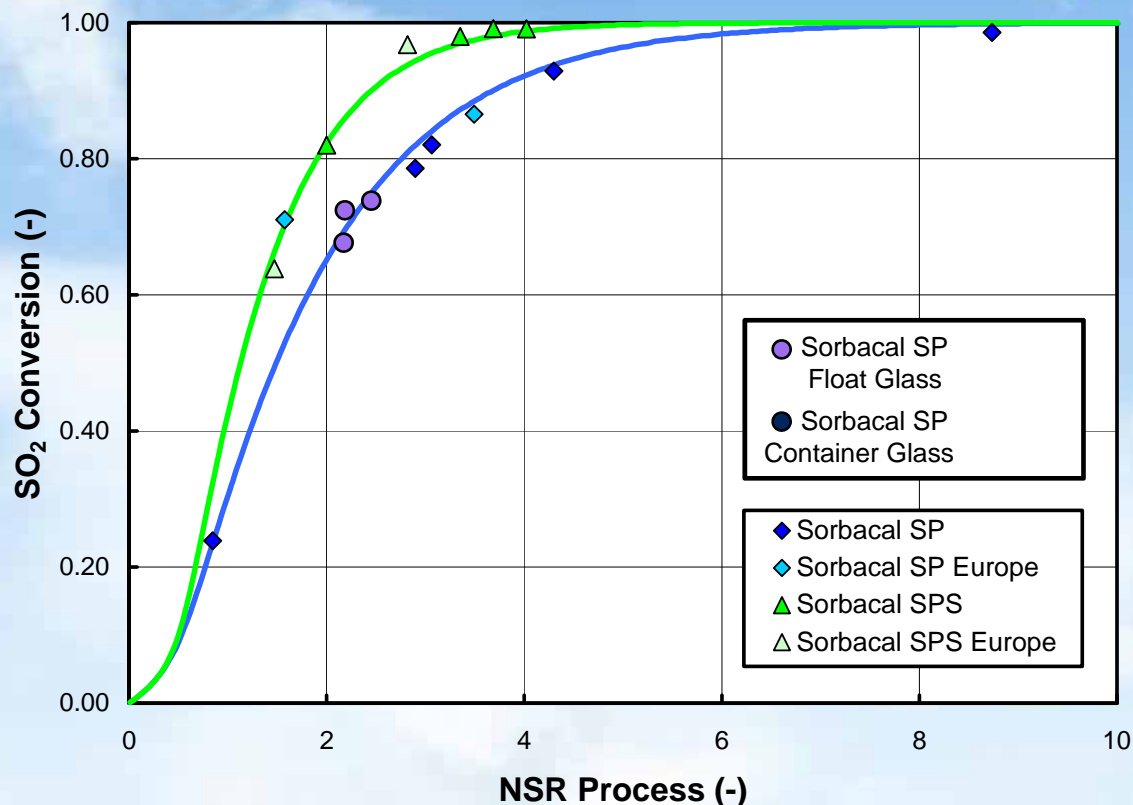
## Sorbent Injection Chemistry







# SO<sub>2</sub> Reduction on Various Glass Furnace Applications



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Project Delivery  
**Tri-Mer Corporation**

Established 1960  
12 Acre Site Near Detroit, Michigan



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## In-House Manufacturing , U.S. based

- Air pollution control (APC) specialists
- Engineer, design, fab, and install
- Wet and dry systems
- In-house equipment fabrication
- Steel and thermo-plastic fab facilities



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# Project Delivery

## 200,000 Sq Ft of Engineering Offices and Manufacturing



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- Pollution control system design
- Engineering (mechanical, electrical, civil, structural)
- Site work such as demolition
- Site work up-front construction
- Regulatory agency support
- Controls and integration
- Continuous Emission Monitors
- In-house equipment fabrication
- Installation and start-up
- Aftermarket support services





Thank You



**PM, SO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>  
IN ONE SYSTEM**

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