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VIP Drum Reconditioners, Seven Hills

Emission Testing Report – Solid Particles Retest

Report R016229

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1 Executive Summary

1.1 Background

Ektimo was engaged by VIP Drum Reconditioners to perform retesting of solid particle emissions at their Seven Hills plant. Testing was carried out in accordance with Environment Protection Licence 124.

1.2 Project Objective

The objective of the project was to quantify emissions from one discharge point to determine compliance with VIP Drum Reconditioners' Environmental Licence.

Monitoring was performed as follows:

Location	Test Date	Test Parameters*
EPA 1 Afterburner Discharge Stack	December 13, 2023	Solid particles (total) Oxygen (O ₂), carbon dioxide (CO ₂)

* Flow rate, velocity, temperature, and moisture were also determined.

All results are reported on a dry basis at STP.

Plant operating conditions have been noted in this report.

1.3 Licence Comparison

The following licence comparison table show that the analyte is within the licence limit set by the NSW EPA as per licence 124 (last amended on 17 May 2023).

EPA	Pollutant	Units	Licence limit	Detected values at STP	Detected values (Corrected to 12% CO ₂)
1 - Afterburner Discharge Stack	Solid particles	mg/m ³	250	<1	<20

Please note that the measurement uncertainty associated with the test results was not considered when determining whether the results were compliant or non-compliant.

2 Results

EPA 1 - Afterburner Discharge Stack

Date	13/12/2023	Client	VIP Drum Reconditioners
Report	R016229	Stack ID	EPA 1 - Afterburner Discharge Stack
Licence No.	124	Location	Seven Hills
Ektimo Staff	Graham Edwards, James Cullen	State	NSW
Process Conditions	Please refer to client records.		

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Stack Parameters		
Moisture content, %v/v	3.7	
Gas molecular weight, g/g mole	28.6 (wet)	29.0 (dry)
Gas density at STP, kg/m ³	1.28 (wet)	1.29 (dry)
Gas density at discharge conditions, kg/m ³	0.72	
% Carbon dioxide correction & Factor	12 %	16.74
Gas Flow Parameters		
Flow measurement time(s) (hhmm)	0845 & 1130	
Temperature, °C	211	
Temperature, K	484	
Velocity at sampling plane, m/s	33	
Volumetric flow rate, actual, m ³ /s	28	
Volumetric flow rate (wet STP), m ³ /s	16	
Volumetric flow rate (dry STP), m ³ /s	15	
Mass flow rate (wet basis), kg/h	71000	

Gas Analyser Results	Sampling time	Average
		0959 - 1124
		Concentration
		% v/v
Carbon dioxide		0.7
Oxygen		19.5

Isokinetic Results	Sampling time	Results		
		0956-1121		
		Corrected to		
		Concentration	12% CO2	Mass Rate
		mg/m ³	mg/m ³	g/min
Solid particles		<1	<20	<1
Isokinetic Sampling Parameters				
Sampling time, min		80		
Isokinetic rate, %		105		
Gravimetric analysis date (total particulate)		18-12-2023		

3 Sample Plane Compliance

3.1 EPA 1 - Afterburner Discharge Stack

Sampling Plane Details	
Source tested	Exhaust vent
Sampling plane dimensions	1035 mm
Sampling plane area	0.841 m ²
Sampling port size, number & depth	4" BSP (x2), 80 mm
Duct orientation & shape	Vertical Circular
Downstream disturbance	Exit 7 D
Upstream disturbance	Change in diameter 3 D
No. traverses & points sampled	2 16
Sample plane conformance to AS 4323.1	Conforming but non-ideal

The sampling plane is deemed to be non-ideal due to the following reasons:
The sampling plane is too near to the upstream disturbance but is greater than or equal to 2D

4 Plant Operating Conditions

See VIP Drum Reconditioners' records for complete process conditions.

Based on information received from VIP Drum Reconditioners' personnel, it is our understanding that samples were collected during typical plant operations.

5 Test Methods

All sampling and analysis was performed by Ektimo unless otherwise specified. Specific details of the methods are available upon request.

Parameter	Sampling method	Analysis method	Uncertainty*	NATA accredited	
				Sampling	Analysis
Sampling points - Selection	NSW EPA TM-1 (AS 4323.1)	NA	NA	✓	NA
Flow rate, temperature & velocity	NSW EPA TM-2 (USEPA Method 2)	NSW EPA TM-2 (USEPA Method 2)	8%, 2%, 7%	NA	✓
Moisture content	NSW EPA TM-22 (USEPA Method 4)	NSW EPA TM-22 (USEPA Method 4)	8%	✓	✓
Molecular weight	NA	NSW EPA TM-23 (USEPA Method 3)	not specified	NA	✓
Dry gas density	NA	NSW EPA TM-23 (USEPA Method 3)	not specified	NA	✓
Carbon dioxide	NSW EPA TM-24 (USEPA Method 3A)	NSW EPA TM-24 (USEPA Method 3A)	13%	✓	✓
Oxygen	NSW EPA TM-25 (USEPA Method 3A)	NSW EPA TM-25 (USEPA Method 3A)	13%	✓	✓
Solid particles (total)	NSW EPA TM-15 (AS 4323.2)	NSW EPA TM-15 (AS 4323.2)	3%	✓	✓ ^{††}

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*Uncertainties cited in this table are estimated using typical values and are calculated at the 95% confidence level (coverage factor = 2).

†† Gravimetric analysis conducted at the Ektimo NSW laboratory.

6 Quality Assurance/Quality Control Information

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Unless specifically noted, all samples were collected and handled in accordance with Ektimo's QA/QC standards.

7 Definitions

The following symbols and abbreviations may be used in this test report:

% v/v	Volume to volume ratio
~	Approximately
<	Less than
>	Greater than
≥	Greater than or equal to
APHA	American Public Health Association, Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Waste Water
AS	Australian Standard
BaP-TEQ	Benzo(a)pyrene toxic equivalents
BSP	British standard pipe
CEM/CEMS	Continuous emission monitoring/Continuous emission monitoring system
CTM	Conditional test method
D	Duct diameter or equivalent duct diameter for rectangular ducts
D ₅₀	'Cut size' of a cyclone is defined as the particle diameter at which the cyclone achieves a 50% collection efficiency i.e. half of the particles are retained by the cyclone and half pass through it. The D ₅₀ method simplifies the capture efficiency distribution by assuming that a given cyclone stage captures all of the particles with a diameter equal to or greater than the D ₅₀ of that cyclone and less than the D ₅₀ of the preceding cyclone.
DECC	Department of Environment & Climate Change (NSW)
Disturbance	A flow obstruction or instability in the direction of the flow which may impede accurate flow determination. This includes centrifugal fans, axial fans, partially closed or closed dampers, louvres, bends, connections, junctions, direction changes or changes in pipe diameter.
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (WA)
DEHP	Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (QLD)
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
FTIR	Fourier transform infra-red
ISC	Intersociety Committee, Methods of Air Sampling and Analysis
ISO	International Organisation for Standardisation
ITE	Individual threshold estimate
I-TEQ	International toxic equivalents
Lower bound	When an analyte is not present above the detection limit, the result is assumed to be equal to zero.
Medium bound	When an analyte is not present above the detection limit, the result is assumed to be equal to half of the detection limit.
NA	Not applicable
NATA	National Association of Testing Authorities
NIOSH	National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
NT	Not tested or results not required
OM	Other approved method
OU	Odour unit. One OU is that concentration of odourant(s) at standard conditions that elicits a physiological response from a panel equivalent to that elicited by one Reference Odour Mass (ROM), evaporated in one cubic metre of neutral gas at standard conditions.
PM ₁₀	Particulate matter having an equivalent aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to 10 microns (µm).
PM _{2.5}	Particulate matter having an equivalent aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to 2.5 microns (µm).
PSA	Particle size analysis. PSA provides a distribution of geometric diameters, for a given sample, determined using laser diffraction.
RATA	Relative accuracy test audit
Semi-quantified VOCs	Unknown VOCs (those for which an analytical standard is not available), are identified by matching the mass spectrum of the chromatographic peak to the NIST Standard Reference Database (version 14.0), with a match quality exceeding 70%. An estimated concentration is determined by matching the area of the peak with the nearest suitable compound in the analytical calibration standard mixture.
STP	Standard temperature and pressure. Gas volumes and concentrations are expressed on a dry basis at 0 °C, at discharge oxygen concentration and an absolute pressure of 101.325 kPa.
TM	Test method
TOC	Total organic carbon. This is the sum of all compounds of carbon which contain at least one carbon-to-carbon bond, plus methane and its derivatives.
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
VDI	Verein Deutscher Ingenieure (Association of German Engineers)
Velocity difference	The percentage difference between the average of initial flows and after flows.
Vic EPA	Victorian Environment Protection Authority
VOC	Volatile organic compound. A carbon-based chemical compound with a vapour pressure of at least 0.010 kPa at 25°C or having a corresponding volatility under the given conditions of use. VOCs may contain oxygen, nitrogen and other elements. VOCs do not include carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, carbonic acid, metallic carbides and carbonate salts.
WHO05-TEQ	World Health Organisation toxic equivalents
XRD	X-ray diffractometry
Upper bound	When an analyte is not present above the detection limit, the result is assumed to be equal to the detection limit.
95% confidence interval	Range of values that contains the true result with 95% certainty. This means there is a 5% risk that the true result is outside this range.

8 Appendices

Appendix A: Site Image



EPA 1 – Afterburner Discharge Stack

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