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## SUMMARY

Two prototype sulfur dioxide absorber modules were installed in 1973 at the Mohave Generating Station of Southern California Edison Company. A vertical module rated at 170 MW was installed to treat a 450,000 scfm portion of the flue gas from Unit 1 and a horizontal module, also rated at 170 MW, was installed to treat a similar flue gas portion from Unit 2. Units 1 and 2 are identical boilers each having a maximum net continuous generating capacity of 790 MW. Each unit burns 390 ton/hr of pulverized coal at full load. The heat content of the coal is about 11,500 BTU/lb. The ash and sulfur content are approximately 10 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

The vertical absorber was in the process of starting up when it was damaged by a fire on January 24, 1974. The unit was subsequently rebuilt and was restarted for test operations which were conducted from November 2, 1974, to April 1975. The unit was modified for additional tests which were completed July 2, 1975.

The horizontal module was operated from November 1, 1973, to January 16, 1974, for shakedown purposes. During a test program from January 16, 1974 to February 9, 1975, the

unit operated for 5927 hours in various test modes. This module has been dismantled and removed from the station.

Particulate and SO<sub>2</sub> removal efficiencies varied with the tests that were run. The emission regulation for this plant is 0.15 lb/MM BTU for sulfur dioxide. Both absorbers are preceded by electrostatic precipitators operating at 98.2 percent efficiency, but designed at 97.2 percent efficiency.

The spent limestone slurry from the vertical absorber is thickened in a clarifier, vacuum filtered or centrifuged, and converted to aggregate at an on-site IU Conversion Systems, Inc. plant. The filtrate water is returned to the absorber.

The spent lime slurry from the horizontal module was thickened in a clarifier and pumped to a disposal pond. Calcilox, a sludge stabilizer manufactured by the Dravo Corporation, was mixed into the thickened slurry before it entered the disposal pond. Supernatant liquor was pumped back from the pond to the absorber. This system operated in a closed water loop. Estimates of capital and annual operating costs have not been published.

Pertinent facility and FGD operational data are summarized in the following table.



# SUMMARY OF FGD DATA - MOHAVE

Identification	Vertical module UOP	Horizontal module SCE
Module rating, MW (net)	170	170
Fuel	Coal	Coal
Gross heating value, BTU/lb	11,500	11,500
Ash, percent	10	10
Sulfur, percent	0.4	0.4
Process	Wet limestone (lime alternate)	Wet lime (limestone alternate)
New or retrofit	Retrofit	Retrofit
Start-up date	January 1, 1974	November 1, 1973
Start of test program	November 2, 1974	January 16, 1974
Efficiency, %		
Particulates	Not available	Not available
SO <sub>2</sub>	Not available	75 - 98
Water make-up, gpm/MW (net)	Not available	Not available
Sludge disposal	Converted to aggregate	Stabilized in sludge pond

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Control Systems Laboratory of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has initiated a study to evaluate the performance characteristics and degree of reliability of flue gas desulfurization (FGD) systems on coal-fired utility boilers in the United States. This report on the Mohave Generating Station of the Southern California Edison Company is one of a series of reports on such systems.

This report is based on information obtained during and subsequent to a plant survey visit on July 24, 1974.

Section 2.0 presents pertinent data on facility design and operation including allowable SO<sub>2</sub> emission rates. Section 3.0 describes the flue gas desulfurization system and Section 4.0 analyzes FGD system operating history.

## 2.0 FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The Mohave Generating Station, operated by Southern California Edison Company (SCE), is located in Clark County, Nevada, about ten miles north of the southern tip of Nevada. The plant is situated in a sparsely populated desert area. The Lake Mead National Recreational Area lies 20 miles north of the plant, and the Fort Mohave Indian Reservation is 10 miles to the south. The plant is jointly owned by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Nevada Power Company, the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District and Southern California Edison Company.

The station consists of two coal-fired generating units, each rated at 790 MW (net). The boilers are Combustion Engineering, dry-bottom, pulverized-coal-fired units. Unit 1 was placed in service in 1970; Unit 2 in 1971.

Low-sulfur coal is transported to the station from the Black Mesa Mine via a 285-mile slurry pipeline. Average coal characteristics are 11,500 BTU/lb, 10 percent ash and 0.4 percent sulfur. The maximum fuel sulfur content anticipated for this station is about 0.60 percent, corresponding to a furnace outlet  $\text{SO}_2$  concentration of about 1.0  $\text{SO}_2/\text{MM BTU}$ . The maximum  $\text{SO}_2$  emissions allowed under the

Clark County Regulation<sup>a</sup> is 0.15 lb SO<sub>2</sub>/MM BTU input to the boiler.

Research-Cottrell electrostatic precipitators (ESP), operating with an efficiency of 98.2 percent, provides primary particulate emission control for each boiler.

The installation of five FGD modules on each boiler at this station would be necessary to comply with the existing Clark County regulations. Module selection will be based on the results obtained from the operation of the two experimental test modules described in this report.

Table 2.1 presents pertinent data on plant design, operation and atmospheric emissions.

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<sup>a</sup> On May 20, 1975 a new Nevada law became effective which prohibits the enforcement of the Clark County Air Pollution Control regulations on the Mohave Generating Station until July 1, 1977 and requires the State of Nevada Environmental Commission to hold hearings prior to July 1, 1976 for the purpose of reviewing all contaminant emission standards applicable to fossil-fuel-fired steam generating facilities.

Table 2.1 PERTINENT DATA ON PLANT DESIGN,  
OPERATION AND ATMOSPHERIC EMISSIONS

Boiler identification number	1	2
Rated generating capacity, MW (net)	790	790
Average capacity factor, 1973		
Served by stack no.	1	1
Boiler manufacturer	CE	CE
Year placed in service	1970	1971
Maximum coal consumption, ton/hr	390	390
Maximum heat input, MM BTU/hr	10,000	10,000
Stack height above grade, ft.	500	500
Flue gas rate - maximum, scfm @ 60°F	2,100,000	2,100,000
Flue gas temperature, °F	270	270
Emission controls:		
Particulate	electrostatic precipitator	
SO <sub>2</sub> (treats 450,000 scfm of each unit only)	Vertical absorber module	Horizontal absorber module
SO <sub>2</sub> emission rate:		
Allowable, lb/MM BTU	0.15	0.15
Actual, lb/MM BTU	Not available	

### 3.0 FLUE GAS DESULFURIZATION SYSTEMS

#### 3.1 PROCESS DESCRIPTION

In 1971 and 1972 eight different pilot plant FGD systems were tested at the Mohave Station. At the conclusion of these tests SCE decided that two prototype FGD modules should be installed at Mohave, each sized to handle one-fifth of the gas flow from one of the generators. Accordingly, a Universal Oil Products Company (UOP) turbulent contact absorber (TCA) vertical module was installed on Unit 1 to operate using limestone, and a Southern California Edison four-stage, countercurrent, horizontal unit was installed on Unit 2 to use a lime slurry. Results of the operational test programs for these two units will be used to determine the type of full-scale system that would be suitable for the station. These results will also be used to specify equipment for installation at the Navajo Station to be constructed by the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District and possibly for the Kaiparowitz Station of SCE.

#### Vertical Module

Flue gas from the ESP on Unit 1 passes through a 5,500 horsepower booster fan before it enters the vertical module

shown in Figure 3.1. The UOP unit is designed to treat 450,000 scfm of exhaust gas. The liquid-to-gas contacting ratio (L/G) for the unit is 83 gallons of limestone slurry per 1000 scf of flue gas. The design gas velocity through the unit is 12.6 ft/sec. In its original configuration, this unit was a four-stage turbulent contact absorber (TCA). The unit has subsequently been modified for further testing. Electric power consumption for the TCA system amounts to about 3 percent of the total generating capacity of the station, whereas for the horizontal spray chamber installation on Unit 2 the electric power consumption is only about one-half as high (1.5%).

As shown in Figure 3.1, exhaust gas from the Unit 1 boiler passes through an electrostatic precipitator and a forced draft fan before it enters the TCA. The gas flows upward through the absorber, passes through a demister which is washed continuously, and is reheated from 120° to about 175°F by a direct heat exchanger located in the exit duct. The boiler supplies the steam for this heater.

The rate of limestone addition to the FGD system is equivalent to about 130 percent of the stoichiometric rate required for reaction with sulfur dioxide in the gas. Part of the slurry from the circulation tank is diverted to a clarifier for thickening. The thickened sludge can be dewatered either by a vacuum filter or by a centrifuge. The filtrate is returned to the hold tank, and the dewatered

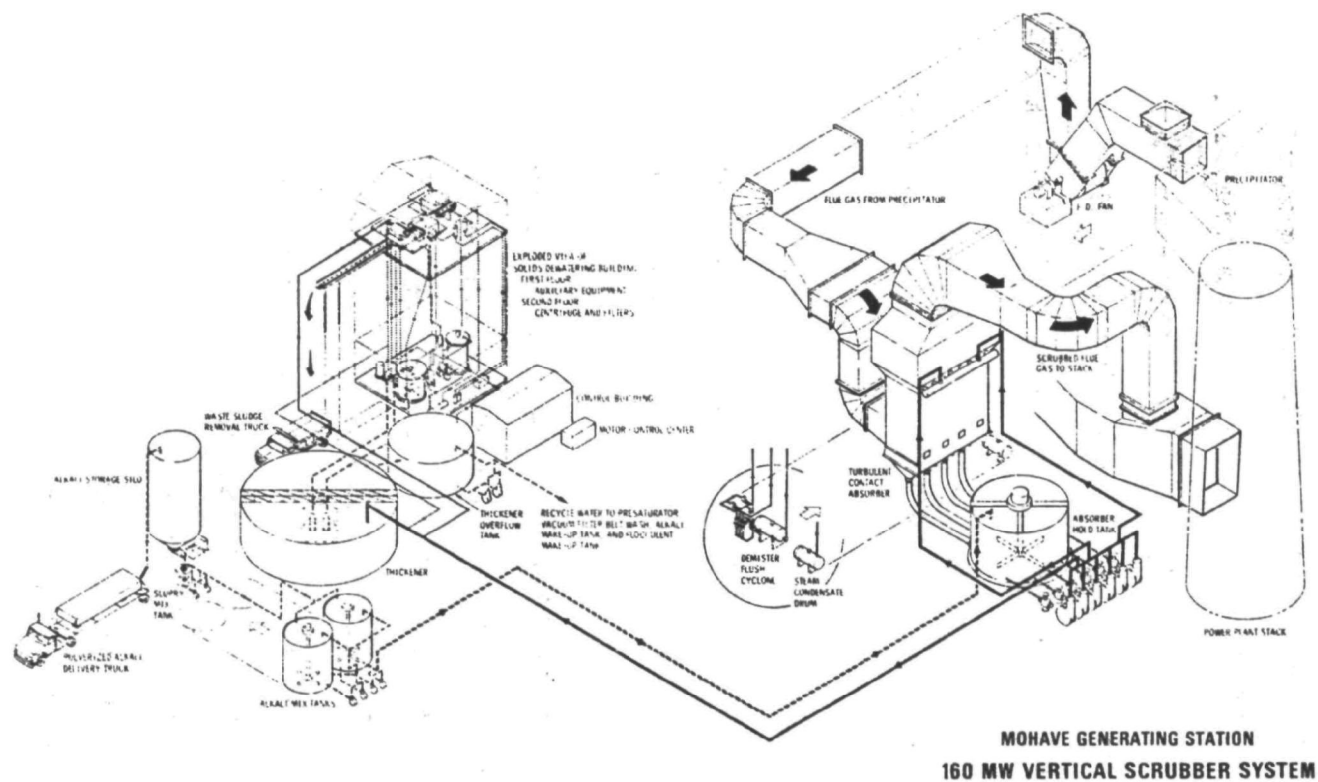


Figure 3.1 A simplified sketch of the vertical TCA type FGD system which is installed on Mohave 1.



sludge is hauled by truck to an on-site IU Conversion Systems plant where it is made into aggregate.

Limestone for the FGD system is purchased in ground form from La Habra Products in Lucerne Valley, California.

There are no limestone milling facilities on-site at the present time. Instead, finely-ground limestone is stored in a 300 ton silo. A slurry tank is provided for the scrubbing system.

Separate control rooms are provided for the horizontal and vertical absorbers.

#### Horizontal Module

Flue gas from Unit 2 passes through the ESP and through a 1750 horsepower booster fan before it enters the horizontal module shown in Figure 3.2. The booster fan requirements for this module are less than for the vertical module due to a decreased pressure drop through the absorber. The module, designed by SCE, was scaled up from a 1 MW pilot unit previously tested by SCE. Lime slurry is sprayed from nozzles in the top of the scrubber perpendicular to the gas flow. There is no packing in this spray chamber module. The module consists of four countercurrent stages with fresh slurry contacting the gas having the lowest  $\text{SO}_2$  concentration. The unit operates with an L/G of 20-40 gallons of slurry per 1000 scf of flue gas. The liquid recirculation rate can be adjusted over a wide range. The horizontal module was designed to treat 450,000 scfm of flue gas. The

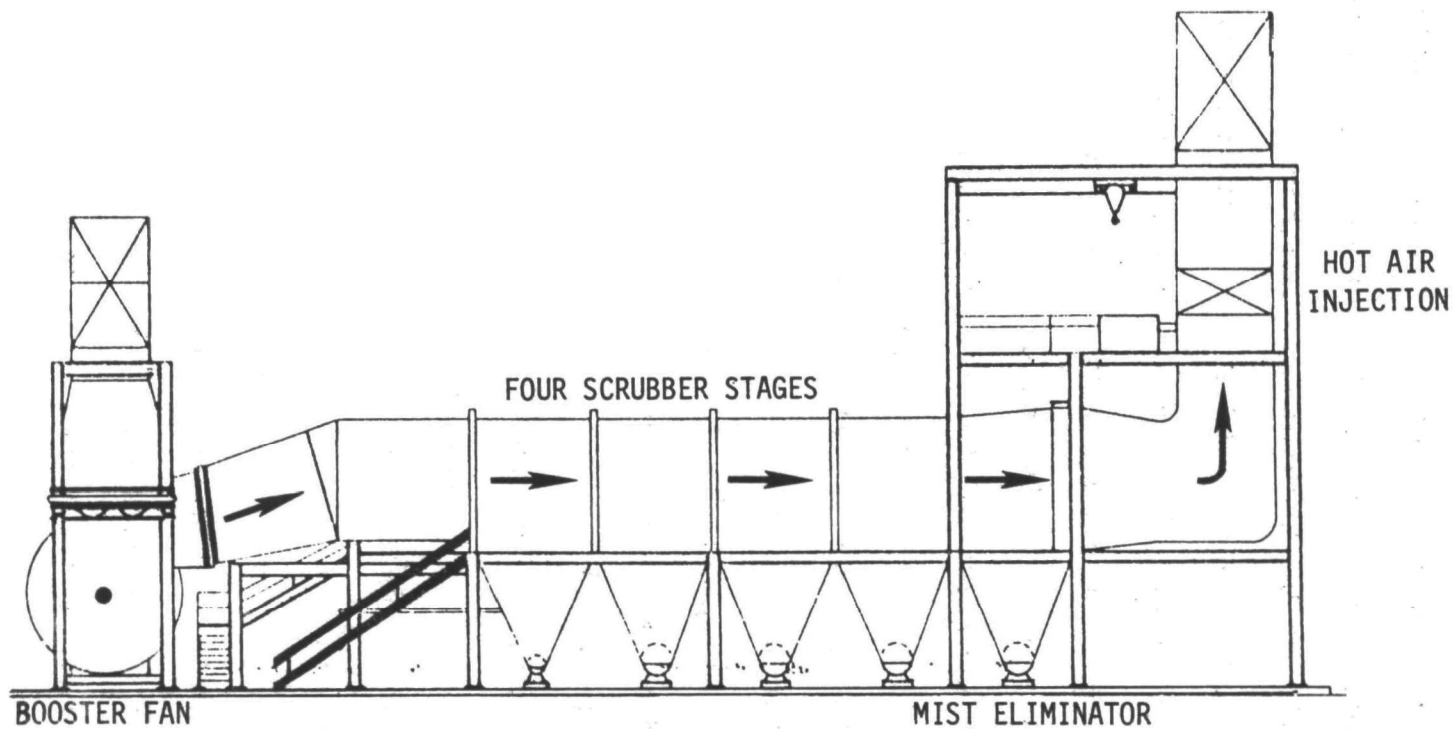


Figure 3.2 A simplified side view of the horizontal FGD module installed on Mohave 2.

design gas velocity through the unit is 21.6 ft/sec. Cleaned flue gas passes through a demister which is washed intermittently on both sides. The gas is then reheated from 120° to about 175°F by indirect heat exchange with hot air. Ambient air is preheated to about 400°F and is mixed with the cleaned gases as they exit from the module. This causes a 15 to 20 percent dilution of the flue gases. The boiler supplies the steam for this heater.

The rate of lime addition to the FGD system is about equivalent to the stoichiometric rate required for reaction with sulfur dioxide in the gas. Part of the slurry from the circulation tanks is pumped to a thickener and the underflow is then pumped to a lined pond, fixed with Calcilox supplied by Dravo, and allowed to settle. Supernatant water from the pond is recirculated to the horizontal module. The unit operates on a closed water loop; the only water leaving the system consists of water in the exit flue gas, water of hydration in the gypsum product, and a small amount of water (3% of total water leaving) evaporated in the sludge pond.

The present goal is to produce a sludge that will achieve a hardness sufficient to support a load of 2-4 tons per square foot within three months. Table 3.1 summarizes operating design parameters and specifications for the two FGD modules.

Table 3.1 SUMMARY OF PERTINENT DATA  
FOR THE SO<sub>2</sub> ABSORBER MODULES

	Vertical module	Horizontal module
L/G ratio, gal./1000 scfm	83	20 to 40 for each of four stages
Superficial gas velocity, ft/sec	12.6	21.6
Equipment sizes, ft.	18 x 40 x 90 high	15 x 30 x 60 long
Equipment internals	4 stages of ping pong balls	sprays
Material of construction		
Shell	rubber lined	various linings
Internals	polypropylene/ inconel	none

### 3.2 INSTALLATION SCHEDULE

Work on the horizontal and vertical modules of the FGD system at the Mohave Power Plant was initiated in December 1972, and ground was broken in February 1973. Start-up of the horizontal unit was achieved on schedule November 1, 1973, but a major malfunction of the generating unit occurred on November 9, so that the start of the test program was delayed until January 16, 1974. Start-up of the vertical unit was January, 1974. However during the last phase of construction and start-up, on January 24, 1974, a fire inside the module caused appreciable damage to the internal rubber lining and other internals, and delayed start of the test program on that unit until October 31, 1974.

### 3.3 COST DATA

Data on the capital and annual operating costs of the FGD installations at the Mohave Plant have not been released.

## 4.0 FGD SYSTEMS OPERATING HISTORY

### 4.1 PERFORMANCE TEST PROGRAM

The initial start-up for the vertical module occurred on schedule on January 1, 1974. However, on January 24, 1974, the module sustained substantial damage from a fire of undetermined origin. The following repairs were made.

1. All internal structural members were replaced.
2. Deformed shell stiffeners were reinforced.
3. Distorted wall plates were replaced.
4. Internal piping was repaired or replaced.
5. Damaged internals, including demister and grid sections, were repaired or replaced.
6. Structural distortions were corrected.
7. Access door flanges were straightened or replaced.
8. Structural reinforcement was added.
9. Reheater supports were added.
10. Shell was sandblasted and relined with neoprene, replacing chlorobutyl rubber that had been used originally.
11. Distorted gratings and walkways were repaired or replaced.
12. Reheater shell was replaced.

Repair costs were estimated to be \$1.6 million. Start of the test program was delayed until October 31, 1974.

Preliminary tests preceded start-up, and a formal test program was initiated on November 2, 1974. The program was concluded on April 30, 1975 with 2342 hours of operation, after which the system was shut down for modifications to a grid packed tower for additional tests. The overall operating time ratio for the system defined as the time the module operated as a percentage of the boiler operating time, was measured to be 60 percent during the first four months. Operating time data for the first four months of the test program appear in Table 4.1. The reliability of the system was lower in the first two months of the program than in the second two months, mainly because of migration of plastic spheres between adjacent grid compartments in the module, so that the unit had to be shut down for redistribution of the spheres and modification of the barrier grids. Other problems included pump failures, plugged spray nozzles, deposits on the demister and at the absorber inlet.

SCE operated the horizontal module in a short series of start-up tests that ended on January 16, 1974, when a formal test program was initiated to assess the performance and reliability characteristics of the system. The test program was concluded on February 9, 1975 after 5927 hours of operation. Subsequently the module has been dismantled and is being installed for tests at the Four Corners Plant operated by Arizona Public Service Company in Farmington, New Mexico.

Table 4.1 COMPARISON OF OPERATING TIME PARAMETERS

VERTICAL MODULE - MOHAVE - SCE

Month	Operating time ratio <sup>a</sup>	Reliability <sup>b</sup>	Availability <sup>c</sup>	Unavail- ability <sup>d</sup>
11/74	46	50	39	34.5
12/74	39	51	51	30.8
1/75	78	85	80	9.9
2/75	84	84	88	11.8
Overall	60	67	64	21.8

<sup>a</sup> FGD system actual operating time as a percentage of Unit 1 operating time.

<sup>b</sup> Actual FGD system operating time as a percentage of the time that the system was called upon to operate.

<sup>c</sup> Time FGD system was available to operate (whether or not operated) as a percentage of calendar time.

<sup>d</sup> Time FGD system was unavailable to operate when called upon to operate as a percentage of calendar time.



During the one-year program ten separate test blocks were conducted to obtain performance and operating data. Both lime and limestone reagents were tested. SO<sub>2</sub> spiking tests were also used to simulate the conditions with higher percent sulfur in the coal. Details of the SO<sub>2</sub> and particulate removal performance for this system were presented at the Atlanta symposium held by EPA in November, 1974.<sup>1</sup> SO<sub>2</sub> removal efficiency as a function of the L/G ratio, shown in Figure 4.1, ranged between 76 and 98 percent.

The overall operating time ratio for the system, defined as the time the FGD system operated as a percentage of the boiler operating time, was measured to be 73.5 percent during the one-year operation test. Month-by-month operating time data, as published by SCE, appear in Table 4.2.

Mechanical problems occurred during the test period. These problems included pump failures, a thickener underflow drain obstructed by a hard hat, fan alignment problems, scrubber spray nozzle failures, scrubber shell leaks and demister blade warping. In addition, a boiler makers strike occurred during the test period.

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<sup>1</sup> Weir, Alexander, Jr., et al, "The Horizontal Cross Flow Scrubber", Proceedings: Symposium on Flue Gas Desulfurization - Atlanta, November 1974, EPA Publication No. EPA 650/2-74-126a, pp 357-387.

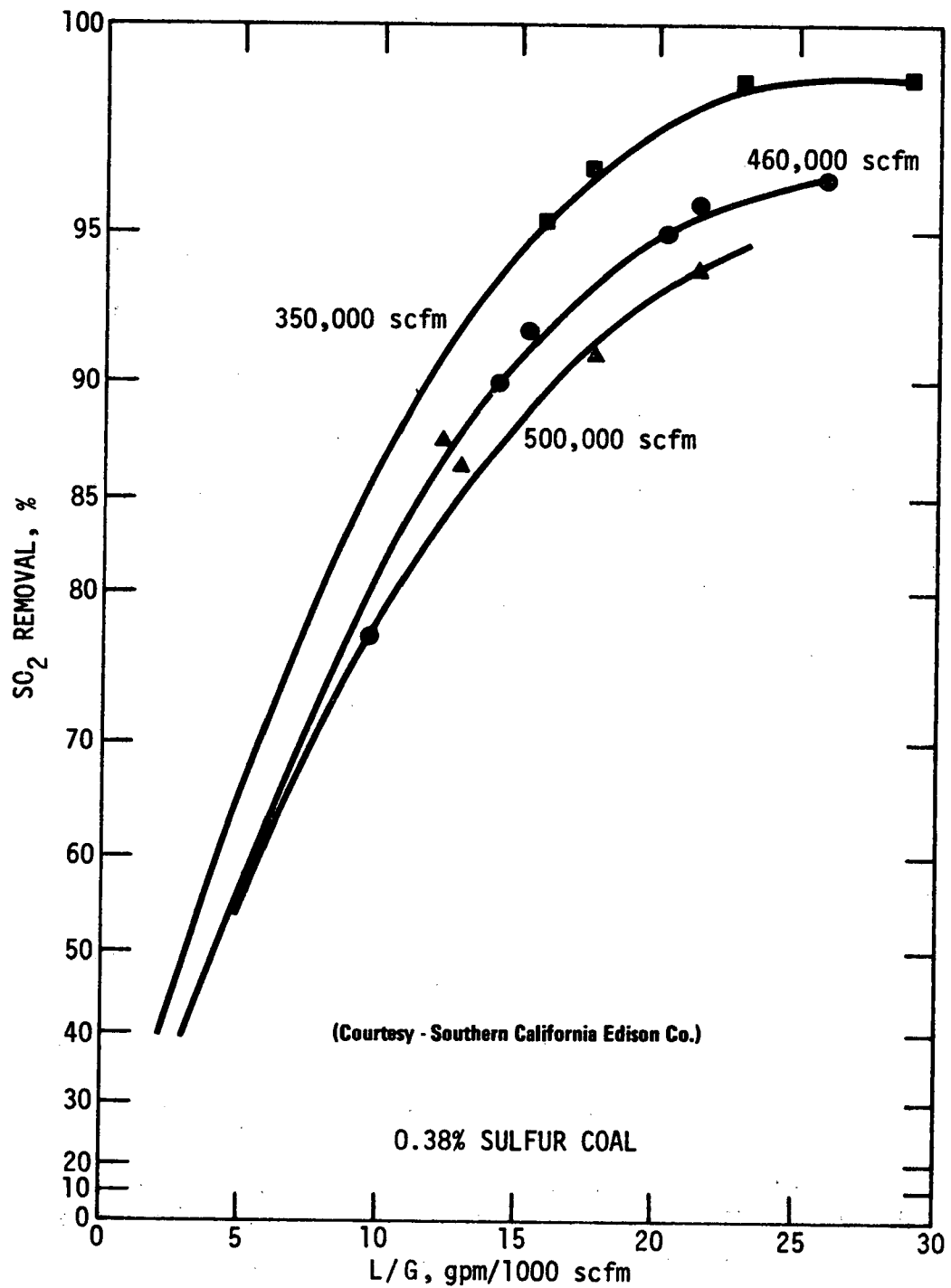


Figure 4.1 SO<sub>2</sub> Removal vs L/G Ratio  
170 MW Horizontal Module.

Table 4.2 COMPARISON OF OPERATING TIME PARAMETERS

HORIZONTAL MODULE - MOHAVE - SCE

Month	Operating time ratio <sup>a</sup>	Reliability <sup>b</sup>	Availability <sup>c</sup>	Unavail- ability <sup>d</sup>
1/74	0.89	89	89	11
2/74	0.82	82	60	13
3/74	0.73	85	80	12
4/74	0.91	99	99	1
5/74	0.81	92	93	7
6/74	0.79	79	77	20
7/74	0.79	79	63	17
8/74	1.00	100	100	0
9/74	0.58	100	100	0
10/74	0.74	74	68	19
11/74	0.35	40	46	52
12/74	0.52	98	99	1
1/75	0.81	87	90	10
2/75	0.56	56	56	44
Total	0.74	87	81	13

<sup>a</sup> FGD system actual operating time as a percentage of Unit 2 operating time.

<sup>b</sup> Actual FGD system operating time as a percentage of the time that the scrubbing system was called upon to operate.

<sup>c</sup> Time FGD system was available to operate (whether or not operated) as a percentage of calendar time.

<sup>d</sup> Time FGD system was unavailable to operate when called upon to operate as a percentage of calendar time.

**APPENDIX A**  
**PLANT SURVEY FORM**

PLANT SURVEY FORM  
NON-REGENERABLE FGD PROCESSES

A. COMPANY AND PLANT INFORMATION

1. COMPANY NAME	<u>Southern California Edison</u>
2. MAIN OFFICE	<u>Rosemead, California</u>
3. PLANT MANAGER	<u>G.L. Fraser</u>
4. PLANT NAME	<u>Mohave Generating Station</u>
5. PLANT LOCATION	<u>Laughlin, Nevada</u>
6. PERSON TO CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION	<u>Dr. A. Weir, Jr.</u>
7. POSITION	<u>Principal Scientist for Air Quality</u>
8. TELEPHONE NUMBER	<u>(213) 572-2785</u> <u>1899 Johnson</u>
9. DATE INFORMATION GATHERED	<u></u>
10. PARTICIPANTS IN MEETING	AFFILIATION
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<u>Mr. Dick Young</u>	<u>Southern California Edison</u>
<u>Mr. Wade Ponder</u>	<u>Environmental Protection Agency</u>
<u>Mr. John Busik</u>	<u>Environmental Protection Agency</u>
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<u>Mr. Tom Ponder</u>	<u>PEDCo-Environmental</u>
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NOTE: Data in body of report have been updated subsequent to the collection of data for Appendix A.

B. PLANT DATA. (APPLIES TO ALL BOILERS AT THE PLANT) .

	BOILER NO.				
	1	2			
CAPACITY, MW	790	790			
SERVICE (BASE, PEAK)	Base	Base			
FGD SYSTEM USED	None	None			

C. BOILER DATA. COMPLETE SECTIONS (C) THROUGH (R) FOR EACH BOILER HAVING AN FGD SYSTEM.

1. BOILER IDENTIFICATION NO. 19066:22266
2. MAXIMUM CONTINUOUS HEAT INPUT 20,000 MM BTU/HR
3. MAXIMUM CONTINUOUS GENERATING CAPACITY 790 MW
4. MAXIMUM CONTINUOUS FLUE GAS RATE, 4,200,000 SCFM @ 60°F
5. BOILER MANUFACTURER Combustion Engineering
6. YEAR BOILER PLACED IN SERVICE 1970 & 1971
7. BOILER SERVICE (BASE LOAD, PEAK, ETC.) Base Load
8. STACK HEIGHT 500'
9. BOILER OPERATION HOURS/YEAR (197 ) Available
10. BOILER CAPACITY FACTOR \* N/A
11. RATIO OF FLY ASH/BOTTOM ASH N/A

\* DEFINED AS:  $\frac{\text{KWH GENERATED IN YEAR}}{\text{MAX. CONT. GENERATED CAPACITY IN KW} \times 8760 \text{ HR/YR}}$

D. FUEL DATA

1. COAL ANALYSIS (as received)

GHV (BTU/LB.)

S %

ASH %

MAX.	MIN.	AVG.
12,000	11,000	11,500
		0.38
		10.03

2. FUEL OIL ANALYSIS (exclude start-up fuel)

GRADE

S %

ASH %


E. ATMOSPHERIC EMISSIONS

1. APPLICABLE EMISSION REGULATIONS

a) CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

AQCR PRIORITY CLASSIFICATION  
CLARK COUNTY APCD  
REGULATION & SECTION NO.

MAX. ALLOWABLE EMISSIONS  
LBS/MM BTU (County)

PARTICULATES	SO <sub>2</sub>
26-2A, B, C	26-2D
0.064	0.15

b) FUTURE REQUIREMENTS,  
COMPLIANCE DATE

REGULATION & SECTION NO.

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EMISSIONS  
LBS/MM BTU

June 30, 1977	June 30, 1977
June 30, 1977	June 30, 1977
June 30, 1977	June 30, 1977

2. PLANT PROGRAM FOR PARTICULATES COMPLIANCE \_\_\_\_\_

Test Modules Program then install Production Scrubbers.

See EPA Order - See July 9, 1974 Clark County Order

3. PLANT PROGRAM FOR SO<sub>2</sub> COMPLIANCE \_\_\_\_\_

F. PARTICULATE REMOVAL

1. TYPE	MECH.	E.S.P.	FGD
MANUFACTURER		Research Cottrell	
EFFICIENCY: DESIGN/ACTUAL		97.2/98.2	
MAX. EMISSION RATE* LB/HR			
GR/SCF			
LB/MMBTU			
DESIGN BASIS, SULFUR CONTENT	0.5		

G. DESULFURIZATION SYSTEM DATA

1. PROCESS NAME To Be Determined
2. LICENSOR/DESIGNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PERSON TO CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_
3. ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERS, NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PERSON TO CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_
4. PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE: DATE
  - a) DATE OF PREPARATION OF BIDS SPECS. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) DATE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) DATE OF CONTRACT AWARD \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) DATE ON SITE CONSTRUCTION BEGAN \_\_\_\_\_
  - e) DATE ON SITE CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_
  - f) DATE OF INITIAL STARTUP \_\_\_\_\_
  - g) DATE OF COMPLETION OF SHAKEDOWN \_\_\_\_\_

\*At Max. Continuous Capacity



5. LIST MAJOR DELAYS IN CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND CAUSES:

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6. NUMBER OF SO<sub>2</sub> SCRUBBER TRAINS USED

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7. DESIGN THROUGHPUT PER TRAIN, ACFM @ °F

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8. DRAWINGS: 1) PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM AND MATERIAL BALANCE  
2) EQUIPMENT LAYOUT

H. SO<sub>2</sub> SCRUBBING AGENT - To be Determined

1. TYPE

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2. SOURCES OF SUPPLY

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3. CHEMICAL COMPOSITION (for each source)

SILICATES

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SILICA

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CALCIUM CARBONATE

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MAGNESIUM CARBONATE

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4. EXCESS SCRUBBING AGENT USED ABOVE  
STOICHIOMETRIC REQUIREMENTS

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5. MAKE-UP WATER POINT OF ADDITION

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6. MAKE-UP ALKALI POINT OF ADDITION

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J. SCRUBBER TRAIN SPECIFICATIONS - To be determined

1. SCRUBBER NO. 1 (a)

TYPE (TOWER/VENTURI) \_\_\_\_\_

LIQUID/GAS RATIO, G/MCF @ °F \_\_\_\_\_

GAS VELOCITY THROUGH SCRUBBER, FT/SEC \_\_\_\_\_

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF LINING \_\_\_\_\_

INTERNALS:

TYPE (FLOATING BED, MARBLE BED, ETC.) \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF STAGES \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE AND SIZE OF PACKING MATERIAL \_\_\_\_\_

PACKING THICKNESS PER STAGE <sup>(b)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION, PACKING: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTS: \_\_\_\_\_

2. SCRUBBER NO. 2 (a) - Same as Scrubber No. 1

TYPE (TOWER/VENTURI) \_\_\_\_\_

LIQUID/GAS RATIO, G/MCF @ °F \_\_\_\_\_

GAS VELOCITY THROUGH SCRUBBER, FT/SEC \_\_\_\_\_

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF LINING \_\_\_\_\_

INTERNALS:

TYPE (FLOATING BED, MARBLE BED, ETC.) \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF STAGES \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE AND SIZE OF PACKING MATERIAL \_\_\_\_\_

a) Scrubber No. 1 is the scrubber that the flue gases first enter. Scrubber 2 (if applicable) follows Scrubber No. 1.

b) For floating bed, packing thickness at rest.

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PACKING THICKNESS PER STAGE <sup>(b)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION, PACKING: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTS: \_\_\_\_\_

3. CLEAR WATER TRAY (AT TOP OF SCRUBBER)

TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

L/G RATIO \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE OF WATER \_\_\_\_\_

4. DEMISTER

TYPE (CHEVRON, ETC.) \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PASSES (STAGES) \_\_\_\_\_

SPACE BETWEEN VANES \_\_\_\_\_

ANGLE OF VANES \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DEPTH OF DEMISTER \_\_\_\_\_

DIAMETER OF DEMISTER \_\_\_\_\_

DISTANCE BETWEEN TOP OF PACKING  
AND BOTTOM OF DEMISTER \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION (HORIZONTAL, VERTICAL) \_\_\_\_\_

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF CLEANING \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE OF WATER AND PRESSURE \_\_\_\_\_

FLOW RATE DURING CLEANINGS, GPM \_\_\_\_\_

FREQUENCY AND DURATION OF CLEANING \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

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5. REHEATER

TYPE (DIRECT, INDIRECT) \_\_\_\_\_

b) For floating bed, packing thickness at rest.

DUTY, MMBTU/HR \_\_\_\_\_  
 HEAT TRANSFER SURFACE AREA SQ.FT \_\_\_\_\_  
 TEMPERATURE OF GAS: IN \_\_\_\_\_ OUT \_\_\_\_\_  
 HEATING MEDIUM SOURCE \_\_\_\_\_  
 TEMPERATURE & PRESSURE \_\_\_\_\_  
 FLOW RATE \_\_\_\_\_ LB/HR  
 REHEATER TUBES, TYPE AND  
 MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION \_\_\_\_\_  
 REHEATER LOCATION WITH RESPECT TO DEMISTER \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 METHOD OF CLEANING \_\_\_\_\_  
 FREQUENCY AND DURATION OF CLEANING \_\_\_\_\_  
 FLOW RATE OF CLEANING MEDIUM \_\_\_\_\_ LB/HR  
 REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. SCRUBBER TRAIN PRESSURE DROP DATA	<u>INCHES OF WATER</u>
PARTICULATE SCRUBBER	_____
SO <sub>2</sub> SCRUBBER	_____
CLEAR WATER TRAY	_____
DEMISTER	_____
REHEATER	_____
DUCTWORK	_____
TOTAL FGD SYSTEM	_____

7. FRESH WATER MAKE UP FLOW RATES AND POINTS OF ADDITION

TO: DEMISTER \_\_\_\_\_  
 QUENCH CHAMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 ALKALI SLURRYING \_\_\_\_\_  
 PUMP SEALS \_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

FRESH WATER ADDED PER MOLE OF SULFUR REMOVED \_\_\_\_\_

8. BYPASS SYSTEM

CAN FLUE GAS BE BYPASSED AROUND FGD SYSTEMS \_\_\_\_\_  
 GAS LEAKAGE THROUGH BYPASS VALVE, ACFM \_\_\_\_\_

K. SLURRY DATA - To Be Determined

LIME/LIMESTONE SLURRY MAKEUP TANK  
 PARTICULATE SCRUBBER EFFLUENT  
 HOLD TANK (a)  
 SO<sub>2</sub> SCRUBBER EFFLUENT HOLD  
 TANK (a)

pH	% Solids	Capacity (gal)	Hold up time

L. LIMESTONE MILLING AND CALCINING FACILITIES: INDICATE BOILERS SERVED BY THIS SYSTEM.

TYPE OF MILL (WET CYCLONE, ETC.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER OF MILLS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CAPACITY PER MILL \_\_\_\_\_ T/HR  
 RAW MATERIAL MESH SIZE \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRODUCT MESH SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

SLURRY CONCENTRATION IN MILL \_\_\_\_\_

CALCINING AND/OR SLAKING FACILITIES \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE OF WATER FOR SLURRY MAKE UP OR  
SLAKING TANK \_\_\_\_\_

M. DISPOSAL OF SPENT LIQUOR - To Be Determined

1. SCHEMATICS OF SLUDGE & FLY ASH DISPOSAL METHOD

(IDENTIFY QUANTITIES OR SCHEMATIC) \_\_\_\_\_

2. CLARIFIERS (THICKENERS)

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DIMENSIONS \_\_\_\_\_

CONCENTRATION OF SOLIDS IN UNDERFLOW \_\_\_\_\_

3. ROTARY VACUUM FILTER

NUMBER OF FILTERS \_\_\_\_\_

CLOTH AREA/FILTER \_\_\_\_\_

CAPACITY \_\_\_\_\_ TON/HR (WET CAKE)

CONCENTRATION OF SOLIDS IN CAKE \_\_\_\_\_

PRECOAT (TYPE, QUANTITY, THICKNESS) \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

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4. SLUDGE FIXATION

POINT OF ADDITIVES INJECTION \_\_\_\_\_

FIXATION MATERIAL COMPOSITION \_\_\_\_\_

FIXATION PROCESS (NAME) \_\_\_\_\_

FIXATION MATERIAL REQUIREMENT/TONS OF DRY SOLIDS OF SLUDGE

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ESTIMATED POND LIFE, YRS. \_\_\_\_\_

CONCENTRATION OF SOLIDS IN FIXED SLUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF FIXED SLUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

INITIAL SOLIDIFICATION TIME OF FIXED SLUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

5. SLUDGE QUANTITY DATA - To Be Determined

POND/LANDFILL SIZE REQUIREMENTS, ACRE-FT/YR \_\_\_\_\_

IS POND/LANDFILL ON OR OFFSITE \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF LINER \_\_\_\_\_

IF OFFSITE, DISTANCE AND COST OF TRANSPORT \_\_\_\_\_

POND/LANDFILL DIMENSIONS AREA IN ACRES \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPTH IN FEET \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSAL PLANS; SHORT AND LONG TERM \_\_\_\_\_

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N. COST DATA - To Be Determined

1. TOTAL INSTALLED CAPITAL COST \_\_\_\_\_

2. ANNUALIZED OPERATING COST \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3. COST BREAKDOWN

COST ELEMENTS	INCLUDED IN ABOVE COST ESTIMATE		ESTIMATED AMOUNT OR % OF TOTAL INSTALLED CAPITAL COST
	YES	NO	
<b>A. CAPITAL COSTS</b>			
SO <sub>2</sub> SCRUBBER TRAINS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LIMESTONE MILLING FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SLUDGE TREATMENT & DISPOSAL POND	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SITE IMPROVEMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LAND, ROADS, TRACKS, SUBSTATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ENGINEERING COSTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CONTRACTORS FEE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
INTEREST ON CAPITAL DURING CONSTRUCTION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>B. ANNUALIZED OPERATING COST</b>			
<u>FIXED COSTS</u>			
INTEREST ON CAPITAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DEPRECIATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
INSURANCE & TAXES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LABOR COST INCLUDING OVERHEAD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<u>VARIABLE COSTS</u>			
RAW MATERIAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
UTILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MAINTENANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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4. COST FACTORS

- a. ELECTRICITY \_\_\_\_\_
- b. WATER \_\_\_\_\_
- c. STEAM (OR FUEL FOR REHEATING) \_\_\_\_\_
- d. FIXATION COST \_\_\_\_\_ \$/TON OF DRY SLUDGE
- e. RAW MATERIAL PURCHASING COST \_\_\_\_\_ \$/TON OF DRY SLUDGE
- f. LABOR: SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_ HOURS/WEEK \_\_\_\_\_ WAGE
- OPERATOR \_\_\_\_\_
- OPERATOR HELPER \_\_\_\_\_
- MAINTENANCE \_\_\_\_\_

O. MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS: (CORROSION, PLUGGING, ETC.)

To Be Determined

1. SO<sub>2</sub> SCRUBBER, CIRCULATION TANK AND PUMPS.

- a. PROBLEM/SOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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2. DEMISTER

PROBLEM/SOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

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3. REHEATER

PROBLEM/SOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

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4. VENTURI SCRUBBER, CIRCULATION TANKS AND PUMPS

PROBLEM/SOLUTION\_\_\_\_\_

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5. I.D. BOOSTER FAN AND DUCT WORK

PROBLEM/SOLUTION\_\_\_\_\_

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6. LIMESTONE MILLING SYSTEM OR LIME SLAKING

PROBLEM/SOLUTION\_\_\_\_\_

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7. SLUDGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL

PROBLEM/SOLUTION\_\_\_\_\_

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**PROBLEM/SOLUTION**

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