

FOURTH MONITORING REPORT

PROJECT: **ACHEMA UKL-7 plant N₂O abatement project**

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Monitoring periods

Line 1

Project campaign 2
FROM: 13/09/2010
TO: 21/08/2011
ERUs 267,237

Line 2

Project campaign 5
FROM: 13/05/2011
TO: 08/12/2011
ERUs 150,047

Line 3

Project campaign 4
FROM: 19/11/2010
TO: 25/08/2011
ERUs 69,520

Line 4

Project campaign 4
FROM: 16/03/2011
TO: 05/10/2011
ERUs 105,340

Line 5

Project campaign 4
FROM: 17/03/2011
TO: 09/11/2011
ERUs 82,177

Line 6

Project campaign 4
FROM: 01/10/2010
TO: 10/08/2011
ERUs 214,833

Line 7

Project campaign 4
FROM: 10/12/2010
TO: 26/08/2011
ERUs 163,964

Line 8

Project campaign 4
FROM: 09/11/2010
TO: 01/09/2011
ERUs 111,857

Fourth monitoring period start and end: **September 13, 2010 – December 8, 2011**

Fourth monitoring period ERUs in total: **1,164,975**

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LINE: Line 1

MONITORING PERIOD:

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This monitoring report determines baseline emission factor for the Line 1 of ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant and quantity of emission reduction generated during the second project campaign on Line 1.

The first project campaign on Line 1 started on 11/11/2008. Secondary catalyst was installed on 30/10/2008. Total quantity of emission reductions generated during the second project period from 13/09/2010 through 21/08/2011 on Line 1 is **267 237 ERUs**.

T 1 Emission reduction calculations

EMISSION REDUCTION			
Baseline Emission Factor	EF_BL	9.63	kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Project Campaign Emission Factor	EF_P	1.77	kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL	60 691	tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the NCSG Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL_NCSG	60 691	tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Project Campaign	NAP_P	109 676	tHNO ₃
GWP	GWP	310	tCO ₂ e/tN ₂ O
Emission Reduction	ER	267 237	tCO₂e
<i>ER=(EF_BL-EF_P)*NAP_P*GWP/1000</i>			
Abatement Ratio		85.1%	

EMISSION REDUCTION PER YEAR			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Date from		13 Sep 2010	01 Jan 2011
Date to		31 Dec 2010	21 Aug 2011
Nitric Acid Production		36 738	72 938
Emission Reduction		89 516	177 721
<i>ER_YR = ER * NAP_P_YR / NAP_P</i>			

Baseline emission factor established for the Line 1 during baseline measurement carried from 14/03/2008 through 21/10/2008 is 9.63 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Project emission factor during the second project campaign after installation of secondary catalysts on Line 1, which started on 13/09/2010 and went through 21/08/2011 with secondary catalyst installed and commissioned on 30/10/2008, is 1.77 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

During the project campaign 109 676 tonnes of nitric acid was produced.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITY

Purpose of the Project (the “Project”) is the reduction of nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions from nitric acid production Lines at the UKL-7 nitric acid plant of AB Achema (“Achema” or “the Company”). The Company is situated in Jonava, Lithuania.

Achema has installed and operates secondary N₂O reduction catalysts underneath the primary catalyst precious metal catching and catalytic gauzes package in the ammonium burners of the UKL-7 nitric acid plant.

This monitoring report contains information on Line 1 emission reductions including information on baseline emission factor setting for the Line 1.

The separate treatment of nitric acid lines and overlapping of the monitoring periods are allowed by the clarification issued Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee: “CLARIFICATION REGARDING OVERLAPPING MONITORING PERIODS UNDER THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE UNDER THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE”. The Project meets all the requirements set out by the clarification:

1. The Project is composed of clearly identifiable components for which emission reductions or enhancements of removals are calculated independently; and
2. Monitoring is performed independently for each of these components, i.e. the data/parameters monitored for one component are not dependent on/effect data/parameters (to be) monitored for another component; and
3. The monitoring plan ensures that monitoring is performed for all components and that in these cases all the requirements of the JI guidelines and further guidance by the JISC regarding monitoring are met.

3. BASELINE SETTING

Baseline emission factor for line 1 has been established on the Line-specific basis. Campaign used for baseline measurements on the line 1 has been carried out from 14/03/2008 through 21/10/2008.

N₂O concentration and gas volume flow are monitored by monitoring system complying with requirements of the European Norm 14181.

Monitoring system provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation as an average of the measured values for the previous 60 minutes.

Measurement results can be distorted before and after periods of downtime or malfunction of the monitoring system and can lead to mavericks. To eliminate such extremes and to ensure a conservative approach, the following statistical evaluation is applied to the complete data series of N₂O concentration as well as to the data series for gas volume flow. The statistical procedure is applied to data obtained after eliminating data measured for periods where the plant operated outside the permitted ranges:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

The average mass of N₂O emissions per hour is estimated as product of the NCSG and VSG. The N₂O emissions per campaign are estimates product of N₂O emission per hour and the total number of complete hours of operation of the campaign using the following equation:

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

The Line specific baseline emissions factor representing the average N₂O emissions per tonne of nitric acid over one full campaign is derived by dividing the total mass of N₂O emissions by the total output of 100% concentrated nitric acid during baseline campaign.

The overall uncertainty of the monitoring system has been determined by the QAL2 report and the measurement error is expressed as a percentage (UNC). The N₂O emission factor per tonne of nitric acid produced in the baseline period (EF_{BL}) has been then be reduced by the percentage error as follows:

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

where:

Variable	Definition
EF_{BL}	Baseline N_2O emissions factor ($tN_2O/tHNO_3$)
BE_{BC}	Total N_2O emissions during the baseline campaign (tN_2O)
$NCSG_{BC}$	Mean concentration of N_2O in the stack gas during the baseline campaign (mgN_2O/m^3)
OH_{BC}	Operating hours of the baseline campaign (h)
VSG_{BC}	Mean gas volume flow rate at the stack in the baseline measurement period (m^3/h)
NAP_{BC}	Nitric acid production during the baseline campaign ($tHNO_3$)
UNC	Overall uncertainty of the monitoring system (%), calculated as the combined uncertainty of the applied monitoring equipment.

3.1 Measurement procedure for N_2O concentration and tail gas volume flow

3.1.1 Tail gas N_2O concentration

N_2O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from the Line 1 tail gas duct at sampling point located after expansion turbine and transported by sample Line to the Monitoring room A, where the analyzer is located.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer ($4^\circ C$), so N_2O concentration is measured on a dry basis.

N_2O concentration is measured by concentration infrared absorption principle meters Xentra 4900 using GFX monitoring technology.

Recently there are 8 production lines. N_2O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis.

N_2O concentration measured data are sent from the analyzer on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.1.2 Tail gas flow rate, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section. Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.2 Permitted range of operating conditions of the nitric acid plant

Under certain circumstances, the operating conditions during the measurement period used to determine baseline N_2O emission factor may be outside the permitted range or limit corresponding to normal operating conditions. N_2O baseline data measured during hours

where the operating conditions were outside the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculation of the baseline emissions factor.

Normal ranges for operating conditions have been determined for the following parameters:

- oxidation temperature;
- oxidation pressure;
- ammonia gas flow rate,
- air input flow rate.

The permitted range for these parameters has been established using the plant operation manual, as described in the PDD..

3.3 Historic Campaign Length

The average historic campaign length (CL_{normal}) defined as the average campaign length for the historic campaigns used to define operating condition (the previous five campaigns), has not been used as a cap on the length of the baseline campaign because of shorter project campaign.

4. PROJECT EMISSIONS

During the first project campaign on line 1 the tail gas volume flow in the stack of the nitric acid plant as well as N₂O concentration have been measured on the continuous basis.

4.1.1 Estimation of campaign-specific project emissions factor

The monitoring system was installed using the guidance document EN 14181 and provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation. Same statistical evaluation that was applied to the baseline data series has been applied to the project data series:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH \text{ (tN}_2\text{O)}$$

where:

Variable	Definition
VSG	Mean stack gas volume flow rate for the project campaign (m ³ /h)
NCSG	Mean concentration of N ₂ O in the stack gas for the project campaign (mgN ₂ O/m ³)
PE _n	Total N ₂ O emissions of the n th project campaign (tN ₂ O)
OH	Is the number of hours of operation in the specific monitoring period (h)

4.1.2 Derivation of a moving average emission factor

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

4.2 Minimum project emission factor

The minimum average emission factor established factor will be established after 10th project campaign.

4.3 Project Campaign Length

Project campaign production of nitric acid has been below defined nameplate capacity and thus all NAP produced from date of installation of secondary catalysts has been used for calculation of emission reductions.

4.4 Leakage

No leakage calculation is required.

4.5 Emission reductions

The emission reductions for the project activity during this campaign have been determined by deducting the campaign-specific emission factor from the baseline emission factor and multiplying the result by the production output of 100% concentrated nitric acid over the campaign period and the GWP of N₂O:

$$ER = (EFBL - EFP) * NAP * GWPN_{2O} \text{ (tCO}_2\text{e)}$$

Where:

Variable	Definition
ER	Emission reductions of the project for the specific campaign (tCO ₂ e)
NAP	Nitric acid production for the project campaign (tHNO ₃). The maximum value of NAP shall not exceed the design capacity.
EFBL	Baseline emissions factor (tN ₂ O/tHNO ₃)
EFP	Emissions factor used to calculate the emissions from this particular campaign (i.e. the higher of EF _{ma,n} and EF _n)

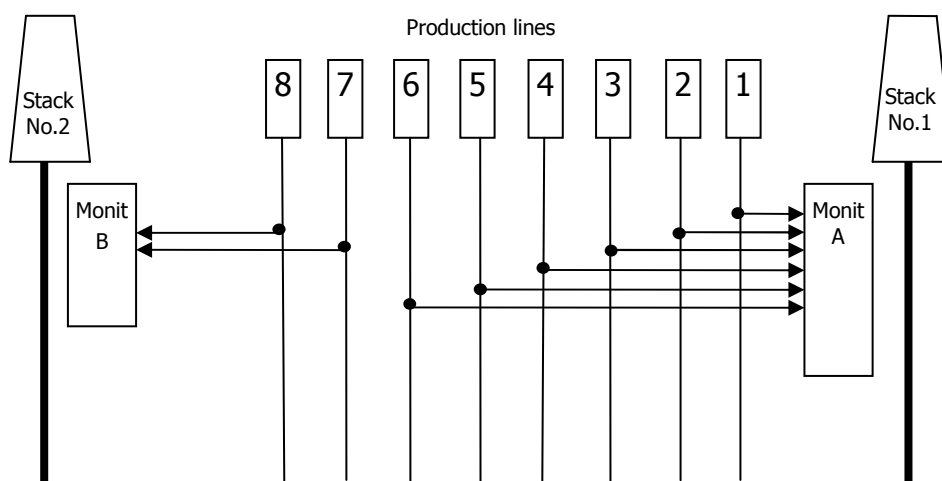
5. MONITORING PLAN

Purpose of the monitoring plan

The purpose of the monitoring plan is to describe the system used to monitor emissions of N_2O from the plant in such a way that is compliant with the prescriptions of the AM0034/Version 02.

Plant description

The UKL-7 nitric acid plant comprises 8 production Lines numbered from 1 through 8, each with its own burner, absorption column and expansion turbine. Each production Line represents a separate nitric acid production unit independent from each other. The tail gases from each Line are after expansion turbines led to a common stack bus and vented through two interconnected stacks.



Primary catalyst is changed at different times thus it is necessary to measure the emissions from each Line individually. This means that eight separate sets of monitoring equipment are installed to measure tail gas flow, nitric acid production, nitric acid concentration, and the operating conditions. N_2O concentration in the tail gas is measured by 3 switched concentration meters.

Monitoring System architecture

Methodology AM0034/Version 02 requires installation of an N_2O monitoring system that includes both a gas volume flow meter to determine the tail gas mass volume flow and an infrared gas analyser to determine the concentration of N_2O .

But tail gas N₂O concentration meter and tail gas volume flow meter alone are not sufficient for a JI project purposes. In order of being able to calculate the baseline emission factor expressed as tonnage of N₂O in t CO₂e per 1 tonne of HNO₃ (100%), it is necessary to include also HNO₃ measurement, and in order of being able to document normal operating conditions it is necessary to include also operating conditions measurement.

Because of this we use the term Monitoring System (MS) to describe entire monitoring system directly and indirectly used for the JI purposes, while Automated Measurement System (AMS) covers only N₂O emissions and tail gas mass volume part of the MS.

Monitoring System (MS) for purpose of this monitoring plan means:

monitoring system measuring operational conditions;

- Ammonia volume flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air volume flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

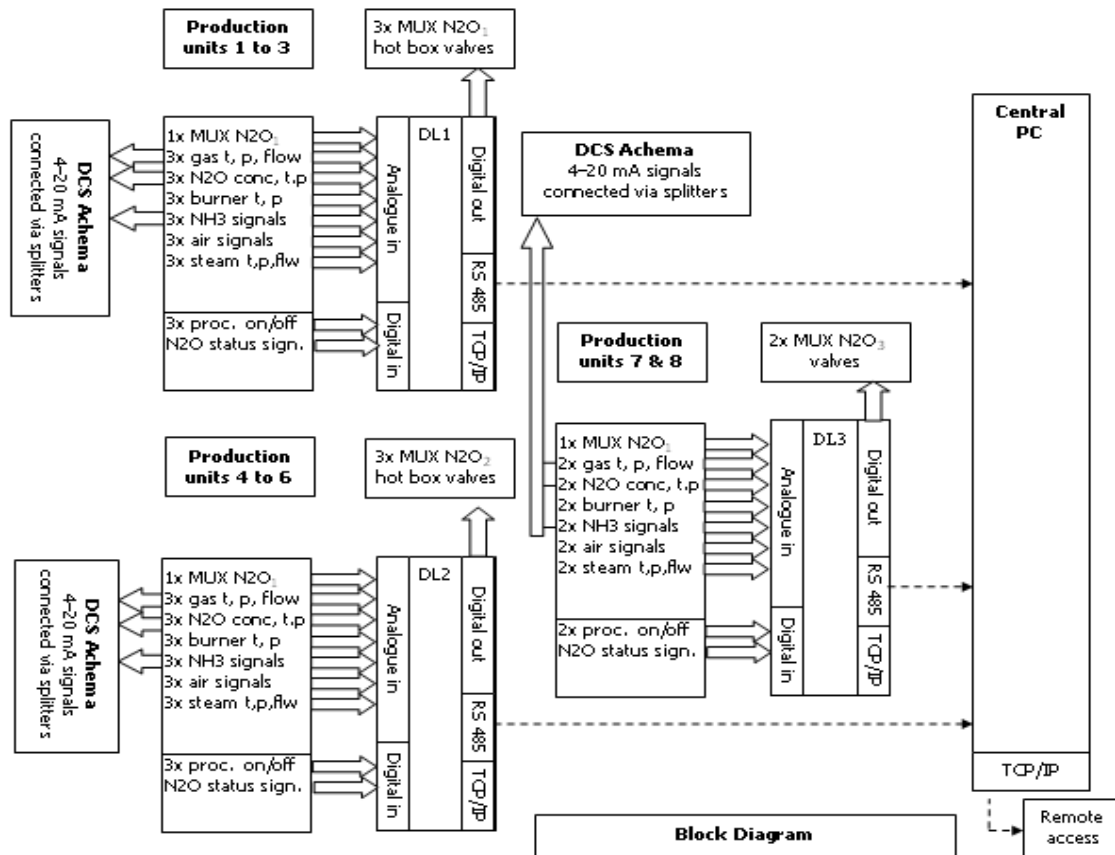
nitric acid 100% concentrate production;

- Nitric acid concentration
- Nitric acid flow
- Nitric acid temperature

and newly installed measurement devices for measurement of N₂O concentration and tail gas flow, temperature and pressure (AMS)

- N₂O concentration in the stack
- Stack volume flow rate
- Stack gas temperature
- Stack gas pressure

Incorporation of the AMS into the MS by interfacing already existing and newly installed measurement devices is documented by the diagram below.



N₂O automated measurement system

Main purpose of the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) is to measure total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaigns (both baseline and project). In order of calculation of total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaign it is necessary to measure on an extractive basis the N₂O concentration in a tail gas and on a non-extractive basis tail gas flow, pressure and temperature.

N₂O concentration

N₂O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from respective tail gas ducts at sampling points located after expansion turbines and transported by heated sample lines to the Monitoring room A located next to the main production hall. This applies to 2 concentration meters measuring lines 1-3 and lines 4-6. lines 7-8 are measured by third concentration meter located at the other side of the production hall (Monitoring room B) physically closer to respective production lines 7 and 8.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer (4°C), so N₂O concentration is measured on a dry basis. Correction of dry basis ppmV value to real wet tail

gas conditions based on steam flow injected into the system is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

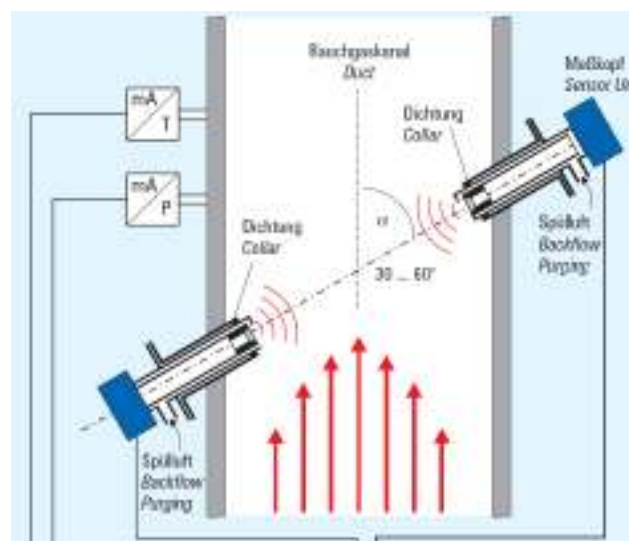
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Recently there are 8 production Lines. N₂O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis. Tail gas samples are automatically switched. Under-sampling uncertainty is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

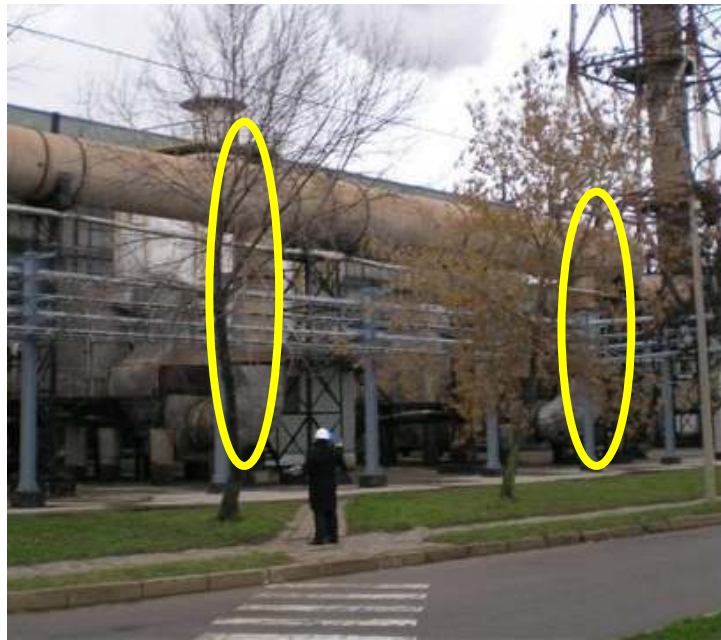
N₂O concentration measured data are sent from the concentration meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section.



The tail gas ducts do not allow any optimum location to perform the flow monitoring. The only possible location is the quite short vertical tube behind the 90° "knee".



Since the flow is not really laminar, a classical Pitot tube one point solution wouldn't allow good results. The ultrasonic system is under these conditions superior to differential pressure. Cross duct monitoring is more accurate than a couple of discrete point averaged pressure.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas steam injection elimination

Steam injected into the Achema UKL-7 tail gas for purpose of increasing the turbine output is eliminated from the tail gas mass flow calculation by following formulae:

$$\text{flow - STVF} = L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325) * ((100 - L1_Humi) / 100)$$

where Humi (water content) =

$$(L1_Flow_steam * 1.2436) / (L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325)) * 100 + 0.6$$

where 1.2436 is the conversion factor from kg/h to Nm³/h and 0.6% is a value of humidity present in a flue gas permanently without steam injection

The Flow_steam parameter necessary for calculation of the water content in the dataloggers is provided in the kg/h unit.

Achema measures steam flow in kg/h using formula $Q=C*\sqrt{dp}$, where C is flow constant which is already integrated using an orifice plate sizing program. The orifice plate calculation for injection steam has been done for temperature 250°C and pressure 6 bar.

Flow steam in kg/h measured by using the constant steam T and P values is then recalculated to actual steam T and P values valid for relevant hours and as result the STVF value cleaned of the steam injected is used for further emission reductions calculations.

EN14181 compliance

As required by the AM0034/Version 02 methodology the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) complies with requirements of the technical norm EN14181. N₂O AMS consists from the N₂O concentration meter and integrated flowmeter (F, T, P). Both measurement devices are QAL1 certified (concentration meter for the N₂O measurand specifically) and after full commissioning of the monitoring system there was the QAL2 test carried out by an independent laboratory certified according to ISO17025.

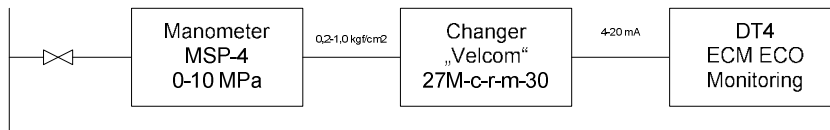
Operating conditions

For purpose of the baseline emissions factor setting it is necessary to monitor and report operating conditions in all 8 burners. Namely:

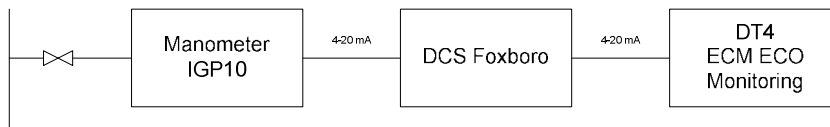
- Ammonia flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

All these parameters are measured by the plant monitoring system as presented on diagrams below:

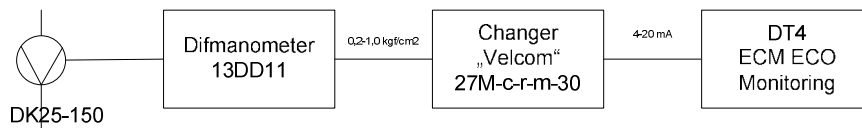
P in mixer 1-6 line



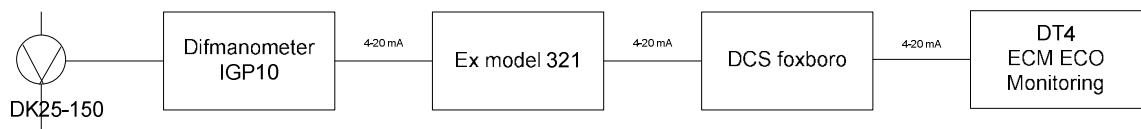
P in mixer 7-8 line

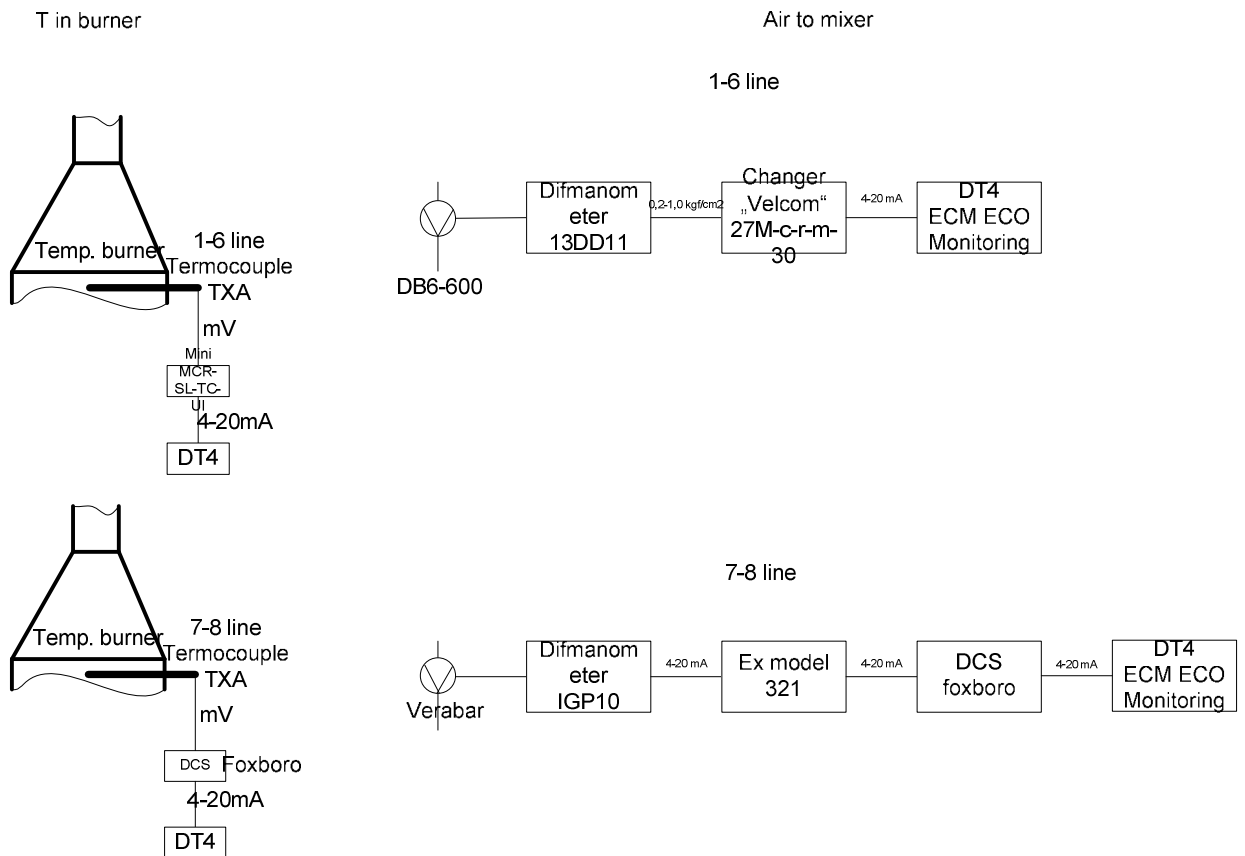


NH3 to mixer 1-6 line



NH3 to mixer 7-8 line





Signals obtained from these measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Operating conditions measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further. Maintenance procedures for the ammonia oxidation parameters follow the existing procedures for the operation of the nitric acid plant.

Nitric acid production

Nitric acid concentration is based on two components: nitric acid and water. Standard monitoring method is on-Line refractometry. Measurement of nitric acid (100%) mass volume production per campaign is necessary for calculation of the baseline emissions factor. Nitric acid concentration on all 8 Lines is measured by K-Patents PR-23-GP refractometers.

This analyzer is applying a prism to "return" a generated optical beam back to an LCD detector.



The detector is measuring refraction of monitored liquid based on known refraction of water and nitric acid. The instrument is calibrated for percent concentration of nitric acid. The analyzer is mounted on DIN-flange 2656, PN25 DN80. The optical prism does not require cleaning.

PR-23-GP characteristics:

- Measuring RI is a direct concentration measurement principle. No need to rely or convert magnitudes.

- Digital instrument – no calibration drift

- As it is a robust instrument it is maintenance free

- Dual connectivity if the installation positions allow.

- On-Line data logging, through Ethernet, on whichever web browser.

- No influence by bubbles or particles. It is very common that air enters the process pipeline and still the refractometer measures accurately.

Nitric acid concentration data are in an analog 4-20mA format provided to dataloggers which process these signals further.

In order of being able to calculate total mass volume of nitric acid 100% concentrate produced during the baseline campaign it is necessary to monitor also nitric acid flow and temperature. Measurement of pressure is not necessary for determination of the nitric acid mass volume flow, because nitric acid is in form of liquid and as such it has stable pressure characteristic.

Signals obtained from the nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further.

After installation of refractometers there have been occurrences of their failure and following repair service by the manufacturer. For this period starting from 27/11/2007 and ending on 29/07/2008 project uses HNO₃ concentration data provided by the laboratory measurements.

6. QAL 2 CALIBRATION ADJUSTMENTS

6.1 Applied principle

As required in the applicable norm EN14181: “The relation between the instrument readings of the recording measuring procedure and the quantity of the measuring objects has to be described by using a suitable convention method. The results have to be expressed by a regression analysis.”

As it is described in the Calibration Report issued by Airtec laboratory, the measurement results derived from the analog signals (4 mA to 20 mA) provided the installed instruments have been compared to the comparative measurements.

Linearity check of the instruments characteristics is stated in the QAL2 Calibration Report issued by the laboratory. The valid ranges of Linearity are determined by statistical analysis according to the guideline and the Linearity assumptions are further used in the Calibration Report establishing Linear regression Lines.

The general formula of the regression Line, established in the EN14181 and used in the Calibration Report is:

$$Y = a + bX$$

where:

X is the measured value of the instrument in mA
Y is the value of the parameter being objective of the measurement
a is a constant of the regression Line
b is the slope of the regression Line

After a comparative test the laboratory issued the old and new regression Lines properties, namely “a” and “b” applying for all of the measured parameters that are subject to calibration as stated in the Calibration Report.

The QAL2 corrections are based on the fact that the actual analog current outputs (in mA) of the measurement instruments are relevant for both, the old and new regression Lines:

$$X_o = X_n = X$$

where:

X_n: X new
X_o: X old

This allows us to derive a calibrating formula that gives us the corrected value of the measured physical parameters. The applied calibrating equation is:

$$Y_n = A_n + (B_n/B_o) * (Y_o - A_o)$$

In order to take into account the properties of the AMS and their implication to the QAL 2 implementation in the model, we will further introduce several remarks to the conversion and normalization of the data.

The units returned by the AMS “nm³/h” stand for normalized cubic meters of the gas volume at normal gas conditions (0° C, 1 atm.).

6.2 Stack gas volume flow

Based on the real conditions measured and applied by the AMS for normalization (TSG in °C and PSG in hPa), the stack gas volume flow values are converted to real conditions before the regression analysis using the ideal gas law. The actual gas volume flow rates are derived from gas velocity measurements, therefore, before applying the regression analysis the gas speed is calculated from the volume flow and the duct cross-section and is fed into the calibrating equation. The calibrated values derived from the calibrating equation then converted back to normalized units using the calibrated real conditions (calibrated TSG and PSG). The normalized calibrated stack gas flow rates are further fed into the emission calculation model for further processing as set out by the Approved Baseline and Monitoring Methodology AM_0034.

6.3 Nitric acid concentration in stack gas

The nitric acid concentration in the raw data set from the AMS is in mgN₂O/m₃. The concentration was converted to ppmv to make it compatible with the regression Lines parameters. The nitrous gas concentration values are then calibrated using the provided regression Lines parameters and are input in the model.

6.4 Stack gas Temperature

The stack gas temperature was calibrated by the regression conversion formula

6.5 Stack gas Pressure

The calibration report provides us with a regression Line for the stack gas pressure. We calibrate the readings of the measurements system using the regression formula and applying the values (in kPa).

7. EMISSION REDUCTION CALCULATIONS

Table T 2 illustrates the establishment of historic campaign length based on 5 previous campaigns. Average production in 5 campaigns preceding the baseline campaign was 65 461 tHNO₃ and time duration was on average 261 days. Table contains also information on suppliers of primary catalysts for the line 1.

T 2 Historic campaigns

Line	ACHEMA UKL-1	Production	Start	End	Days	Production per day	Primary Catalyst	Composition
Historic Campaigns	1 t HNO ₃	61 581	29 Jul 2004	26 Apr 2005	271	227	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	2 t HNO ₃	-	29 Apr 2005	24 Oct 2005	178	-	Heraeus	N/A *
	3 t HNO ₃	58 648	24 Oct 2005	20 Sep 2006	331	177	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	4 t HNO ₃	65 266	21 Sep 2006	24 Jul 2007	306	213	Umicore	N/A *
	5 t HNO ₃	76 351	07 Aug 2007	13 Mar 2008	219	349	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
Average HNO ₃ production	t HNO ₃	65 461			261	251	* Confidential but available for the verification	
Project Campaigns	BL t HNO ₃	60 691	14 Mar 2008	21 Oct 2008	221	275	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	PL t HNO ₃	109 676	13 Sep 2010	21 Aug 2011	343	320	Johnson Matthey	N/A *

It is business as usual scenario in Achema UKL-7 plant to keep using primary catalysts from several suppliers and with several compositions. Selection of primary catalysts is determined by technical parameters of their use and price levels offered by suppliers in specific time. Primary catalysts used during the baseline campaign, if other than used in previous campaign/s, did not increase emissions of N₂O as confirmed by relevant statements provided to the verifier.

T 3 and Chart C 1 define the length of the baseline campaign. Baseline campaign measurements for this project campaign started on 14/03/2008 and continued through 21/10/2008 when the 60 691 tHNO₃ nitric acid production was reached. The measurement of baseline Nitrous Acid Concentration (NCSG) was carried out until production reached - tHNO₃.

T 3 Baseline campaign length

ACHEMA UKL-1	Historic Campaigns End	Start of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Measurement NCSG	End of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Campaign
Dates	2008 Mar 13	2008 Mar 14	2008 Oct 21	2008 Oct 21	2008 Oct 22
Baseline Factor kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃	-	-	9.63	9.63	9.63
Production tHNO ₃	-	-	60 691	60 691	-
Per Day Production tHNO ₃	250.8				
Baseline less Historic Production	(4 770.2)				
Baseline less Historic Days	(19.0)				

C 1 Baseline campaign length

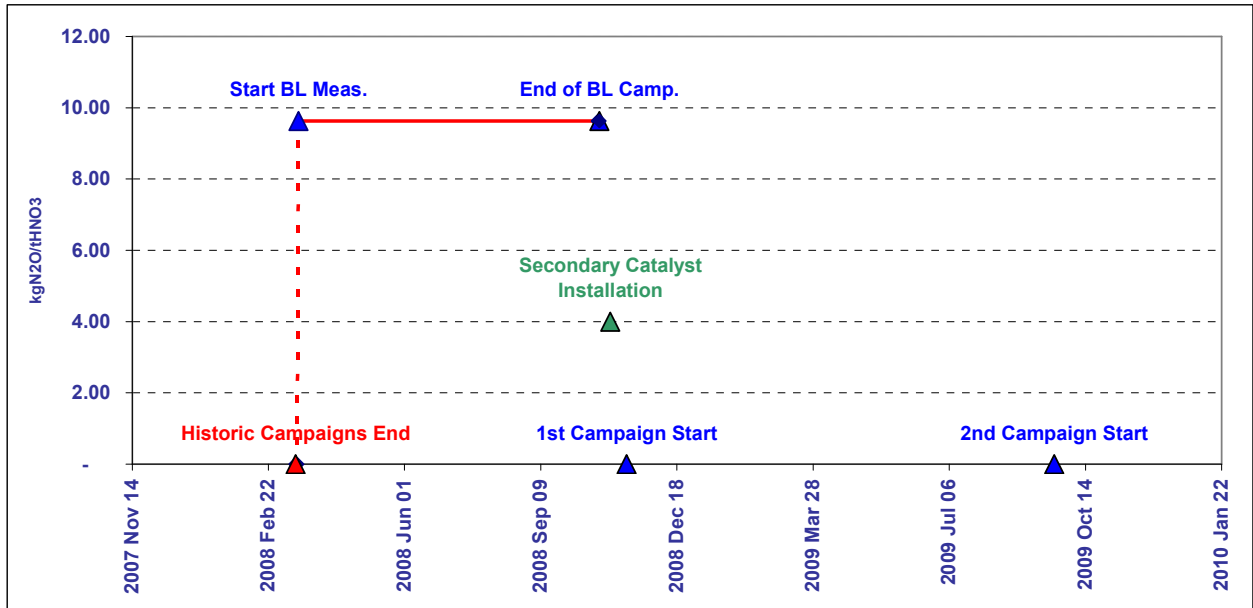


Table T 4 illustrates the calculation of the baseline emission factor on Line 1 using the method as defined in the CDM methodology AM0034 and in the PDD. We have not used overlapping approach allowed by the PDD. Baseline emission factor was determined based on raw data measured from 14/03/2008 through 21/10/2008.

Extreme values and data measured during hours when one or more of operating conditions were outside of the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculations. As a next step we have eliminated data beyond 95% confidence interval and calculated new mean values of N₂O concentration and stack gas volume flow using following method:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

Using the means values we have calculated the baseline emissions as set out in the PDD.

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred. Calculated baseline N₂O emissions were 620 tN₂O.

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

The UNC factor defined by the QAL2 report is 5.670%, which is further modified by an uncertainty of 0.089% due to under-sampling. As a result we have arrived to the baseline emission factor of 9.63 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Table T 5 shows the calculation of the project emission factor on Line 1 during the project campaign. Project campaign started on 13/09/2010 and went through 21/08/2011.

We have eliminated extreme values and data beyond the 95% confidence interval as prescribed by the PDD.

- a) Calculate the sample mean (\bar{x})
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

Using the mean values we have calculated total mass of N_2O emissions (PE_n) as follows:

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours (OH) defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred.

By dividing total mass of N_2O emissions by the nitric acid production (capped by nameplate capacity 350 tHNO₃/day) we have determined the project campaign specific emission factor at value of 1.77 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

$$EF_n = PE_n / NAP_n (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

T 4 Baseline emission factor

BASELINE EMISSION FACTOR											
Parameter	Operating Hours	Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure	AMS in Operation	Nitric Acid Production	
Code	OH	NAP	NCSG	VSG	AFR	AIFR	OT	OP	h	NCSG	
Unit	h	t/h	mg N2O/Nm3	Nm3/h	Nm3/h	%	°C	kPa	h	t/h	
Elimination of extreme values											
Lower limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0		0	
Upper Limit	50.00	50.00	3.000	120.000	10.000	20.00	1.200	1.000		50	
Raw Data Measured Range											
Count	4 933	4 999	4 989	4 921	5 054	5 028	5 275	5 275	4 483	4 999	
as % of Dataset	93%	94%	94%	93%	95%	95%	99%	99%	85%	94%	
Minimum	0	0	0	80	1.246	-	0	0		-	
Maximum	15.28	15.28	2.401	82.164	6.281	17.17	902	605		15	
Mean	12.14	12.14	1.806	67.547	5.825	10.28	857	554		12	
Standard Deviation	3.42	3.42	261	11.066	1.94	1.04	162	46		3	
Total		60.691								60.691	
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)											
Emission Factor	602	t N2O	9.35	kgN2O / tHNO3							
Permitted Range											
Minimum				4 500	0	0	880	0			
Maximum				7 500	11.70	800	910	800			
Data within the permitted range											
Count	4 926	4 627	4 627	4 627	4 627	4 627	4 483	4 483	4 483	4 483	
as % of Operating Hours	100%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	91%	91%	91%	91%	
Minimum		219	219	3.822							
Maximum		2 401	2 401	227.671							
Mean		1 752	1 752	69.348							
Standard Deviation		318	318	3.984							
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)											
Emission Factor	599	t N2O	9.32	kgN2O / tHNO3							
Data within the confidence interval											
95% Confidence interval											
Lower bound		1 130	1 130	61.538							
Upper bound		2 375	2 375	77.158							
Count		4 353	4 353	4 610							
as % of Operating Hours		88%	88%	93%							
Minimum		1 320	1 320	65.098							
Maximum		2 374	2 374	73.692							
Mean		1 808	1 808	69.474							
Standard Deviation		218	218	1.214							
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)											
Emission Factor (EF = BL)	620	t N2O	9.63	kgN2O / tHNO3							

T 5 Project emission factor

		PROJECT EMISSION FACTOR						
Parameter	Operating Hours	Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure
Code Unit	OH h	NAP t/h	NCSG mg N2O/Nm3	VSG Nm3/h	AFR Nm3/h	AIFR %	OT °C	OP kPa
Elimination of extreme values		0	0	0	0	0	50	0
Lower limit		50.00	3.000	120.000	10.000	20.00	1.200	1.000
Upper limit								
Raw Data Measured Range								
Count	5 459	7 859	7 298	7 318	8 232	7 461	8 204	8 186
as % of Dataset	66%	95%	89%	89%	100%	91%	100%	99%
Minimum		0.69	2	55 734	-	3	(0)	0
Maximum		17.36	649	90 166	8 000	19.69	919	693
Mean		13.96	395	73 424	5 396	10.44	811	555
Standard Deviation		3.20	60	3 758	1 542	0.55	255	144
Total		109 676						

N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)		159 t N2O
Emission Factor		1.45 kgN2O / tHNO3
Data within the confidence interval		
95% Confidence interval		
Lower bound		277
Upper bound		514
Count		4 590
as % of Operating Hours		84%
Minimum		278
Maximum		514
Mean		397
Standard Deviation		52

N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)		157 t N2O
Actual Project Emission Factor (EF_P Actual)		1.43 kgN2O / tHNO3
Abatement Ratio		85.1%
Moving Average Emission Factor Correction		
	Actual Factors	Moving Average Rule
1	2.10	2.10
2	1.43	1.77
3	-	
4	-	
5	-	

Project Emission Factor (EF_P)		1.77 kgN2O / tHNO3
Abatement Ratio		81.7%

MONITORING REPORT

PROJECT: ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant N₂O abatement project

LINE: Line 2

MONITORING PERIOD:

FROM: 13/05/2011

TO: 08/12/2011

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This monitoring report determines baseline emission factor for the Line 2 of ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant and quantity of emission reduction generated during the fifth project campaign on Line 2.

The first project campaign on Line 2 started on 30/05/2008. Secondary catalyst was installed on 07/11/2008. Total quantity of emission reductions generated during the fifth project period from 13/05/2011 through 08/12/2011 on Line 2 is **150 047 ERUs**.

T 1 Emission reduction calculations

EMISSION REDUCTION		
Baseline Emission Factor	EF_BL	9.51 kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Project Campaign Emission Factor	EF_P	1.75 kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL	60 767 tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the NCSG Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL_NCSG	60 767 tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Project Campaign	NAP_P	62 374 tHNO ₃
GWP	GWP	310 tCO ₂ e/tN ₂ O
Emission Reduction	ER	150 047 tCO₂e
<i>ER=(EF_BL-EF_P)*NAP_P*GWP/1000</i>		
Abatement Ratio		84.6%

EMISSION REDUCTION PER YEAR			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Date From			13 May 2011
Date To			08 Dec 2011
Nitric Acid Production			62 374
Emission Reduction			150 047
<i>ER_YR = ER * NAP_P_YR / NAP_P</i>			

Baseline emission factor established for the Line 2 during baseline measurement carried from 09/11/2007 through 20/05/2008 is 9.51 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Project emission factor during the fifth project campaign after installation of secondary catalysts on Line 2, which started on 13/05/2011 and went through 08/12/2011 with secondary catalyst installed and commissioned on 07/11/2008, is 1.75 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

During the project campaign 62 374 tonnes of nitric acid was produced.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITY

Purpose of the Project (the “Project”) is the reduction of nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions from nitric acid production Lines at the UKL-7 nitric acid plant of AB Achema (“Achema” or “the Company”). The Company is situated in Jonava, Lithuania.

Achema has installed and operates secondary N₂O reduction catalysts underneath the primary catalyst precious metal catching and catalytic gauzes package in the ammonium burners of the UKL-7 nitric acid plant.

This monitoring report contains information on Line 2 emission reductions including information on baseline emission factor setting for the Line 2.

The separate treatment of nitric acid lines and overlapping of the monitoring periods are allowed by the clarification issued Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee: “CLARIFICATION REGARDING OVERLAPPING MONITORING PERIODS UNDER THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE UNDER THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE”. The Project meets all the requirements set out by the clarification:

1. The Project is composed of clearly identifiable components for which emission reductions or enhancements of removals are calculated independently; and
2. Monitoring is performed independently for each of these components, i.e. the data/parameters monitored for one component are not dependent on/effect data/parameters (to be) monitored for another component; and
3. The monitoring plan ensures that monitoring is performed for all components and that in these cases all the requirements of the JI guidelines and further guidance by the JISC regarding monitoring are met.

3. BASELINE SETTING

Baseline emission factor for line 2 has been established on the Line-specific basis. Campaign used for baseline measurements on the line 2 has been carried out from 09/11/2007 through 20/05/2008.

N₂O concentration and gas volume flow are monitored by monitoring system complying with requirements of the European Norm 14181.

Monitoring system provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation as an average of the measured values for the previous 60 minutes.

Measurement results can be distorted before and after periods of downtime or malfunction of the monitoring system and can lead to mavericks. To eliminate such extremes and to ensure a conservative approach, the following statistical evaluation is applied to the complete data series of N₂O concentration as well as to the data series for gas volume flow. The statistical procedure is applied to data obtained after eliminating data measured for periods where the plant operated outside the permitted ranges:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

The average mass of N₂O emissions per hour is estimated as product of the NCSG and VSG. The N₂O emissions per campaign are estimates product of N₂O emission per hour and the total number of complete hours of operation of the campaign using the following equation:

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

The Line specific baseline emissions factor representing the average N₂O emissions per tonne of nitric acid over one full campaign is derived by dividing the total mass of N₂O emissions by the total output of 100% concentrated nitric acid during baseline campaign.

The overall uncertainty of the monitoring system has been determined by the QAL2 report and the measurement error is expressed as a percentage (UNC). The N₂O emission factor per tonne of nitric acid produced in the baseline period (EF_{BL}) has been then be reduced by the percentage error as follows:

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

where:

Variable	Definition
EF_{BL}	Baseline N_2O emissions factor ($tN_2O/tHNO_3$)
BE_{BC}	Total N_2O emissions during the baseline campaign (tN_2O)
$NCSG_{BC}$	Mean concentration of N_2O in the stack gas during the baseline campaign (mgN_2O/m^3)
OH_{BC}	Operating hours of the baseline campaign (h)
VSG_{BC}	Mean gas volume flow rate at the stack in the baseline measurement period (m^3/h)
NAP_{BC}	Nitric acid production during the baseline campaign ($tHNO_3$)
UNC	Overall uncertainty of the monitoring system (%), calculated as the combined uncertainty of the applied monitoring equipment.

3.1 Measurement procedure for N_2O concentration and tail gas volume flow

3.1.1 Tail gas N_2O concentration

N_2O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from the Line 2 tail gas duct at sampling point located after expansion turbine and transported by sample Line to the Monitoring room A, where the analyzer is located.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer ($4^\circ C$), so N_2O concentration is measured on a dry basis.

N_2O concentration is measured by concentration infrared absorption principle meters Xentra 4900 using GFX monitoring technology.

Recently there are 8 production lines. N_2O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis.

N_2O concentration measured data are sent from the analyzer on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.1.2 Tail gas flow rate, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section. Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.2 Permitted range of operating conditions of the nitric acid plant

Under certain circumstances, the operating conditions during the measurement period used to determine baseline N_2O emission factor may be outside the permitted range or limit corresponding to normal operating conditions. N_2O baseline data measured during hours

where the operating conditions were outside the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculation of the baseline emissions factor.

Normal ranges for operating conditions have been determined for the following parameters:

- oxidation temperature;
- oxidation pressure;
- ammonia gas flow rate,
- air input flow rate.

The permitted range for these parameters has been established using the plant operation manual, as described in the PDD..

3.3 Historic Campaign Length

The average historic campaign length (CL_{normal}) defined as the average campaign length for the historic campaigns used to define operating condition (the previous five campaigns), has not been used as a cap on the length of the baseline campaign because of shorter project campaign.

4. PROJECT EMISSIONS

During the first project campaign on line 2 the tail gas volume flow in the stack of the nitric acid plant as well as N₂O concentration have been measured on the continuous basis.

4.1.1 Estimation of campaign-specific project emissions factor

The monitoring system was installed using the guidance document EN 14181 and provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation. Same statistical evaluation that was applied to the baseline data series has been applied to the project data series:

- Calculate the sample mean (x)
- Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH \text{ (tN}_2\text{O)}$$

where:

Variable	Definition
VSG	Mean stack gas volume flow rate for the project campaign (m ³ /h)
NCSG	Mean concentration of N ₂ O in the stack gas for the project campaign (mgN ₂ O/m ³)
PE _n	Total N ₂ O emissions of the n th project campaign (tN ₂ O)
OH	Is the number of hours of operation in the specific monitoring period (h)

4.1.2 Derivation of a moving average emission factor

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

4.2 Minimum project emission factor

The minimum average emission factor established factor will be established after 10th project campaign.

4.3 Project Campaign Length

Project campaign production of nitric acid has been below defined nameplate capacity and thus all NAP produced from date of installation of secondary catalysts has been used for calculation of emission reductions.

4.4 Leakage

No leakage calculation is required.

4.5 Emission reductions

The emission reductions for the project activity during this campaign have been determined by deducting the campaign-specific emission factor from the baseline emission factor and multiplying the result by the production output of 100% concentrated nitric acid over the campaign period and the GWP of N₂O:

$$ER = (EFBL - EFP) * NAP * GWPN_{2O} (tCO_2e)$$

Where:

Variable	Definition
ER	Emission reductions of the project for the specific campaign (tCO ₂ e)
NAP	Nitric acid production for the project campaign (tHNO ₃). The maximum value of NAP shall not exceed the design capacity.
EFBL	Baseline emissions factor (tN ₂ O/tHNO ₃)
EFP	Emissions factor used to calculate the emissions from this particular campaign (i.e. the higher of EF _{ma,n} and EF _n)

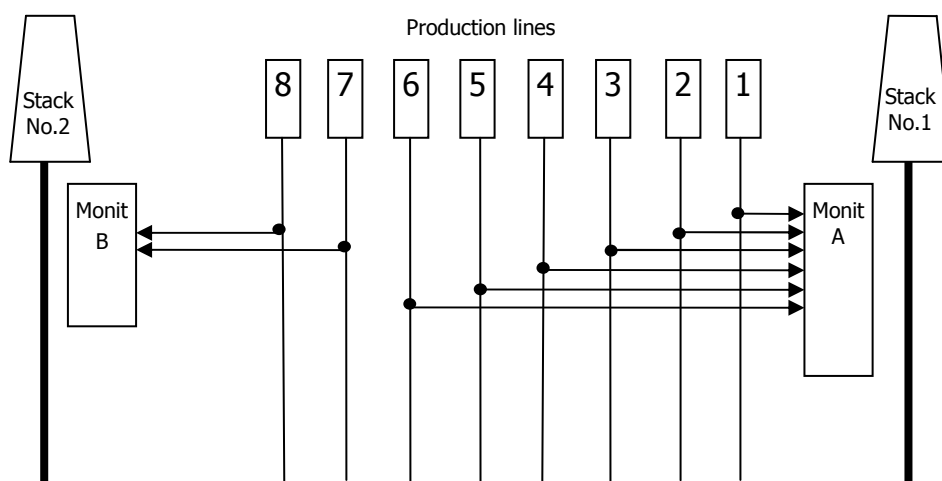
5. MONITORING PLAN

Purpose of the monitoring plan

The purpose of the monitoring plan is to describe the system used to monitor emissions of N₂O from the plant in such a way that is compliant with the prescriptions of the AM0034/Version 02.

Plant description

The UKL-7 nitric acid plant comprises 8 production Lines numbered from 1 through 8, each with its own burner, absorption column and expansion turbine. Each production Line represents a separate nitric acid production unit independent from each other. The tail gases from each Line are after expansion turbines led to a common stack bus and vented through two interconnected stacks.



Primary catalyst is changed at different times thus it is necessary to measure the emissions from each Line individually. This means that eight separate sets of monitoring equipment are installed to measure tail gas flow, nitric acid production, nitric acid concentration, and the operating conditions. N₂O concentration in the tail gas is measured by 3 switched concentration meters.

Monitoring System architecture

Methodology AM0034/Version 02 requires installation of an N₂O monitoring system that includes both a gas volume flow meter to determine the tail gas mass volume flow and an infrared gas analyser to determine the concentration of N₂O.

But tail gas N₂O concentration meter and tail gas volume flow meter alone are not sufficient for a JI project purposes. In order of being able to calculate the baseline emission factor expressed as tonnage of N₂O in t CO₂e per 1 tonne of HNO₃ (100%), it is necessary to include also HNO₃ measurement, and in order of being able to document normal operating conditions it is necessary to include also operating conditions measurement.

Because of this we use the term Monitoring System (MS) to describe entire monitoring system directly and indirectly used for the JI purposes, while Automated Measurement System (AMS) covers only N₂O emissions and tail gas mass volume part of the MS.

Monitoring System (MS) for purpose of this monitoring plan means:

monitoring system measuring operational conditions;

- Ammonia volume flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air volume flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

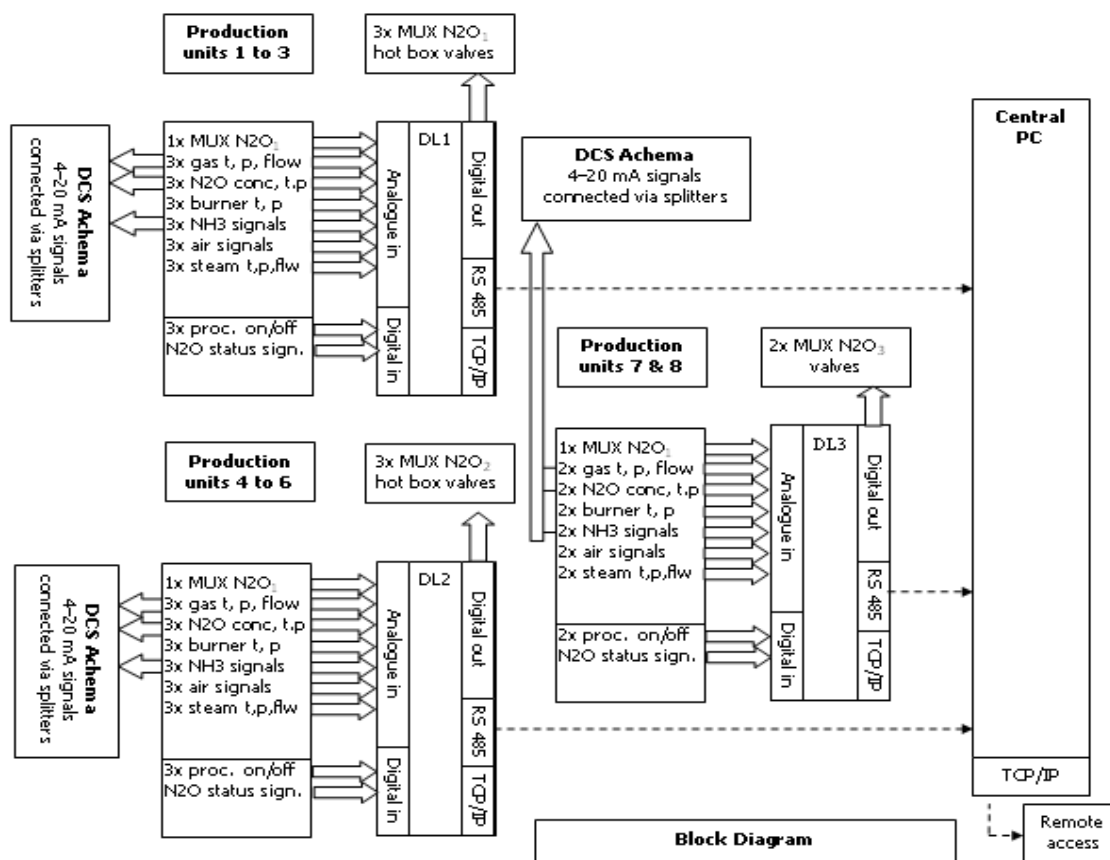
nitric acid 100% concentrate production;

- Nitric acid concentration
- Nitric acid flow
- Nitric acid temperature

and newly installed measurement devices for measurement of N₂O concentration and tail gas flow, temperature and pressure (AMS)

- N₂O concentration in the stack
- Stack volume flow rate
- Stack gas temperature
- Stack gas pressure

Incorporation of the AMS into the MS by interfacing already existing and newly installed measurement devices is documented by the diagram below.



N₂O automated measurement system

Main purpose of the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) is to measure total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaigns (both baseline and project). In order of calculation of total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaign it is necessary to measure on an extractive basis the N₂O concentration in a tail gas and on a non-extractive basis tail gas flow, pressure and temperature.

N₂O concentration

N₂O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from respective tail gas ducts at sampling points located after expansion turbines and transported by heated sample lines to the Monitoring room A located next to the main production hall. This applies to 2 concentration meters measuring lines 1-3 and lines 4-6. lines 7-8 are measured by third concentration meter located at the other side of the production hall (Monitoring room B) physically closer to respective production lines 7 and 8.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer (4°C), so N₂O concentration is measured on a dry basis. Correction of dry basis ppmV value to real wet tail

gas conditions based on steam flow injected into the system is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

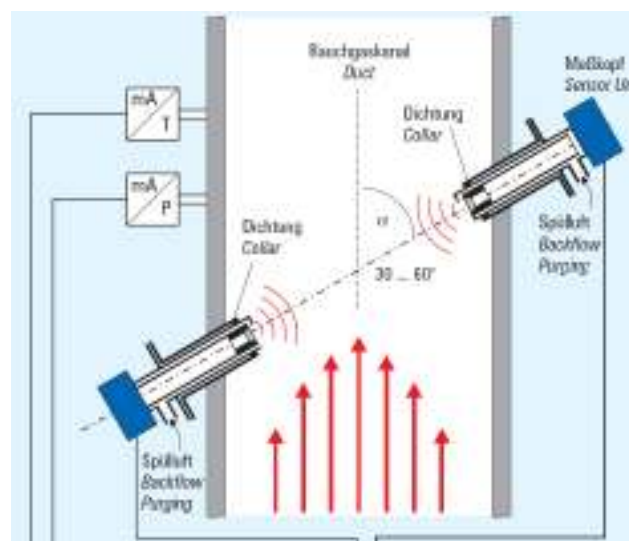
N₂O concentration is measured by concentration infrared absorption principle meters Xentra 4900 using GFX monitoring technology.

Recently there are 8 production Lines. N₂O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis. Tail gas samples are automatically switched. Under-sampling uncertainty is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

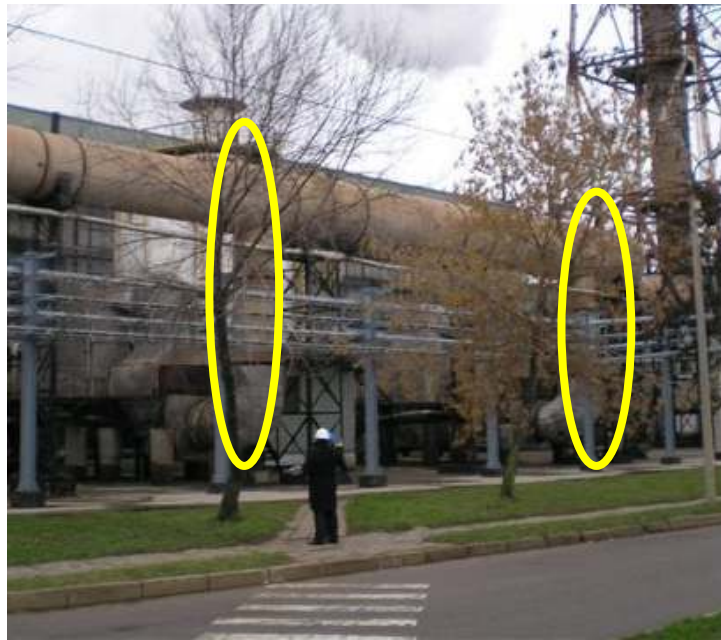
N₂O concentration measured data are sent from the concentration meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section.



The tail gas ducts do not allow any optimum location to perform the flow monitoring. The only possible location is the quite short vertical tube behind the 90° “knee”.



Since the flow is not really laminar, a classical Pitot tube one point solution wouldn't allow good results. The ultrasonic system is under these conditions superior to differential pressure. Cross duct monitoring is more accurate than a couple of discrete point averaged pressure.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas steam injection elimination

Steam injected into the Achema UKL-7 tail gas for purpose of increasing the turbine output is eliminated from the tail gas mass flow calculation by following formulae:

$$\text{flow - STVF} = L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325) * ((100 - L1_Humi) / 100)$$

where Humi (water content) =

$$(L1_Flow_steam * 1.2436) / (L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325)) * 100 + 0.6$$

where 1.2436 is the conversion factor from kg/h to Nm³/h and 0.6% is a value of humidity present in a flue gas permanently without steam injection

The Flow_steam parameter necessary for calculation of the water content in the dataloggers is provided in the kg/h unit.

Achema measures steam flow in kg/h using formula $Q=C*\sqrt{dp}$, where C is flow constant which is already integrated using an orifice plate sizing program. The orifice plate calculation for injection steam has been done for temperature 250°C and pressure 6 bar.

Flow steam in kg/h measured by using the constant steam T and P values is then recalculated to actual steam T and P values valid for relevant hours and as result the STVF value cleaned of the steam injected is used for further emission reductions calculations.

EN14181 compliance

As required by the AM0034/Version 02 methodology the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) complies with requirements of the technical norm EN14181. N₂O AMS consists from the N₂O concentration meter and integrated flowmeter (F, T, P). Both measurement devices are QAL1 certified (concentration meter for the N₂O measurand specifically) and after full commissioning of the monitoring system there was the QAL2 test carried out by an independent laboratory certified according to ISO17025.

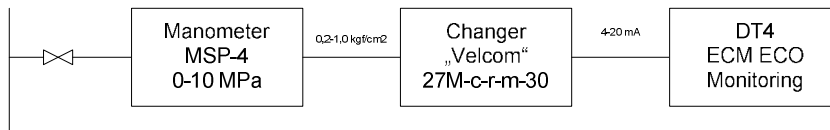
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For purpose of the baseline emissions factor setting it is necessary to monitor and report operating conditions in all 8 burners. Namely:

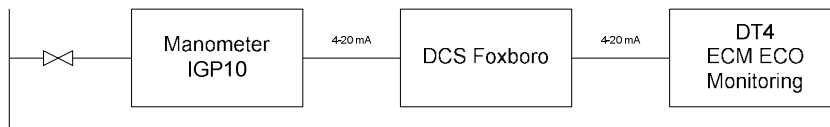
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All these parameters are measured by the plant monitoring system as presented on diagrams below:

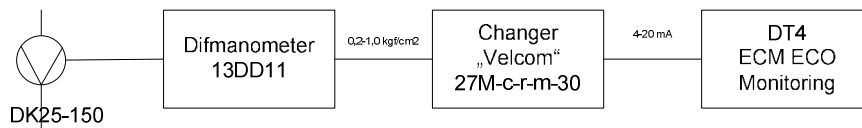
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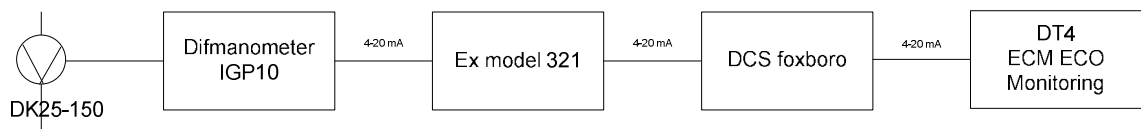
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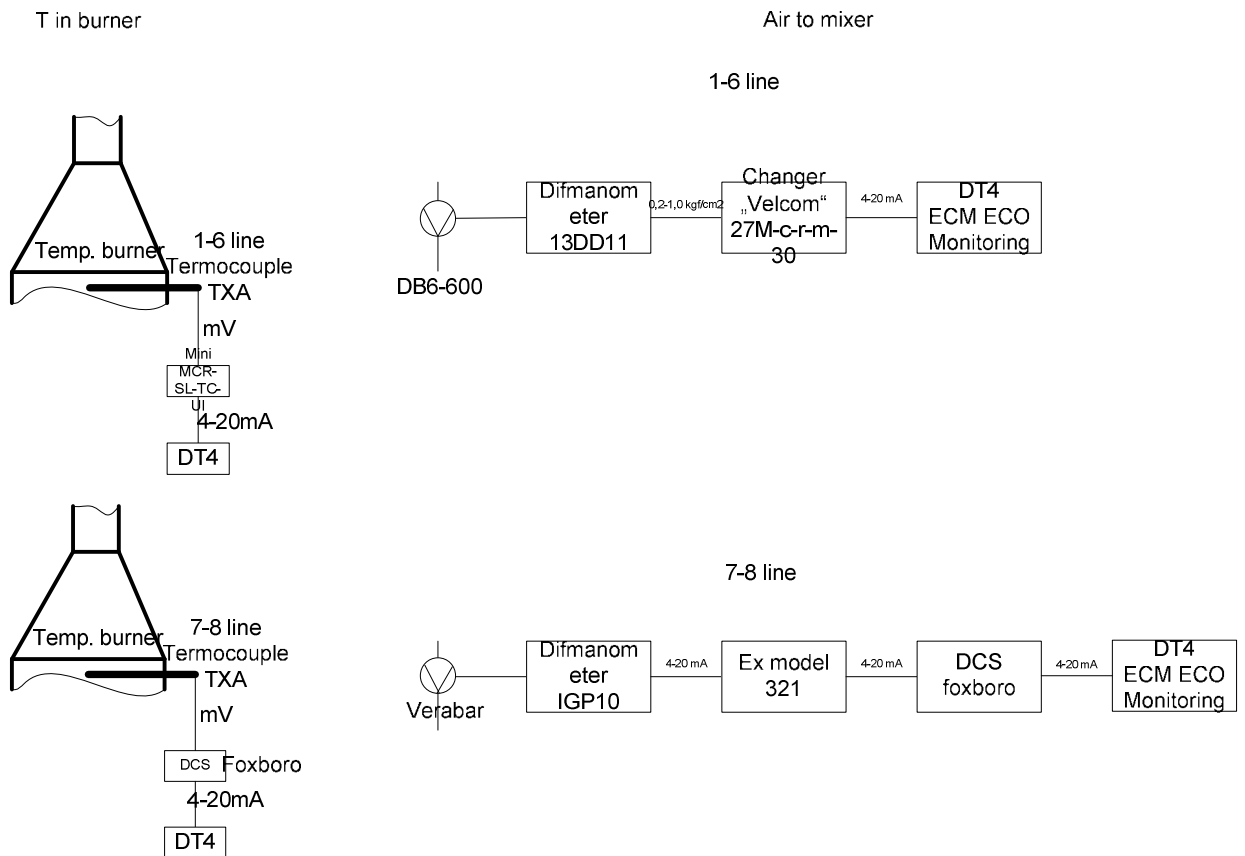


NH3 to mixer 1-6 line



NH3 to mixer 7-8 line





Signals obtained from these measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Operating conditions measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further. Maintenance procedures for the ammonia oxidation parameters follow the existing procedures for the operation of the nitric acid plant.

Nitric acid production

Nitric acid concentration is based on two components: nitric acid and water. Standard monitoring method is on-Line refractometry. Measurement of nitric acid (100%) mass volume production per campaign is necessary for calculation of the baseline emissions factor. Nitric acid concentration on all 8 Lines is measured by K-Patents PR-23-GP refractometers.

This analyzer is applying a prism to "return" a generated optical beam back to an LCD detector.



The detector is measuring refraction of monitored liquid based on known refraction of water and nitric acid. The instrument is calibrated for percent concentration of nitric acid. The analyzer is mounted on DIN-flange 2656, PN25 DN80. The optical prism does not require cleaning.

PR-23-GP characteristics:

Measuring RI is a direct concentration measurement principle. No need to rely or convert magnitudes.

Digital instrument – no calibration drift

As it is a robust instrument it is maintenance free

Dual connectivity if the installation positions allow.

On-Line data logging, through Ethernet, on whichever web browser.

No influence by bubbles or particles. It is very common that air enters the process pipeline and still the refractometer measures accurately.

Nitric acid concentration data are in an analog 4-20mA format provided to dataloggers which process these signals further.

In order of being able to calculate total mass volume of nitric acid 100% concentrate produced during the baseline campaign it is necessary to monitor also nitric acid flow and temperature. Measurement of pressure is not necessary for determination of the nitric acid mass volume flow, because nitric acid is in form of liquid and as such it has stable pressure characteristic.

Signals obtained from the nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further.

After installation of refractometers there have been occurrences of their failure and following repair service by the manufacturer. For this period starting from 08/11/2007 and ending on 29/07/2008 project uses HNO₃ concentration data provided by the laboratory measurements.

6. QAL 2 CALIBRATION ADJUSTMENTS

6.1 Applied principle

As required in the applicable norm EN14181: “The relation between the instrument readings of the recording measuring procedure and the quantity of the measuring objects has to be described by using a suitable convention method. The results have to be expressed by a regression analysis.”

As it is described in the Calibration Report issued by Airtec laboratory, the measurement results derived from the analog signals (4 mA to 20 mA) provided the installed instruments have been compared to the comparative measurements.

Linearity check of the instruments characteristics is stated in the QAL2 Calibration Report issued by the laboratory. The valid ranges of Linearity are determined by statistical analysis according to the guideline and the Linearity assumptions are further used in the Calibration Report establishing Linear regression Lines.

The general formula of the regression Line, established in the EN14181 and used in the Calibration Report is:

$$Y = a + bX$$

where:

X is the measured value of the instrument in mA
Y is the value of the parameter being objective of the measurement
a is a constant of the regression Line
b is the slope of the regression Line

After a comparative test the laboratory issued the old and new regression Lines properties, namely “a” and “b” applying for all of the measured parameters that are subject to calibration as stated in the Calibration Report.

The QAL2 corrections are based on the fact that the actual analog current outputs (in mA) of the measurement instruments are relevant for both, the old and new regression Lines:

$$X_o = X_n = X$$

where:

X_n: X new
X_o: X old

This allows us to derive a calibrating formula that gives us the corrected value of the measured physical parameters. The applied calibrating equation is:

$$Y_n = A_n + (B_n/B_o) * (Y_o - A_o)$$

In order to take into account the properties of the AMS and their implication to the QAL 2 implementation in the model, we will further introduce several remarks to the conversion and normalization of the data.

The units returned by the AMS “nm³/h” stand for normalized cubic meters of the gas volume at normal gas conditions (0° C, 1 atm.).

6.2 Stack gas volume flow

Based on the real conditions measured and applied by the AMS for normalization (TSG in °C and PSG in hPa), the stack gas volume flow values are converted to real conditions before the regression analysis using the ideal gas law. The actual gas volume flow rates are derived from gas velocity measurements, therefore, before applying the regression analysis the gas speed is calculated from the volume flow and the duct cross-section and is fed into the calibrating equation. The calibrated values derived from the calibrating equation then converted back to normalized units using the calibrated real conditions (calibrated TSG and PSG). The normalized calibrated stack gas flow rates are further fed into the emission calculation model for further processing as set out by the Approved Baseline and Monitoring Methodology AM_0034.

6.3 Nitric acid concentration in stack gas

The nitric acid concentration in the raw data set from the AMS is in mgN₂O/m₃. The concentration was converted to ppmv to make it compatible with the regression Lines parameters. The nitrous gas concentration values are then calibrated using the provided regression Lines parameters and are input in the model.

6.4 Stack gas Temperature

The stack gas temperature was calibrated by the regression conversion formula

6.5 Stack gas Pressure

The calibration report provides us with a regression Line for the stack gas pressure. We calibrate the readings of the measurements system using the regression formula and applying the values (in kPa).

7. EMISSION REDUCTION CALCULATIONS

Table T 2 illustrates the establishment of historic campaign length based on 5 previous campaigns. Average production in 5 campaigns preceding the baseline campaign was 62 710 tHNO₃ and time duration was on average 239 days. Table contains also information on suppliers of primary catalysts for the line 2.

T 2 Historic campaigns

Line	ACHEMA UKL-2	Production	Start	End	Days	Production per day	Primary Catalyst	Composition
Historic Campaigns	1 t HNO ₃	63 318	07 Jun 2004	26 Jan 2005	233	272	Heraeus	N/A *
	2 t HNO ₃	65 490	27 Jan 2005	21 Sep 2005	237	276	Umicore	N/A *
	3 t HNO ₃	51 101	22 Sep 2005	10 Apr 2006	200	256	Heraeus	N/A *
	4 t HNO ₃	63 008	11 Apr 2006	24 Jan 2007	288	219	Heraeus	N/A *
	5 t HNO ₃	70 635	14 Mar 2007	08 Nov 2007	239	296	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
Average HNO ₃ production	t HNO ₃	62 710			239	262	* Confidential but available for the verification	
Project Campaigns	BL t HNO ₃	60 767	09 Nov 2007	20 May 2008	193	315	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	PL t HNO ₃	62 374	13 May 2011	08 Dec 2011	209	298	Johnson Matthey	N/A *

It is business as usual scenario in Achema UKL-7 plant to keep using primary catalysts from several suppliers and with several compositions. Selection of primary catalysts is determined by technical parameters of their use and price levels offered by suppliers in specific time. Primary catalysts used during the baseline campaign, if other than used in previous campaign/s, did not increase emissions of N₂O as confirmed by relevant statements provided to the verifier.

T 3 and Chart C 1 define the length of the baseline campaign. Baseline campaign measurements for this project campaign started on 09/11/2007 and continued through 20/05/2008 when the 60 767 tHNO₃ nitric acid production was reached. The measurement of baseline Nitrous Acid Concentration (NCSG) was carried out until production reached - tHNO₃.

T 3 Baseline campaign length

ACHEMA UKL-2	Historic Campaigns End	Start of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Measurement NCSG	End of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Campaign
Dates	2007 Nov 08	2007 Nov 09	2008 May 20	2008 May 20	2008 May 21
Baseline Factor kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃	-	-	9.51	9.51	9.51
Production tHNO ₃	-	-	60 767	60 767	-
Per Day Production tHNO ₃	261.9				
Baseline less Historic Production	(1 943.4)				
Baseline less Historic Days	(7.4)				

C 1 Baseline campaign length

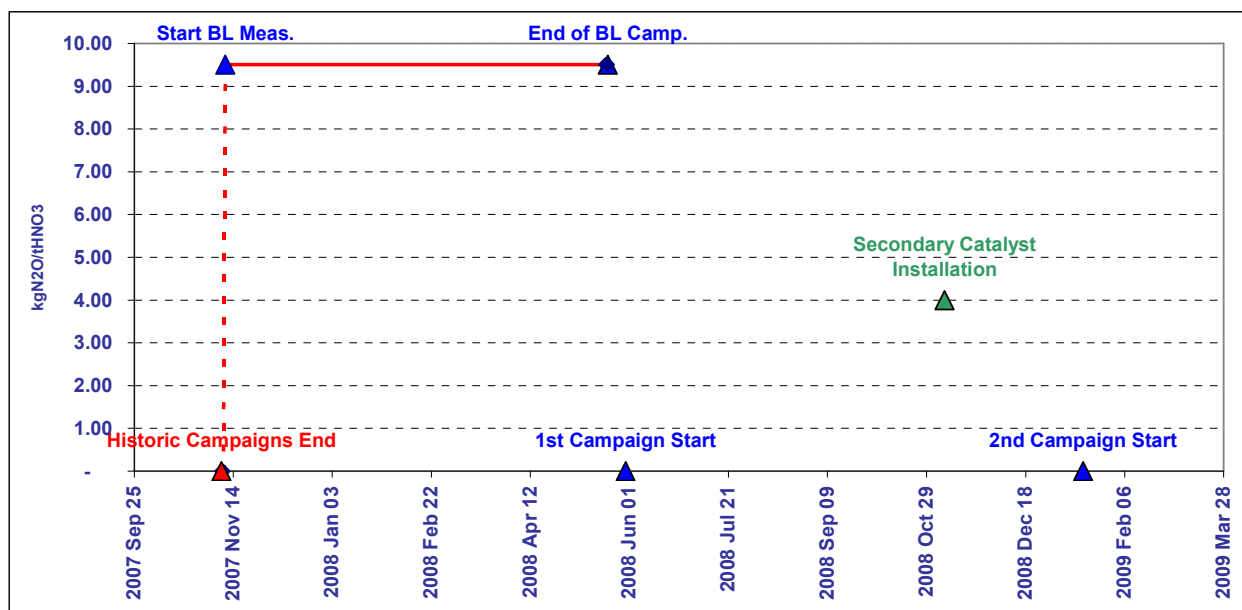


Table T 4 illustrates the calculation of the baseline emission factor on Line 2 using the method as defined in the CDM methodology AM0034 and in the PDD. We have not used overlapping approach allowed by the PDD. Baseline emission factor was determined based on raw data measured from 09/11/2007 through 20/05/2008.

Extreme values and data measured during hours when one or more of operating conditions were outside of the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculations. As a next step we have eliminated data beyond 95% confidence interval and calculated new mean values of N₂O concentration and stack gas volume flow using following method:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

Using the means values we have calculated the baseline emissions as set out in the PDD.

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred. Calculated baseline N₂O emissions were 618 tN₂O.

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

The UNC factor defined by the QAL2 report is 6.460%, which is further modified by an uncertainty of 0.087% due to under-sampling. As a result we have arrived to the baseline emission factor of 9.51 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Table T 5 shows the calculation of the project emission factor on Line 2 during the project campaign. Project campaign started on 13/05/2011 and went through 08/12/2011.

We have eliminated extreme values and data beyond the 95% confidence interval as prescribed by the PDD.

- a) Calculate the sample mean (\bar{x})
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

Using the mean values we have calculated total mass of N_2O emissions (PE_n) as follows:

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours (OH) defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred.

By dividing total mass of N_2O emissions by the nitric acid production (capped by nameplate capacity 350 tHNO₃/day) we have determined the project campaign specific emission factor at value of 1.75 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

$$EF_n = PE_n / NAP_n (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

T 4 Baseline emission factor

BASELINE EMISSION FACTOR										
Parameter	Operating Hours	Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure	AMS in Operation	Nitric Acid Production
Code	OH	NAP	NCSG	VSG	AFR	AIFR	OT	OP	h	NCSG
Unit	h	t/h	mg N2O/Nm3	Nm3/h	Nm3/h	%	°C	kPa	h	t/h
Elimination of extreme values										
Lower limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0
Upper Limit	50.00	50.00	3.000	120.000	10.000	20.00	1.200	1.000	0	50
Raw Data Measured Range										
Count	4 254	4 633	4 353	4 216	4 296	4 277	4 606	4 576	3 628	4 633
as % of Dataset	92%	100%	94%	91%	93%	92%	99%	99%	83%	100%
Minimum			0	140	2 069	-	42	5		
Maximum		15.73	2 356	106 649	6 243	18.13	1 100	679		16
Mean		13.12	1 576	83 679	5 815	9.78	843	604		13
Standard Deviation		3.81	323	18 036	263	1.67	207	45		4
Total		60 767								60 767
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
Emission Factor	561	t N2O	8.64	kgN2O / tHNO3						
Permitted Range										
Minimum				4 500	0	0	880	0		
Maximum				7 500	11.70	800	910	800		
Data within the permitted range										
Count	3 710	3 710	3 710	3 710	3 710	3 710	3 710	3 628	3 628	3 710
as % of Operating Hours	87%	87%	87%	87%	87%	87%	87%	90%	90%	87%
Minimum		465	465	10 197						
Maximum		2 356	2 356	105 388						
Mean		1 588	1 588	85 591						
Standard Deviation		293	293	14 825						
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
Emission Factor	578	t N2O	8.90	kgN2O / tHNO3						
Data within the confidence interval										
95% Confidence interval										
Lower bound		1 014	1 014	56 534						
Upper bound		2 162	2 162	114 648						
Count		3 430	3 430	3 604						
as % of Operating Hours		81%	81%	85%						
Minimum		1 118	1 118	77 416						
Maximum		2 156	2 156	105 388						
Mean		1 654	1 654	87 784						
Standard Deviation		173	173	7 591						
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
Emission Factor (EF = BL)	618	t N2O	9.51	kgN2O / tHNO3						

T 5 Project emission factor

Parameter	PROJECT EMISSION FACTOR							
	Operating Hours	Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure
Code Unit	OH h	NAP t/h	NCSG mg N2O/Nm3	VSG Nm3/h	AFR Nm3/h	AIFR %	OT °C	OP kPa
Elimination of extreme values								
Lower limit	0	50.00	0	0	0	0	50	0
Upper Limit			3.000	120.000	10.000	20.00	1200	1.000
Raw Data Measured Range								
Count	4 231	4 814	4 177	4 151	4 898	4 523	4 985	4 985
as % of Dataset	84%	96%	83%	83%	98%	90%	99%	99%
Minimum		3.34	140	55 634	277	6	20	2
Maximum		18.07	598	86 741	6 619	15.39	1 100	673
Mean		12.96	298	72 870	5 283	10.85	767	578
Standard Deviation		3.37	53	2 239	1 663	0.49	299	116
Total		62 374						
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)	92 t N2O							
Emission Factor	1.47 kgN2O / tHNO3							

Data within the confidence interval

95% Confidence interval	
Lower bound	Upper bound
Count	195
as % of Operating Hours	401
Minimum	3 677
Maximum	87%
Mean	195
Standard Deviation	401
	297
	72 776
	45
	2 006

N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)

Actual Project Emission Factor (EF_P Actual)	92 t N2O
Abatement Ratio	1.47 kgN2O / tHNO3
	84.6%

Moving Average Emission Factor Correction

	Actual Factors	Moving Average Rule
1	1.80	1.80
2	1.84	1.84
3	1.99	1.99
4	1.67	1.83
5	1.47	1.75

Project Emission Factor (EF_P)

Abatement Ratio	1.75 kgN2O / tHNO3
	81.5%

MONITORING REPORT

PROJECT: ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant N₂O abatement project

LINE: Line 3

MONITORING PERIOD:

FROM: 19/11/2010

TO: 25/08/2011

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This monitoring report determines baseline emission factor for the Line 3 of ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant and quantity of emission reduction generated during the fourth project campaign on Line 3.

The first campaign on Line 3 started on 27/08/2008. Secondary catalyst was installed on 04/07/2008. Total quantity of emission reductions generated during the fourth project period from 19/11/2010 through 25/08/2011 on Line 3 is **69 520 ERUs**.

T 1 Emission reduction calculations

EMISSION REDUCTION			
Baseline Emission Factor	EF_BL	5.46	kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Project Campaign Emission Factor	EF_P	2.76	kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL	59 042	tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the NCSG Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL_NCSG	59 042	tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Project Campaign	NAP_P	83 058	tHNO ₃
GWP	GWP	310	tCO ₂ e/tN ₂ O
Emission Reduction	ER	69 520	tCO₂e
<i>ER=(EF_BL-EF_P)*NAP_P*GWP/1000</i>			
Abatement Ratio		53.6%	

EMISSION REDUCTION PER YEAR			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Date From		19 Nov 2010	01 Jan 2011
Date To		31 Dec 2010	25 Aug 2011
Nitric Acid Production		12 366	70 693
Emission Reduction		10 350	59 170
<i>ER_YR = ER * NAP_P_YR / NAP_P</i>			

Baseline emission factor established for the Line 3 during baseline measurement carried using overlapping approach from 01/02/2008 to 04/07/2008 and from 01/09/2007 through 03/11/2007 is 5.46 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Project emission factor during fourth project campaign after installation of secondary catalysts on Line 3, which started on 19/11/2010 and went through 25/08/2011 with secondary catalyst installed and commissioned on 04/07/2008, is 2.76 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

During the project campaign 83 058 tonnes of nitric acid was produced.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITY

Purpose of the Project (the “Project”) is the reduction of nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions from nitric acid production Lines at the UKL-7 nitric acid plant of AB Achema (“Achema” or “the Company”). The Company is situated in Jonava, Lithuania.

Achema has installed and operates secondary N₂O reduction catalysts underneath the primary catalyst precious metal catching and catalytic gauzes package in the ammonium burners of the UKL-7 nitric acid plant.

This monitoring report contains information on Line 3 emission reductions including information on baseline emission factor setting for the Line 3.

The separate treatment of nitric acid lines and overlapping of the monitoring periods are allowed by the clarification issued Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee: “CLARIFICATION REGARDING OVERLAPPING MONITORING PERIODS UNDER THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE UNDER THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE”. The Project meets all the requirements set out by the clarification:

1. The Project is composed of clearly identifiable components for which emission reductions or enhancements of removals are calculated independently; and
2. Monitoring is performed independently for each of these components, i.e. the data/parameters monitored for one component are not dependent on/effect data/parameters (to be) monitored for another component; and
3. The monitoring plan ensures that monitoring is performed for all components and that in these cases all the requirements of the JI guidelines and further guidance by the JISC regarding monitoring are met.

3. BASELINE SETTING

Baseline emission factor for line 3 has been established on the Line-specific basis. Campaign used for baseline measurements on the line 3 has been carried out using overlapping approach from 01/02/2008 to 04/07/2008 and from 01/09/2007 through 03/11/2007.

N₂O concentration and gas volume flow are monitored by monitoring system complying with requirements of the European Norm 14181.

Monitoring system provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation as an average of the measured values for the previous 60 minutes.

Measurement results can be distorted before and after periods of downtime or malfunction of the monitoring system and can lead to mavericks. To eliminate such extremes and to ensure a conservative approach, the following statistical evaluation is applied to the complete data series of N₂O concentration as well as to the data series for gas volume flow. The statistical procedure is applied to data obtained after eliminating data measured for periods where the plant operated outside the permitted ranges:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

The average mass of N₂O emissions per hour is estimated as product of the NCSG and VSG. The N₂O emissions per campaign are estimates product of N₂O emission per hour and the total number of complete hours of operation of the campaign using the following equation:

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

The Line specific baseline emissions factor representing the average N₂O emissions per tonne of nitric acid over one full campaign is derived by dividing the total mass of N₂O emissions by the total output of 100% concentrated nitric acid during baseline campaign.

The overall uncertainty of the monitoring system has been determined by the QAL2 report and the measurement error is expressed as a percentage (UNC). The N₂O emission factor per tonne of nitric acid produced in the baseline period (EF_{BL}) has been then be reduced by the percentage error as follows:

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

where:

Variable	Definition
EF_{BL}	Baseline N_2O emissions factor ($tN_2O/tHNO_3$)
BE_{BC}	Total N_2O emissions during the baseline campaign (tN_2O)
$NCSG_{BC}$	Mean concentration of N_2O in the stack gas during the baseline campaign (mgN_2O/m^3)
OH_{BC}	Operating hours of the baseline campaign (h)
VSG_{BC}	Mean gas volume flow rate at the stack in the baseline measurement period (m^3/h)
NAP_{BC}	Nitric acid production during the baseline campaign ($tHNO_3$)
UNC	Overall uncertainty of the monitoring system (%), calculated as the combined uncertainty of the applied monitoring equipment.

3.1 Measurement procedure for N_2O concentration and tail gas volume flow

3.1.1 Tail gas N_2O concentration

N_2O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from the Line 3 tail gas duct at sampling point located after expansion turbine and transported by sample Line to the Monitoring room B, where the analyzer is located.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer ($4^\circ C$), so N_2O concentration is measured on a dry basis.

N_2O concentration is measured by concentration infrared absorption principle meters Xentra 4900 using GFX monitoring technology.

Recently there are 8 production lines. N_2O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis.

N_2O concentration measured data are sent from the analyzer on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.1.2 Tail gas flow rate, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section. Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.2 Permitted range of operating conditions of the nitric acid plant

Under certain circumstances, the operating conditions during the measurement period used to determine baseline N_2O emission factor may be outside the permitted range or limit corresponding to normal operating conditions. N_2O baseline data measured during hours

where the operating conditions were outside the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculation of the baseline emissions factor.

Normal ranges for operating conditions have been determined for the following parameters:

- oxidation temperature;
- oxidation pressure;
- ammonia gas flow rate,
- air input flow rate.

The permitted range for these parameters has been established using the plant operation manual, as described in the PDD.

3.3 Historic Campaign Length

The average historic campaign length (CL_{normal}) defined as the average campaign length for the historic campaigns used to define operating condition (the previous five campaigns), has not been used as a cap on the length of the baseline campaign because of shorter project campaign.

4. PROJECT EMISSIONS

During the first project campaign on line 3 the tail gas volume flow in the stack of the nitric acid plant as well as N₂O concentration have been measured on the continuous basis.

4.1.1 Estimation of campaign-specific project emissions factor

The monitoring system was installed using the guidance document EN 14181 and provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation. Same statistical evaluation that was applied to the baseline data series has been applied to the project data series:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH \text{ (tN}_2\text{O)}$$

where:

Variable	Definition
VSG	Mean stack gas volume flow rate for the project campaign (m ³ /h)
NCSG	Mean concentration of N ₂ O in the stack gas for the project campaign (mgN ₂ O/m ³)
PE _n	Total N ₂ O emissions of the n th project campaign (tN ₂ O)
OH	Is the number of hours of operation in the specific monitoring period (h)

4.1.2 Derivation of a moving average emission factor

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

4.2 Minimum project emission factor

Because this campaign was fourth project campaign on Line 3 there has been no minimum average emission factor established yet for this campaign. This factor will be established after 10th project campaign.

4.3 Project Campaign Length

Project campaign production of nitric acid has been below defined nameplate capacity and thus all NAP produced from date of installation of secondary catalysts has been used for calculation of emission reductions.

4.4 Leakage

No leakage calculation is required.

4.5 Emission reductions

The emission reductions for the project activity during this campaign have been determined by deducting the campaign-specific emission factor from the baseline emission factor and multiplying the result by the production output of 100% concentrated nitric acid over the campaign period and the GWP of N₂O:

$$ER = (EFBL - EFP) * NAP * GWPN_{2O} (tCO_2e)$$

Where:

Variable	Definition
ER	Emission reductions of the project for the specific campaign (tCO ₂ e)
NAP	Nitric acid production for the project campaign (tHNO ₃). The maximum value of NAP shall not exceed the design capacity.
EFBL	Baseline emissions factor (tN ₂ O/tHNO ₃)
EFP	Emissions factor used to calculate the emissions from this particular campaign (i.e. the higher of EF _{ma,n} and EF _n)

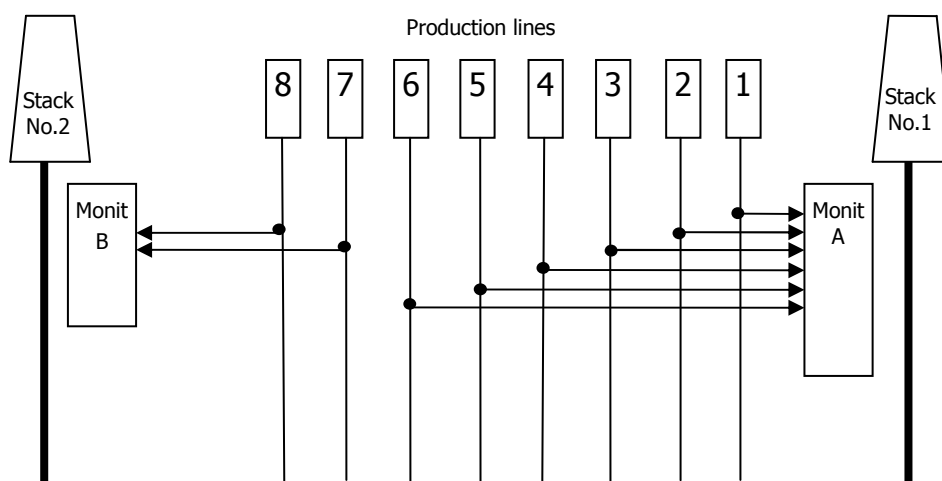
5. MONITORING PLAN

Purpose of the monitoring plan

The purpose of the monitoring plan is to describe the system used to monitor emissions of N_2O from the plant in such a way that is compliant with the prescriptions of the AM0034/Version 02.

Plant description

The UKL-7 nitric acid plant comprises 8 production Lines numbered from 1 through 8, each with its own burner, absorption column and expansion turbine. Each production Line represents a separate nitric acid production unit independent from each other. The tail gases from each Line are after expansion turbines led to a common stack bus and vented through two interconnected stacks.



Primary catalyst is changed at different times thus it is necessary to measure the emissions from each Line individually. This means that eight separate sets of monitoring equipment are installed to measure tail gas flow, nitric acid production, nitric acid concentration, and the operating conditions. N_2O concentration in the tail gas is measured by 3 switched concentration meters.

Monitoring System architecture

Methodology AM0034/Version 02 requires installation of an N_2O monitoring system that includes both a gas volume flow meter to determine the tail gas mass volume flow and an infrared gas analyser to determine the concentration of N_2O .

But tail gas N₂O concentration meter and tail gas volume flow meter alone are not sufficient for a JI project purposes. In order of being able to calculate the baseline emission factor expressed as tonnage of N₂O in t CO₂e per 1 tonne of HNO₃ (100%), it is necessary to include also HNO₃ measurement, and in order of being able to document normal operating conditions it is necessary to include also operating conditions measurement.

Because of this we use the term Monitoring System (MS) to describe entire monitoring system directly and indirectly used for the JI purposes, while Automated Measurement System (AMS) covers only N₂O emissions and tail gas mass volume part of the MS.

Monitoring System (MS) for purpose of this monitoring plan means:

monitoring system measuring operational conditions;

- Ammonia volume flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air volume flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

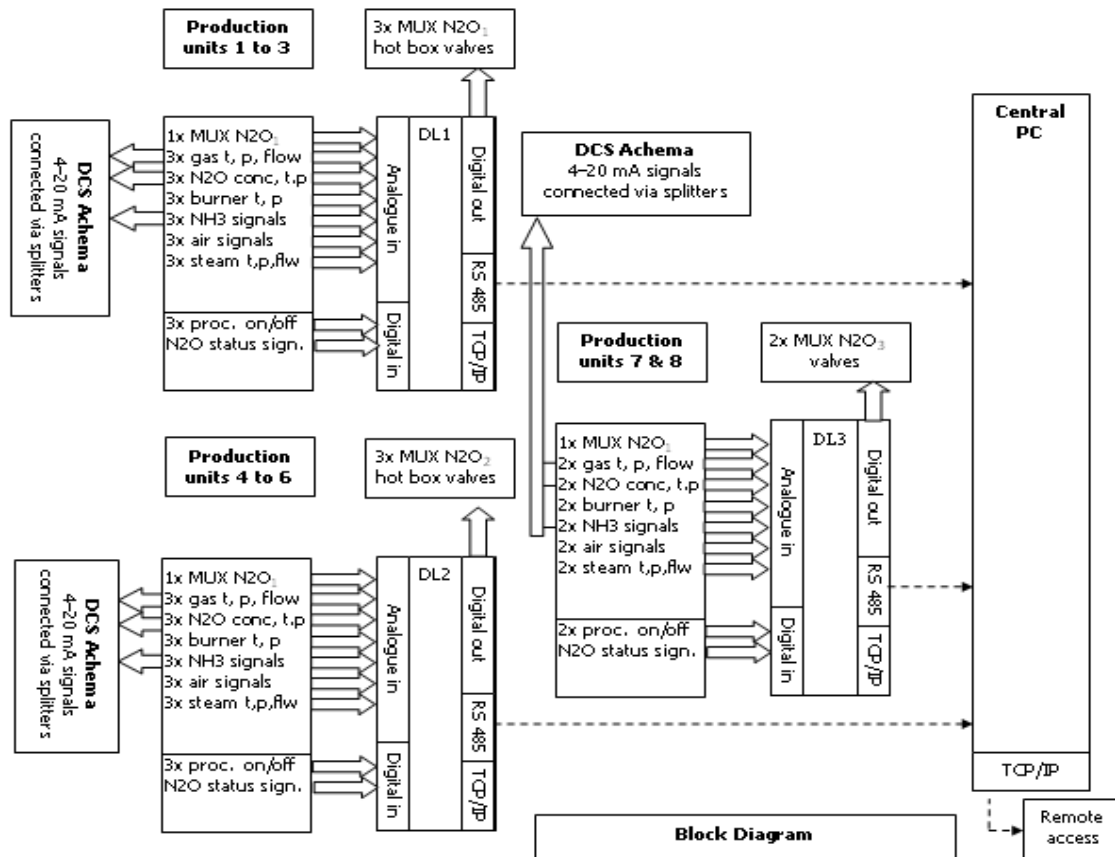
nitric acid 100% concentrate production;

- Nitric acid concentration
- Nitric acid flow
- Nitric acid temperature

and newly installed measurement devices for measurement of N₂O concentration and tail gas flow, temperature and pressure (AMS)

- N₂O concentration in the stack
- Stack volume flow rate
- Stack gas temperature
- Stack gas pressure

Incorporation of the AMS into the MS by interfacing already existing and newly installed measurement devices is documented by the diagram below.



N₂O automated measurement system

Main purpose of the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) is to measure total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaigns (both baseline and project). In order of calculation of total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaign it is necessary to measure on an extractive basis the N₂O concentration in a tail gas and on a non-extractive basis tail gas flow, pressure and temperature.

N₂O concentration

N₂O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from respective tail gas ducts at sampling points located after expansion turbines and transported by heated sample lines to the Monitoring room A located next to the main production hall. This applies to 2 concentration meters measuring lines 1-3 and lines 4-6. lines 7-8 are measured by third concentration meter located at the other side of the production hall (Monitoring room B) physically closer to respective production lines 7 and 8.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer (4°C), so N₂O concentration is measured on a dry basis. Correction of dry basis ppmV value to real wet tail

gas conditions based on steam flow injected into the system is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

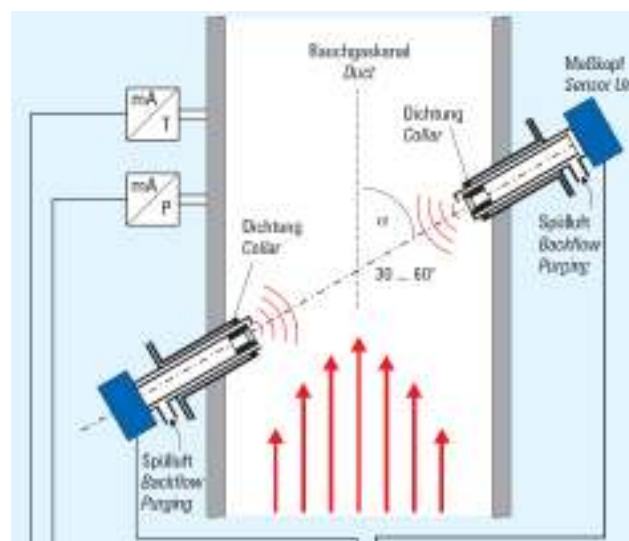
N₂O concentration is measured by concentration infrared absorption principle meters Xentra 4900 using GFX monitoring technology.

Recently there are 8 production Lines. N₂O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis. Tail gas samples are automatically switched. Under-sampling uncertainty is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

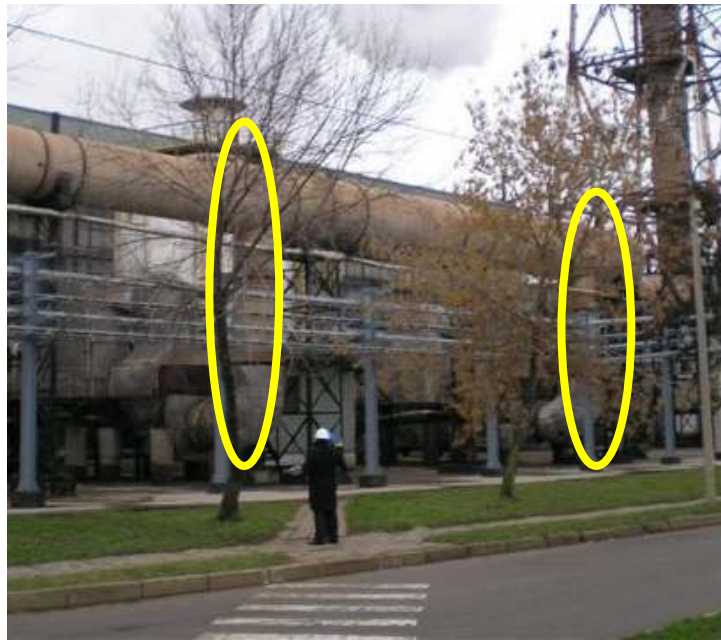
N₂O concentration measured data are sent from the concentration meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section.



The tail gas ducts do not allow any optimum location to perform the flow monitoring. The only possible location is the quite short vertical tube behind the 90° “knee”.



Since the flow is not really laminar, a classical Pitot tube one point solution wouldn't allow good results. The ultrasonic system is under these conditions superior to differential pressure. Cross duct monitoring is more accurate than a couple of discrete point averaged pressure.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas steam injection elimination

Steam injected into the Achema UKL-7 tail gas for purpose of increasing the turbine output is eliminated from the tail gas mass flow calculation by following formulae:

$$\text{flow - STVF} = L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325) * ((100 - L1_Humi) / 100)$$

where Humi (water content)=

$$(L1_Flow_steam * 1.2436) / (L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325)) * 100 + 0.6$$

where 1.2436 is the conversion factor from kg/h to Nm³/h and 0.6% is a value of humidity present in a flue gas permanently without steam injection

The Flow_steam parameter necessary for calculation of the water content in the dataloggers is provided in the kg/h unit.

Achema measures steam flow in kg/h using formula $Q=C*\sqrt{dp}$, where C is flow constant which is already integrated using an orifice plate sizing program. The orifice plate calculation for injection steam has been done for temperature 250°C and pressure 6 bar.

Flow steam in kg/h measured by using the constant steam T and P values is then recalculated to actual steam T and P values valid for relevant hours and as result the STVF value cleaned of the steam injected is used for further emission reductions calculations.

EN14181 compliance

As required by the AM0034/Version 02 methodology the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) complies with requirements of the technical norm EN14181. N₂O AMS consists from the N₂O concentration meter and integrated flowmeter (F, T, P). Both measurement devices are QAL1 certified (concentration meter for the N₂O measurand specifically) and after full commissioning of the monitoring system there was the QAL2 test carried out by an independent laboratory certified according to ISO17025.

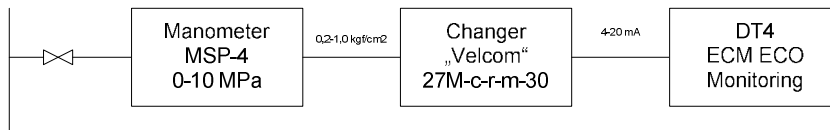
Operating conditions

For purpose of the baseline emissions factor setting it is necessary to monitor and report operating conditions in all 8 burners. Namely:

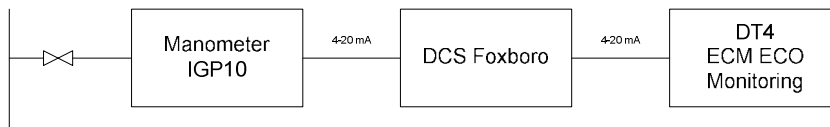
- Ammonia flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

All these parameters are measured by the plant monitoring system as presented on diagrams below:

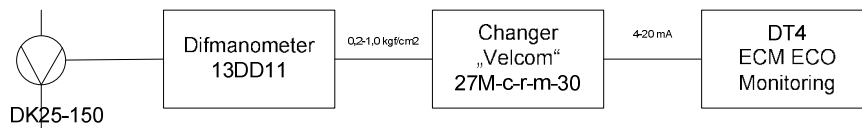
P in mixer 1-6 line



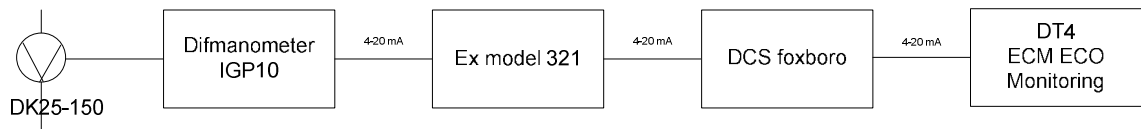
P in mixer 7-8 line

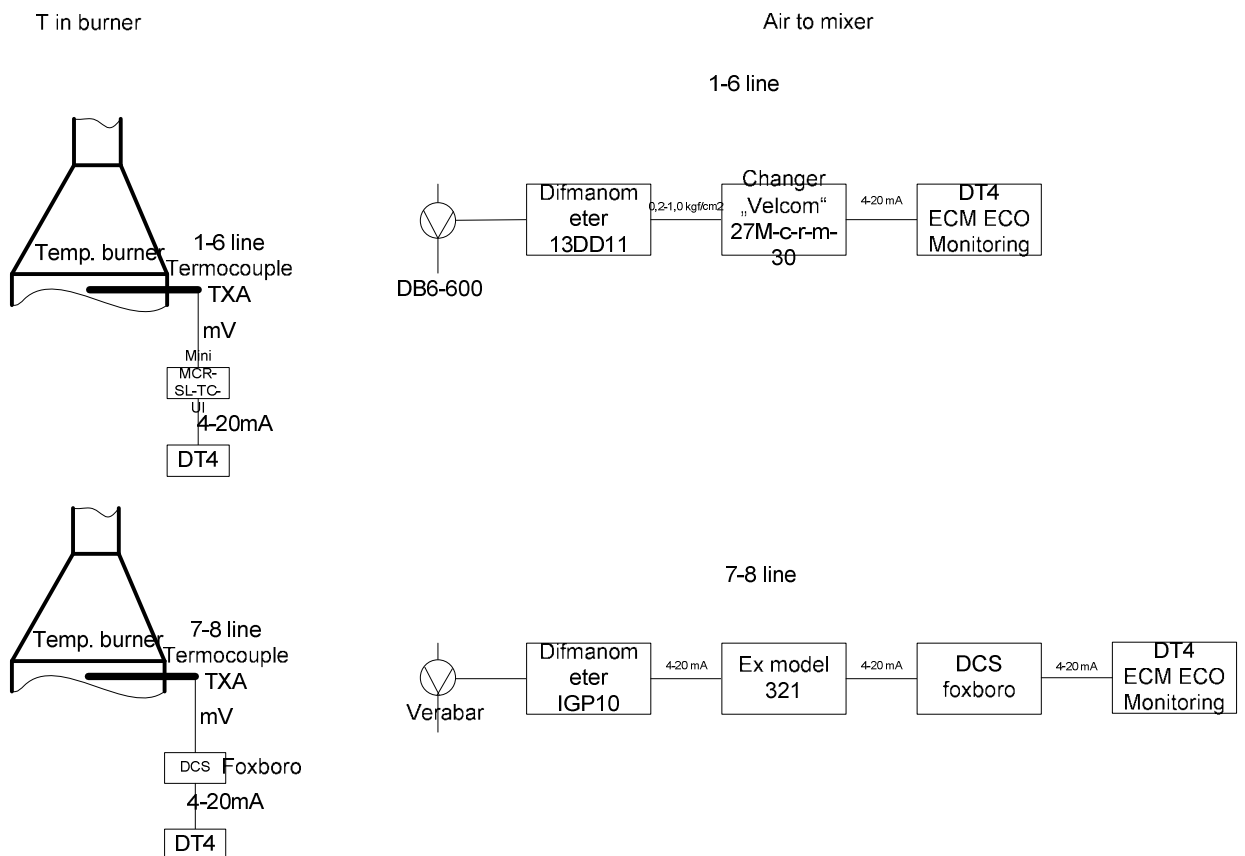


NH3 to mixer 1-6 line



NH3 to mixer 7-8 line





Signals obtained from these measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Operating conditions measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further. Maintenance procedures for the ammonia oxidation parameters follow the existing procedures for the operation of the nitric acid plant.

Nitric acid production

Nitric acid concentration is based on two components: nitric acid and water. Standard monitoring method is on-Line refractometry. Measurement of nitric acid (100%) mass volume production per campaign is necessary for calculation of the baseline emissions factor. Nitric acid concentration on all 8 Lines is measured by K-Patents PR-23-GP refractometers.

This analyzer is applying a prism to “return” a generated optical beam back to an LCD detector.



The detector is measuring refraction of monitored liquid based on known refraction of water and nitric acid. The instrument is calibrated for percent concentration of nitric acid. The analyzer is mounted on DIN-flange 2656, PN25 DN80. The optical prism does not require cleaning.

PR-23-GP characteristics:

Measuring RI is a direct concentration measurement principle. No need to rely or convert magnitudes.

Digital instrument – no calibration drift

As it is a robust instrument it is maintenance free

Dual connectivity if the installation positions allow.

On-Line data logging, through Ethernet, on whichever web browser.

No influence by bubbles or particles. It is very common that air enters the process pipeline and still the refractometer measures accurately.

Nitric acid concentration data are in an analog 4-20mA format provided to dataloggers which process these signals further.

In order of being able to calculate total mass volume of nitric acid 100% concentrate produced during the baseline campaign it is necessary to monitor also nitric acid flow and temperature. Measurement of pressure is not necessary for determination of the nitric acid mass volume flow, because nitric acid is in form of liquid and as such it has stable pressure characteristic.

Signals obtained from the nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further.

After installation of refractometers there have been occurrences of their failure and following repair service by the manufacturer. For this period starting from 09/11/2007 and ending on 30/07/2008 project uses HNO₃ concentration data provided by the laboratory measurements.

6. QAL 2 CALIBRATION ADJUSTMENTS

6.1 Applied principle

As required in the applicable norm EN14181: “The relation between the instrument readings of the recording measuring procedure and the quantity of the measuring objects has to be described by using a suitable convention method. The results have to be expressed by a regression analysis.”

As it is described in the Calibration Report issued by Airtec laboratory, the measurement results derived from the analog signals (4 mA to 20 mA) provided the installed instruments have been compared to the comparative measurements.

Linearity check of the instruments characteristics is stated in the QAL2 Calibration Report issued by the laboratory. The valid ranges of Linearity are determined by statistical analysis according to the guideline and the Linearity assumptions are further used in the Calibration Report establishing Linear regression Lines.

The general formula of the regression Line, established in the EN14181 and used in the Calibration Report is:

$$Y = a + bX$$

where:

X is the measured value of the instrument in mA
Y is the value of the parameter being objective of the measurement
a is a constant of the regression Line
b is the slope of the regression Line

After a comparative test the laboratory issued the old and new regression Lines properties, namely “a” and “b” applying for all of the measured parameters that are subject to calibration as stated in the Calibration Report.

The QAL2 corrections are based on the fact that the actual analog current outputs (in mA) of the measurement instruments are relevant for both, the old and new regression Lines:

$$X_o = X_n = X$$

where:

X_n: X new
X_o: X old

This allows us to derive a calibrating formula that gives us the corrected value of the measured physical parameters. The applied calibrating equation is:

$$Y_n = A_n + (B_n/B_o) * (Y_o - A_o)$$

In order to take into account the properties of the AMS and their implication to the QAL 2 implementation in the model, we will further introduce several remarks to the conversion and normalization of the data.

The units returned by the AMS “nm³/h” stand for normalized cubic meters of the gas volume at normal gas conditions (0° C, 1 atm.).

6.2 Stack gas volume flow

Based on the real conditions measured and applied by the AMS for normalization (TSG in °C and PSG in hPa), the stack gas volume flow values are converted to real conditions before the regression analysis using the ideal gas law. The actual gas volume flow rates are derived from gas velocity measurements, therefore, before applying the regression analysis the gas speed is calculated from the volume flow and the duct cross-section and is fed into the calibrating equation. The calibrated values derived from the calibrating equation then converted back to normalized units using the calibrated real conditions (calibrated TSG and PSG). The normalized calibrated stack gas flow rates are further fed into the emission calculation model for further processing as set out by the Approved Baseline and Monitoring Methodology AM_0034.

6.3 Nitric acid concentration in stack gas

The nitric acid concentration in the raw data set from the AMS is in mgN₂O/m₃. The concentration was converted to ppmv to make it compatible with the regression Lines parameters. The nitrous gas concentration values are then calibrated using the provided regression Lines parameters and are input in the model.

6.4 Stack gas Temperature

The stack gas temperature was calibrated by the regression conversion formula

6.5 Stack gas Pressure

The calibration report provides us with a regression Line for the stack gas pressure. We calibrate the readings of the measurements system using the regression formula and applying the values (in kPa).

7. EMISSION REDUCTION CALCULATIONS

Table T 2 illustrates the establishment of historic campaign length based on 5 previous campaigns. Average production in 5 campaigns preceding the baseline campaign was 59 680 tHNO₃ and time duration was on average 316 days. Table contains also information on suppliers of primary catalysts for the line 3. As shown in the table, it is usual practice in Achema to use primary catalysts from various suppliers.

T 2 Historic campaigns

Line	ACHEMA UKL-3	Production	Start	End	Days	Production per day	Primary Catalyst	Composition
Historic Campaigns	1 t HNO ₃	64 017	05 Feb 2004	09 Oct 2005	612	105	Heraeus	N/A *
	2 t HNO ₃	63 115	10 Oct 2005	28 Jun 2006	261	242	Heraeus	N/A *
	3 t HNO ₃	59 912	01 Jul 2005	24 Jan 2006	207	289	Heraeus	N/A *
	4 t HNO ₃	56 702	25 Jan 2006	23 Nov 2006	302	188	Heraeus	N/A *
	5 t HNO ₃	54 654	24 Dec 2006	09 Jul 2007	197	277	Heraeus	N/A *
Average HNO ₃ production	t HNO ₃	59 680			316	189	* Confidential but available for the verification	
Project Campaigns	BL t HNO ₃	59 042	01 Sep 2007	04 Jul 2008	308	192	Heraeus	N/A *
	PL t HNO ₃	83 058	19 Nov 2010	25 Aug 2011	280	297	Heraeus	N/A *

It is business as usual scenario in Achema UKL-7 plant to keep using primary catalysts from several suppliers and with several compositions. Selection of primary catalysts is determined by technical parameters of their use and price levels offered by suppliers in specific time. Primary catalysts used during the baseline campaign, if other than used in previous campaign/s, did not increase emissions of N₂O as confirmed by relevant statements provided to the verifier.

T 3 and Chart C 1 define the length of the baseline campaign. Baseline campaign measurements for this project campaign started using overlapping approach from 01/02/2008 to 04/07/2008 then from 01/09/2007 through 03/11/2007 when the 59 042 tHNO₃ nitric acid production was reached. The baseline measurement for N₂O concentration (NCSG) was carried out until the production of 59 042 tHNO₃ was reached.

We have two campaigns available that we can use for the baseline. AMS was installed in the middle of the first campaign, whereas the secondary catalyst was installed in the middle of the consecutive second one. We use these two campaigns to construct the baseline campaign using the overlapping approach as set out by the PDD. To get a clear start, that is, the baseline series has to start with a primary catalyst change, we use the beginning of the second campaign as the basis, until the secondary catalyst installation is reached. If this baseline turns out to be shorter than the project line, we use data available from the first campaign from the AMS installation to overlap the two series, and get a comparable baseline. Since we use the earliest available data from the first campaign, where emissions are generally lower, this is a conservative approach and fully in line with the PDD.

T 3 Baseline campaign length

ACHEMA UKL-3	Historic Campaigns End	Start of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Measurement NCSG	End of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Campaign
Dates	2007 Jul 09	2007 Sep 01	2008 Jul 04	2008 Jul 04	2008 Jul 05
Baseline Factor kgN2O/tHNO3	-	-	5.46	5.46	5.46
Production tHNO3	-	-	59 042	59 042	-
Per Day Production tHNO3	189.0	-	-	-	-
Baseline less Historic Production	(637.7)	-	-	-	-
Baseline less Historic Days	(3.4)	-	-	-	-

C 1 Baseline campaign length

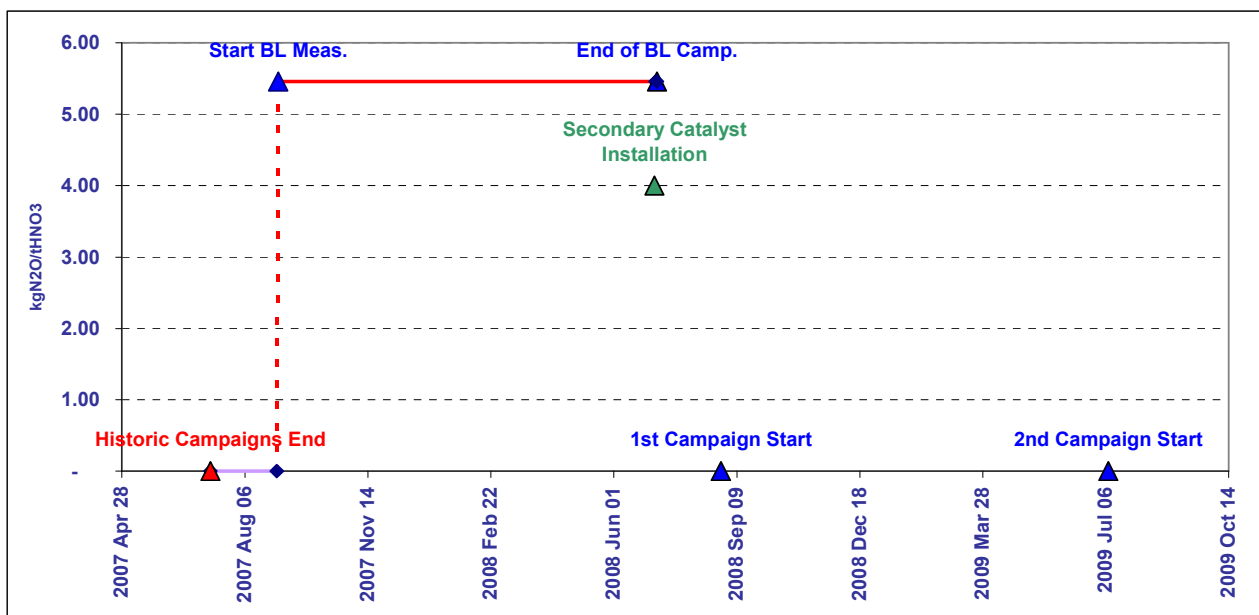


Table T 4 illustrates the calculation of the baseline emission factor on line 3 using the method as defined in the CDM methodology AM0034 and in the PDD.

Extreme values and data measured during hours when one or more of operating conditions were outside of the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculations. As a next step we have eliminated data beyond 95% confidence interval and calculated new mean values of N₂O concentration and stack gas volume flow using following method:

- Calculate the sample mean (x)
- Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

Using the means values we have calculated the baseline emissions as set out in the PDD.

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred. Calculated baseline N₂O emissions were 342 tN₂O.

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

The UNC factor defined by the QAL2 report is 5.630%, which was further modified by an uncertainty of 0.090% due to under-sampling. As a result we have arrived to the baseline emission factor of 5.46 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Table T 5 shows the calculation of the project emission factor on Line 3 during the project campaign. Project campaign started on 19/11/2010 and went through 25/08/2011.

We have eliminated extreme values and data beyond the 95% confidence interval as prescribed by the PDD.

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

Using the mean values we have calculated total mass of N₂O emissions (PE_n) as follows:

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours (OH) defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred.

By dividing total mass of N₂O emissions by the nitric acid production (capped by nameplate capacity 350 tHNO₃/day) we have determined the project campaign specific emission factor at value of 2.76 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

$$EF_n = PE_n / NAP_n (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

T 4 Baseline emission factor

BASELINE EMISSION FACTOR										
Parameter	Operating Hours	Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure	AMS in Operation	Nitric Acid Production
Code Unit	OH h	NAP t/h	NCSG mg N2O/Nm3	VSG Nm3/h	AFR Nm3/h	AIFR %	OT °C	OP kPa	h	NCSG NAP t/h
Elimination of extreme values										
Lower limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	-50	0	0	0
Upper Limit	50.00	3.000	120.000	10.000	20.00	1.200	1.000	1.000	50	50
Raw Data Measured Range										
Count	4 524	5 074	4 743	4 623	5 148	4 843	5 235	5 232	4 155	5 074
as % of Dataset	86%	97%	90%	88%	98%	92%	100%	100%	79%	97%
Minimum		-	0	10	1	0	0	0	0	-
Maximum		16.63	1 864	90 517	6 221	19.99	906	626	626	17
Mean		11.64	1 104	67 849	4 974	10.52	794	545	545	12
Standard Deviation		5.03	291	11 542	1 802	1.62	258	118	118	5
Total		59 042								59 042
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
	339	t N2O								
Emission Factor	5.42	kgN2O / tHNO3								
Permitted Range										
Minimum				4 500	0	880	880	0		
Maximum				7 500	11.70	910	800	800		
Data within the permitted range										
Count	4 087	3 816	84%	3 994	88%	4 155	92%	4 155	92%	4 155
as % of Operating Hours	90%	84%	88%	88%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%
Minimum		381	84%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maximum		1 864	84%	77 232	84%	77 232	84%	64 988	84%	64 988
Mean		1 118	84%	64 988	84%	14 287	84%	14 287	84%	14 287
Standard Deviation		147	84%	147	84%	147	84%	147	84%	147
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
	329	t N2O								
Emission Factor	5.26	kgN2O / tHNO3								
Data within the confidence interval										
95% Confidence interval										
Lower bound		829	82%	36 985	82%	36 985	82%	36 985	82%	36 985
Upper bound		1 407	82%	92 991	82%	92 991	82%	92 991	82%	92 991
Count	3 659	3 816	81%	3 816	84%	4 155	84%	4 155	84%	4 155
as % of Operating Hours	81%	84%	84%	84%	84%	84%	84%	84%	84%	84%
Minimum		830	81%	48 852	81%	48 852	81%	48 852	81%	48 852
Maximum		1 407	81%	77 232	81%	77 232	81%	77 232	81%	77 232
Mean		1 110	81%	68 019	81%	68 019	81%	68 019	81%	68 019
Standard Deviation		125	81%	125	81%	125	81%	125	81%	125
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
	342	t N2O								
Emission Factor (EF - BL)	5.46	kgN2O / tHNO3								

T 5 Project emission factor

		PROJECT EMISSION FACTOR						
Parameter	Operating Hours	Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure
Code Unit	OH h	NAP t/h	NCSG mg N2O/Nm3	VSG Nm3/h	AFR Nm3/h	AIFR %	OT °C	OP kPa
Elimination of extreme values		0	0	0	0	0	50	0
Lower limit		50.00	3.000	120.000	10.000	20.00	1.200	1.000
Upper Limit								
Raw Data Measured Range								
Count	6.245	6.256	6.147	6.172	6.681	6.250	6.681	6.681
as % of Dataset	93%	93%	92%	92%	100%	93%	100%	100%
Minimum	1.30	1.30	200	317	141	5	1	5
Maximum	15.59	15.59	916	98.414	7.356	19.50	992	689
Mean	13.28	13.28	478	70.997	5.633	10.33	848	600
Standard Deviation	1.46	1.46	143	3.796	861	0.19	174	75
Total		83.058						
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)								
Emission Factor		212 t N2O						
		2.55 kgN2O / tHNO3						
Data within the confidence interval								
95% Confidence interval								
Lower bound				197	63.557			
Upper bound				758	78.437			
Count				6.029	5.940			
as % of Operating Hours				97%	95%			
Minimum				200	63.568			
Maximum				758	78.420			
Mean				477	70.691			
Standard Deviation				143	3.231			
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)								
Actual Project Emission Factor (EF_P Actual)		210 t N2O						
Abatement Ratio		2.53 kgN2O / tHNO3						
		53.6%						
Moving Average Emission Factor Correction								
		Actual Factors	Moving Average Rule					
1		1.92	1.92					
2		3.01	3.01					
3		3.57	3.57					
4		2.53	2.76					
5		-	-					
Project Emission Factor (EF_P)								
Abatement Ratio		2.76 kgN2O / tHNO3						
		49.5%						

MONITORING REPORT

PROJECT: ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant N₂O abatement project

LINE: Line 4

MONITORING PERIOD:

FROM: 16/03/2011

TO: 05/10/2011

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This monitoring report determines baseline emission factor for the Line 4 of ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant and quantity of emission reduction generated during the fourth project campaign on Line 4.

The first project campaign on Line 4 started on 01/08/2008. Secondary catalyst was installed on 06/10/2008. Total quantity of emission reductions generated during the fourth project period from 16/03/2011 through 05/10/2011 on Line 4 is **105 340 ERUs**.

T 1 Emission reduction calculations

EMISSION REDUCTION			
Baseline Emission Factor	EF_BL	7.73	kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Project Campaign Emission Factor	EF_P	2.19	kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL	58 683	tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the NCSG Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL_NCSG	58 683	tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Project Campaign	NAP_P	61 337	tHNO ₃
GWP	GWP	310	tCO ₂ e/tN ₂ O
Emission Reduction	ER	105 340	tCO₂e
<i>ER=(EF_BL-EF_P)*NAP_P*GWP/1000</i>			
Abatement Ratio			77.4%

EMISSION REDUCTION PER YEAR			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Date From			16 Mar 2011
Date To			05 Oct 2011
Nitric Acid Production			61 337
Emission Reduction			105 340
<i>ER_YR = ER * NAP_P_YR / NAP_P</i>			

Baseline emission factor established for the Line 4 during baseline measurement carried from 28/12/2007 through 31/07/2008 is 7.73 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Project emission factor during the fourth project campaign after installation of secondary catalysts on Line 4, which started on 16/03/2011 and went through 05/10/2011 with secondary catalyst installed and commissioned on 06/10/2008, is 2.19 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

During the project campaign 61 337 tonnes of nitric acid was produced.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITY

Purpose of the Project (the “Project”) is the reduction of nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions from nitric acid production Lines at the UKL-7 nitric acid plant of AB Achema (“Achema” or “the Company”). The Company is situated in Jonava, Lithuania.

Achema has installed and operates secondary N₂O reduction catalysts underneath the primary catalyst precious metal catching and catalytic gauzes package in the ammonium burners of the UKL-7 nitric acid plant.

This monitoring report contains information on Line 4 emission reductions including information on baseline emission factor setting for the Line 4.

The separate treatment of nitric acid lines and overlapping of the monitoring periods are allowed by the clarification issued Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee: “CLARIFICATION REGARDING OVERLAPPING MONITORING PERIODS UNDER THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE UNDER THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE”. The Project meets all the requirements set out by the clarification:

1. The Project is composed of clearly identifiable components for which emission reductions or enhancements of removals are calculated independently; and
2. Monitoring is performed independently for each of these components, i.e. the data/parameters monitored for one component are not dependent on/effect data/parameters (to be) monitored for another component; and
3. The monitoring plan ensures that monitoring is performed for all components and that in these cases all the requirements of the JI guidelines and further guidance by the JISC regarding monitoring are met.

3. BASELINE SETTING

Baseline emission factor for line 4 has been established on the Line-specific basis. Campaign used for baseline measurements on the line 4 has been carried out from 28/12/2007 through 31/07/2008.

N₂O concentration and gas volume flow are monitored by monitoring system complying with requirements of the European Norm 14181.

Monitoring system provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation as an average of the measured values for the previous 60 minutes.

Measurement results can be distorted before and after periods of downtime or malfunction of the monitoring system and can lead to mavericks. To eliminate such extremes and to ensure a conservative approach, the following statistical evaluation is applied to the complete data series of N₂O concentration as well as to the data series for gas volume flow. The statistical procedure is applied to data obtained after eliminating data measured for periods where the plant operated outside the permitted ranges:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

The average mass of N₂O emissions per hour is estimated as product of the NCSG and VSG. The N₂O emissions per campaign are estimates product of N₂O emission per hour and the total number of complete hours of operation of the campaign using the following equation:

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

The Line specific baseline emissions factor representing the average N₂O emissions per tonne of nitric acid over one full campaign is derived by dividing the total mass of N₂O emissions by the total output of 100% concentrated nitric acid during baseline campaign.

The overall uncertainty of the monitoring system has been determined by the QAL2 report and the measurement error is expressed as a percentage (UNC). The N₂O emission factor per tonne of nitric acid produced in the baseline period (EF_{BL}) has been then be reduced by the percentage error as follows:

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

where:

Variable	Definition
EF_{BL}	Baseline N_2O emissions factor ($tN_2O/tHNO_3$)
BE_{BC}	Total N_2O emissions during the baseline campaign (tN_2O)
$NCSG_{BC}$	Mean concentration of N_2O in the stack gas during the baseline campaign (mgN_2O/m^3)
OH_{BC}	Operating hours of the baseline campaign (h)
VSG_{BC}	Mean gas volume flow rate at the stack in the baseline measurement period (m^3/h)
NAP_{BC}	Nitric acid production during the baseline campaign ($tHNO_3$)
UNC	Overall uncertainty of the monitoring system (%), calculated as the combined uncertainty of the applied monitoring equipment.

3.1 Measurement procedure for N_2O concentration and tail gas volume flow

3.1.1 Tail gas N_2O concentration

N_2O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from the Line 4 tail gas duct at sampling point located after expansion turbine and transported by sample Line to the Monitoring room A, where the analyzer is located.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer ($4^\circ C$), so N_2O concentration is measured on a dry basis.

N_2O concentration is measured by concentration infrared absorption principle meters Xentra 4900 using GFX monitoring technology.

Recently there are 8 production lines. N_2O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis.

N_2O concentration measured data are sent from the analyzer on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.1.2 Tail gas flow rate, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section. Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.2 Permitted range of operating conditions of the nitric acid plant

Under certain circumstances, the operating conditions during the measurement period used to determine baseline N_2O emission factor may be outside the permitted range or limit corresponding to normal operating conditions. N_2O baseline data measured during hours

where the operating conditions were outside the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculation of the baseline emissions factor.

Normal ranges for operating conditions have been determined for the following parameters:

- oxidation temperature;
- oxidation pressure;
- ammonia gas flow rate,
- air input flow rate.

The permitted range for these parameters has been established using the plant operation manual, as described in the PDD..

3.3 Historic Campaign Length

The average historic campaign length (CL_{normal}) defined as the average campaign length for the historic campaigns used to define operating condition (the previous five campaigns), has not been used as a cap on the length of the baseline campaign because of shorter project campaign.

4. PROJECT EMISSIONS

During the first project campaign on line 4 the tail gas volume flow in the stack of the nitric acid plant as well as N₂O concentration have been measured on the continuous basis.

4.1.1 Estimation of campaign-specific project emissions factor

The monitoring system was installed using the guidance document EN 14181 and provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation. Same statistical evaluation that was applied to the baseline data series has been applied to the project data series:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH \text{ (tN}_2\text{O)}$$

where:

Variable	Definition
VSG	Mean stack gas volume flow rate for the project campaign (m ³ /h)
NCSG	Mean concentration of N ₂ O in the stack gas for the project campaign (mgN ₂ O/m ³)
PE _n	Total N ₂ O emissions of the n th project campaign (tN ₂ O)
OH	Is the number of hours of operation in the specific monitoring period (h)

4.1.2 Derivation of a moving average emission factor

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

4.2 Minimum project emission factor

The minimum average emission factor established factor will be established after 10th project campaign.

4.3 Project Campaign Length

Project campaign production of nitric acid has been below defined nameplate capacity and thus all NAP produced from date of installation of secondary catalysts has been used for calculation of emission reductions.

4.4 Leakage

No leakage calculation is required.

4.5 Emission reductions

The emission reductions for the project activity during this campaign have been determined by deducting the campaign-specific emission factor from the baseline emission factor and multiplying the result by the production output of 100% concentrated nitric acid over the campaign period and the GWP of N₂O:

$$ER = (EFBL - EFP) * NAP * GWPN_{2O} \text{ (tCO}_2\text{e)}$$

Where:

Variable	Definition
ER	Emission reductions of the project for the specific campaign (tCO ₂ e)
NAP	Nitric acid production for the project campaign (tHNO ₃). The maximum value of NAP shall not exceed the design capacity.
EFBL	Baseline emissions factor (tN ₂ O/tHNO ₃)
EFP	Emissions factor used to calculate the emissions from this particular campaign (i.e. the higher of EF _{ma,n} and EF _n)

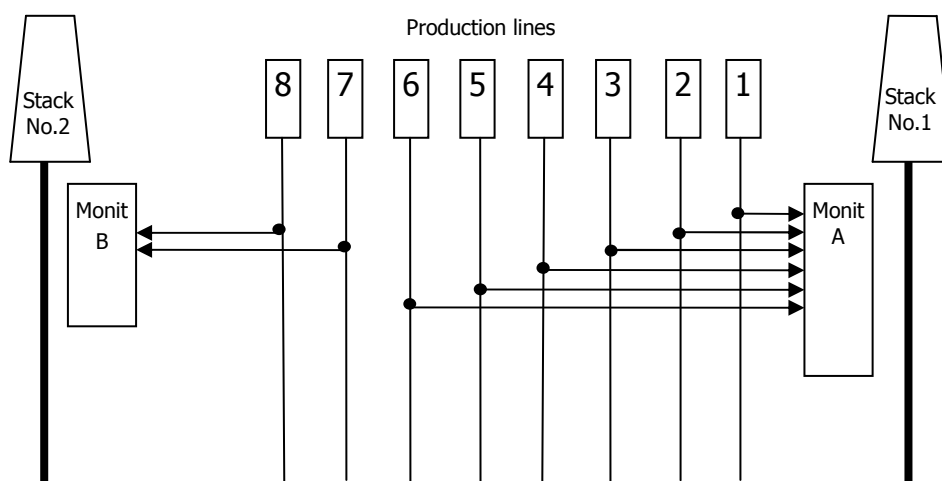
5. MONITORING PLAN

Purpose of the monitoring plan

The purpose of the monitoring plan is to describe the system used to monitor emissions of N_2O from the plant in such a way that is compliant with the prescriptions of the AM0034/Version 02.

Plant description

The UKL-7 nitric acid plant comprises 8 production Lines numbered from 1 through 8, each with its own burner, absorption column and expansion turbine. Each production Line represents a separate nitric acid production unit independent from each other. The tail gases from each Line are after expansion turbines led to a common stack bus and vented through two interconnected stacks.



Primary catalyst is changed at different times thus it is necessary to measure the emissions from each Line individually. This means that eight separate sets of monitoring equipment are installed to measure tail gas flow, nitric acid production, nitric acid concentration, and the operating conditions. N_2O concentration in the tail gas is measured by 3 switched concentration meters.

Monitoring System architecture

Methodology AM0034/Version 02 requires installation of an N_2O monitoring system that includes both a gas volume flow meter to determine the tail gas mass volume flow and an infrared gas analyser to determine the concentration of N_2O .

But tail gas N₂O concentration meter and tail gas volume flow meter alone are not sufficient for a JI project purposes. In order of being able to calculate the baseline emission factor expressed as tonnage of N₂O in t CO₂e per 1 tonne of HNO₃ (100%), it is necessary to include also HNO₃ measurement, and in order of being able to document normal operating conditions it is necessary to include also operating conditions measurement.

Because of this we use the term Monitoring System (MS) to describe entire monitoring system directly and indirectly used for the JI purposes, while Automated Measurement System (AMS) covers only N₂O emissions and tail gas mass volume part of the MS.

Monitoring System (MS) for purpose of this monitoring plan means:

monitoring system measuring operational conditions;

- Ammonia volume flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air volume flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

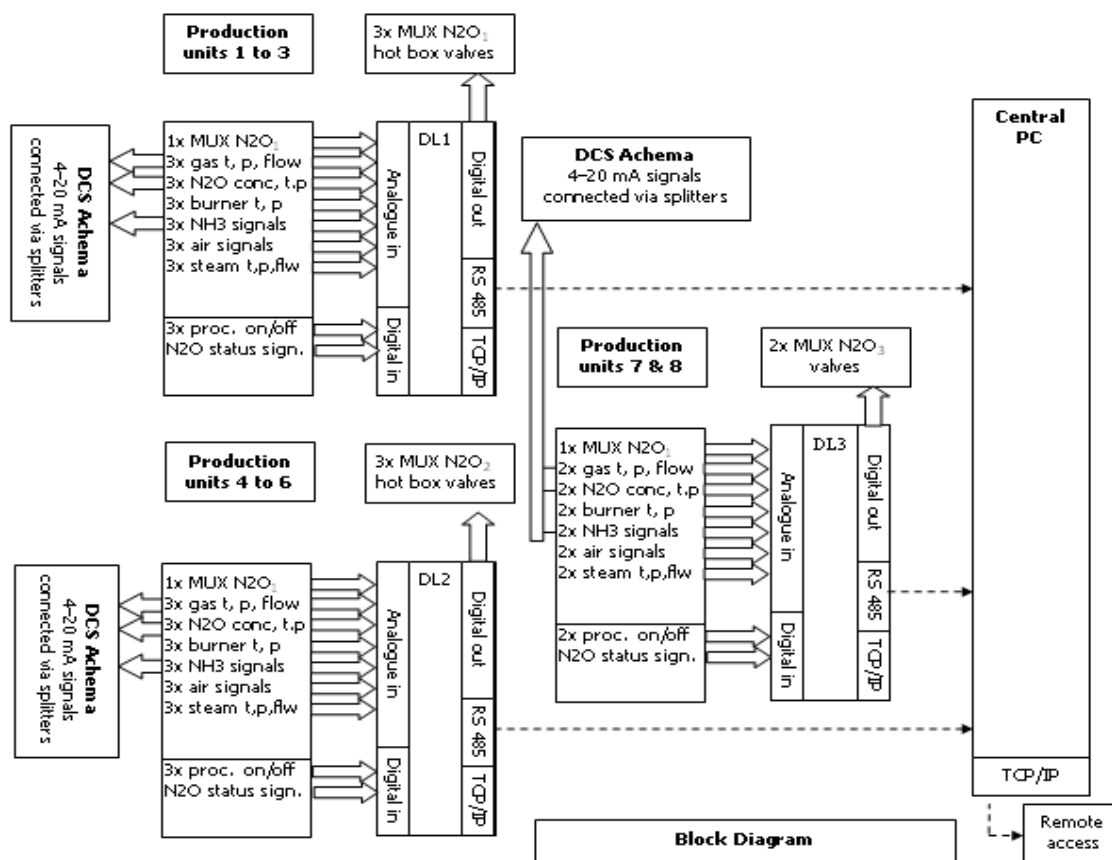
nitric acid 100% concentrate production;

- Nitric acid concentration
- Nitric acid flow
- Nitric acid temperature

and newly installed measurement devices for measurement of N₂O concentration and tail gas flow, temperature and pressure (AMS)

- N₂O concentration in the stack
- Stack volume flow rate
- Stack gas temperature
- Stack gas pressure

Incorporation of the AMS into the MS by interfacing already existing and newly installed measurement devices is documented by the diagram below.



N₂O automated measurement system

Main purpose of the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) is to measure total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaigns (both baseline and project). In order of calculation of total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaign it is necessary to measure on an extractive basis the N₂O concentration in a tail gas and on a non-extractive basis tail gas flow, pressure and temperature.

N₂O concentration

N₂O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from respective tail gas ducts at sampling points located after expansion turbines and transported by heated sample lines to the Monitoring room A located next to the main production hall. This applies to 2 concentration meters measuring lines 1-3 and lines 4-6. lines 7-8 are measured by third concentration meter located at the other side of the production hall (Monitoring room B) physically closer to respective production lines 7 and 8.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer (4°C), so N₂O concentration is measured on a dry basis. Correction of dry basis ppmV value to real wet tail

gas conditions based on steam flow injected into the system is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

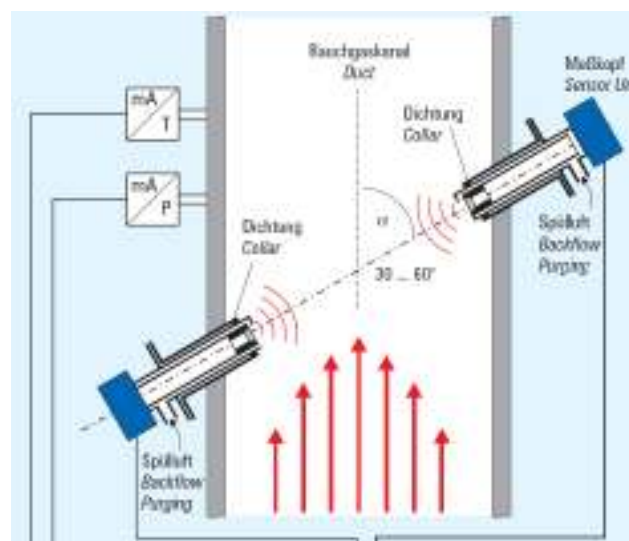
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Recently there are 8 production Lines. N₂O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis. Tail gas samples are automatically switched. Under-sampling uncertainty is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

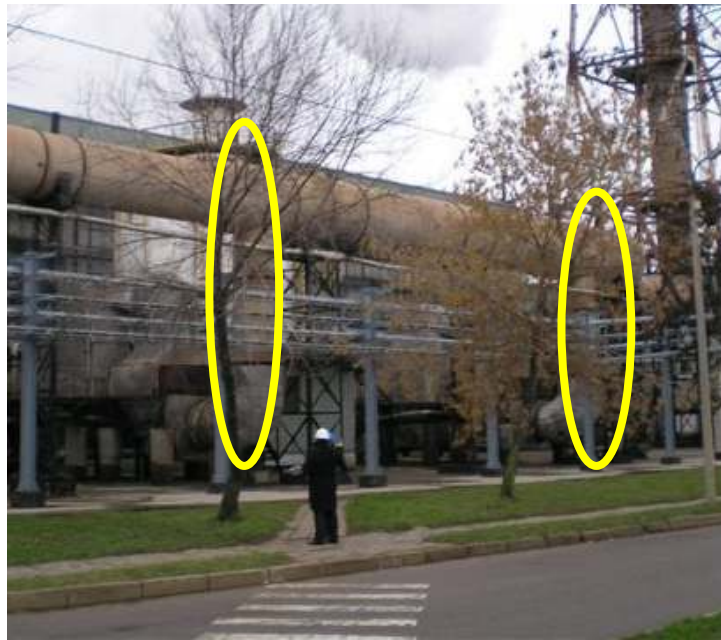
N₂O concentration measured data are sent from the concentration meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section.



The tail gas ducts do not allow any optimum location to perform the flow monitoring. The only possible location is the quite short vertical tube behind the 90° “knee”.



Since the flow is not really laminar, a classical Pitot tube one point solution wouldn't allow good results. The ultrasonic system is under these conditions superior to differential pressure. Cross duct monitoring is more accurate than a couple of discrete point averaged pressure.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas steam injection elimination

Steam injected into the Achema UKL-7 tail gas for purpose of increasing the turbine output is eliminated from the tail gas mass flow calculation by following formulae:

$$\text{flow - STVF} = \frac{L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325) * ((100 - L1_Humi) / 100)}{100 + 0.6}$$

where Humi (water content)=

$$\frac{(L1_Flow_steam * 1.2436)}{(L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325)) * 100 + 0.6}$$

where 1.2436 is the conversion factor from kg/h to Nm³/h and 0.6% is a value of humidity present in a flue gas permanently without steam injection

The Flow_steam parameter necessary for calculation of the water content in the dataloggers is provided in the kg/h unit.

Achema measures steam flow in kg/h using formula $Q=C*\sqrt{dp}$, where C is flow constant which is already integrated using an orifice plate sizing program. The orifice plate calculation for injection steam has been done for temperature 250°C and pressure 6 bar.

Flow steam in kg/h measured by using the constant steam T and P values is then recalculated to actual steam T and P values valid for relevant hours and as result the STVF value cleaned of the steam injected is used for further emission reductions calculations.

EN14181 compliance

As required by the AM0034/Version 02 methodology the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) complies with requirements of the technical norm EN14181. N₂O AMS consists from the N₂O concentration meter and integrated flowmeter (F, T, P). Both measurement devices are QAL1 certified (concentration meter for the N₂O measurand specifically) and after full commissioning of the monitoring system there was the QAL2 test carried out by an independent laboratory certified according to ISO17025.

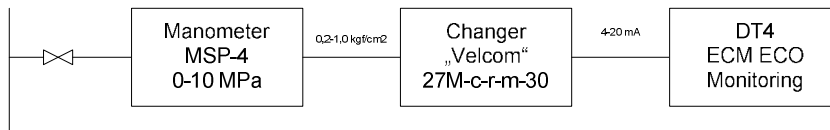
Operating conditions

For purpose of the baseline emissions factor setting it is necessary to monitor and report operating conditions in all 8 burners. Namely:

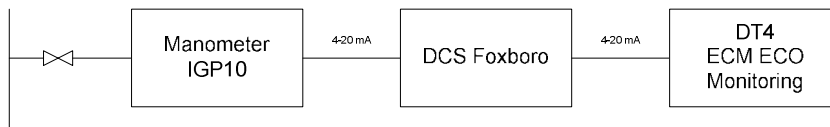
- Ammonia flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

All these parameters are measured by the plant monitoring system as presented on diagrams below:

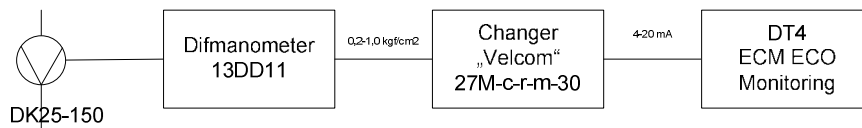
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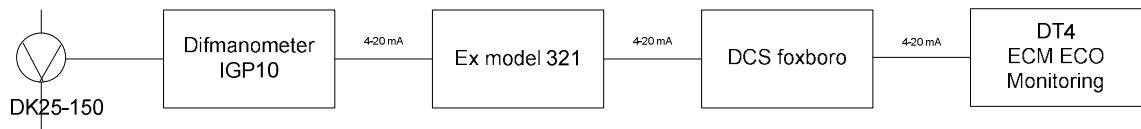
P in mixer 7-8 line

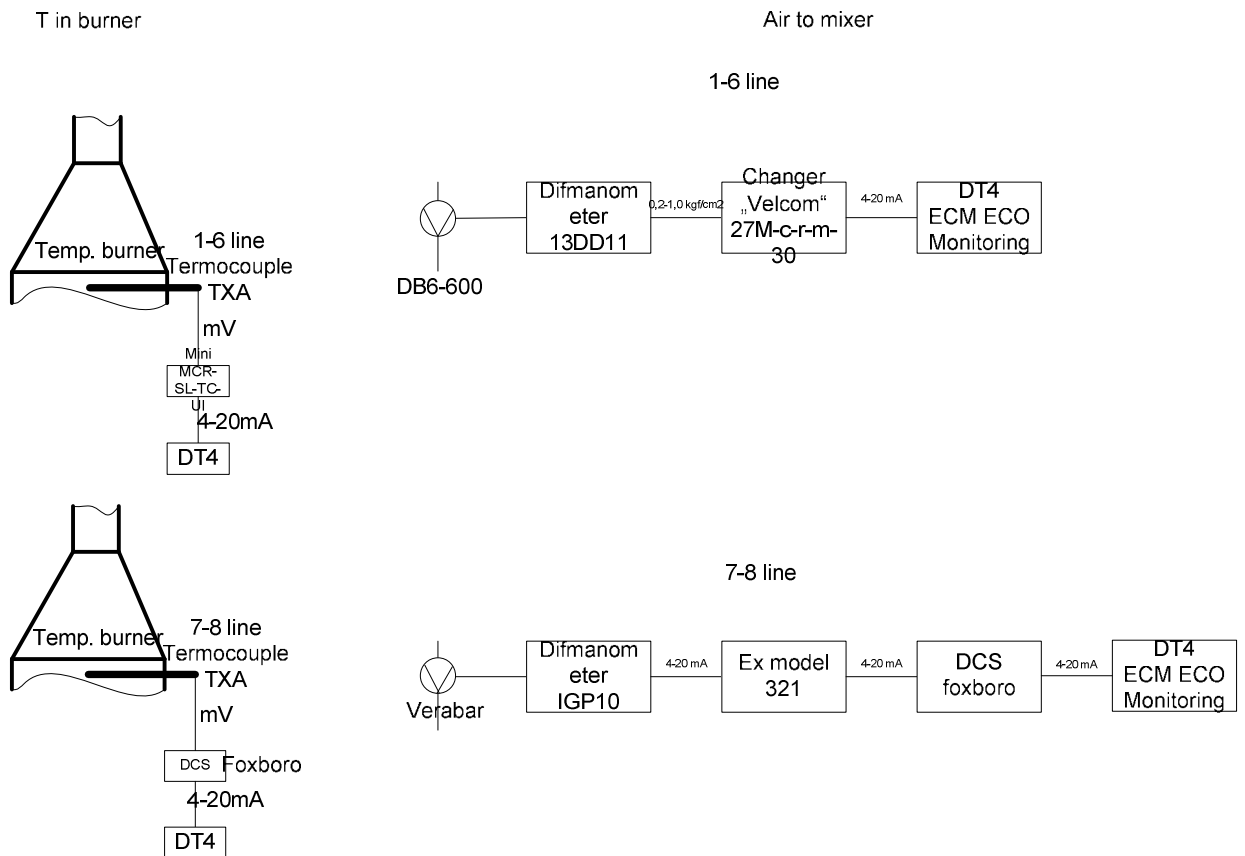


NH3 to mixer 1-6 line



NH3 to mixer 7-8 line





Signals obtained from these measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Operating conditions measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further. Maintenance procedures for the ammonia oxidation parameters follow the existing procedures for the operation of the nitric acid plant.

Nitric acid production

Nitric acid concentration is based on two components: nitric acid and water. Standard monitoring method is on-Line refractometry. Measurement of nitric acid (100%) mass volume production per campaign is necessary for calculation of the baseline emissions factor. Nitric acid concentration on all 8 Lines is measured by K-Patents PR-23-GP refractometers.

This analyzer is applying a prism to "return" a generated optical beam back to an LCD detector.



The detector is measuring refraction of monitored liquid based on known refraction of water and nitric acid. The instrument is calibrated for percent concentration of nitric acid. The analyzer is mounted on DIN-flange 2656, PN25 DN80. The optical prism does not require cleaning.

PR-23-GP characteristics:

Measuring RI is a direct concentration measurement principle. No need to rely or convert magnitudes.

Digital instrument – no calibration drift

As it is a robust instrument it is maintenance free

Dual connectivity if the installation positions allow.

On-Line data logging, through Ethernet, on whichever web browser.

No influence by bubbles or particles. It is very common that air enters the process pipeline and still the refractometer measures accurately.

Nitric acid concentration data are in an analog 4-20mA format provided to dataloggers which process these signals further.

In order of being able to calculate total mass volume of nitric acid 100% concentrate produced during the baseline campaign it is necessary to monitor also nitric acid flow and temperature. Measurement of pressure is not necessary for determination of the nitric acid mass volume flow, because nitric acid is in form of liquid and as such it has stable pressure characteristic.

Signals obtained from the nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further.

After installation of refractometers there have been occurrences of their failure and following repair service by the manufacturer. For this period starting from 31/10/2007 and ending on 10/09/2008 project uses HNO₃ concentration data provided by the laboratory measurements.

6. QAL 2 CALIBRATION ADJUSTMENTS

6.1 Applied principle

As required in the applicable norm EN14181: “The relation between the instrument readings of the recording measuring procedure and the quantity of the measuring objects has to be described by using a suitable convention method. The results have to be expressed by a regression analysis.”

As it is described in the Calibration Report issued by Airtec laboratory, the measurement results derived from the analog signals (4 mA to 20 mA) provided the installed instruments have been compared to the comparative measurements.

Linearity check of the instruments characteristics is stated in the QAL2 Calibration Report issued by the laboratory. The valid ranges of Linearity are determined by statistical analysis according to the guideline and the Linearity assumptions are further used in the Calibration Report establishing Linear regression Lines.

The general formula of the regression Line, established in the EN14181 and used in the Calibration Report is:

$$Y = a + bX$$

where:

X is the measured value of the instrument in mA
Y is the value of the parameter being objective of the measurement
a is a constant of the regression Line
b is the slope of the regression Line

After a comparative test the laboratory issued the old and new regression Lines properties, namely “a” and “b” applying for all of the measured parameters that are subject to calibration as stated in the Calibration Report.

The QAL2 corrections are based on the fact that the actual analog current outputs (in mA) of the measurement instruments are relevant for both, the old and new regression Lines:

$$X_o = X_n = X$$

where:

X_n: X new
X_o: X old

This allows us to derive a calibrating formula that gives us the corrected value of the measured physical parameters. The applied calibrating equation is:

$$Y_n = A_n + (B_n/B_o) * (Y_o - A_o)$$

In order to take into account the properties of the AMS and their implication to the QAL 2 implementation in the model, we will further introduce several remarks to the conversion and normalization of the data.

The units returned by the AMS “nm³/h” stand for normalized cubic meters of the gas volume at normal gas conditions (0° C, 1 atm.).

6.2 Stack gas volume flow

Based on the real conditions measured and applied by the AMS for normalization (TSG in °C and PSG in hPa), the stack gas volume flow values are converted to real conditions before the regression analysis using the ideal gas law. The actual gas volume flow rates are derived from gas velocity measurements, therefore, before applying the regression analysis the gas speed is calculated from the volume flow and the duct cross-section and is fed into the calibrating equation. The calibrated values derived from the calibrating equation then converted back to normalized units using the calibrated real conditions (calibrated TSG and PSG). The normalized calibrated stack gas flow rates are further fed into the emission calculation model for further processing as set out by the Approved Baseline and Monitoring Methodology AM_0034.

6.3 Nitric acid concentration in stack gas

The nitric acid concentration in the raw data set from the AMS is in mgN₂O/m₃. The concentration was converted to ppmv to make it compatible with the regression Lines parameters. The nitrous gas concentration values are then calibrated using the provided regression Lines parameters and are input in the model.

6.4 Stack gas Temperature

The stack gas temperature was calibrated by the regression conversion formula

6.5 Stack gas Pressure

The calibration report provides us with a regression Line for the stack gas pressure. We calibrate the readings of the measurements system using the regression formula and applying the values (in kPa).

7. EMISSION REDUCTION CALCULATIONS

Table T 2 illustrates the establishment of historic campaign length based on 5 previous campaigns. Average production in 5 campaigns preceding the baseline campaign was 65 823 tHNO₃ and time duration was on average 275 days. Table contains also information on suppliers of primary catalysts for the line 4.

T 2 Historic campaigns

Line	ACHEMA UKL-4	Production	Start	End	Days	Production per day	Primary Catalyst	Composition
Historic Campaigns	1 t HNO ₃	69 782	18 Apr 2003	11 Dec 2003	237	294	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	2 t HNO ₃	65 420	11 Dec 2003	06 Dec 2004	361	181	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	3 t HNO ₃	66 129	07 Dec 2004	08 Nov 2005	336	197	Umicore	N/A *
	4 t HNO ₃	66 826	22 Mar 2006	23 Nov 2006	246	272	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	5 t HNO ₃	60 959	23 Nov 2006	04 Jun 2007	193	316	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
Average HNO ₃ production	t HNO ₃	65 823			275	240	* Confidential but available for the verification	
Project Campaigns	BL t HNO ₃	58 683	28 Dec 2007	31 Jul 2008	216	272	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	PL t HNO ₃	61 337	16 Mar 2011	05 Oct 2011	203	302	Johnson Matthey	N/A *

It is business as usual scenario in Achema UKL-7 plant to keep using primary catalysts from several suppliers and with several compositions. Selection of primary catalysts is determined by technical parameters of their use and price levels offered by suppliers in specific time. Primary catalysts used during the baseline campaign, if other than used in previous campaign/s, did not increase emissions of N₂O as confirmed by relevant statements provided to the verifier.

T 3 and Chart C 1 define the length of the baseline campaign. Baseline campaign measurements for this project campaign started on 28/12/2007 and continued through 31/07/2008 when the 58 683 tHNO₃ nitric acid production was reached. The measurement of baseline Nitrous Acid Concentration (NCSG) was carried out until production reached - tHNO₃.

T 3 Baseline campaign length

ACHEMA UKL-4	Historic Campaigns End	Start of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Measurement NCSG	End of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Campaign
Dates	2007 Jun 04	2007 Dec 28	2008 Jul 31	2008 Jul 31	2008 Aug 01
Baseline Factor kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃	-	-	7.73	7.73	7.73
Production tHNO ₃	-	-	58 683	58 683	-
Per Day Production tHNO ₃	239.7				
Baseline less Historic Production	(7 140.4)				
Baseline less Historic Days	(29.8)				

C 1 Baseline campaign length

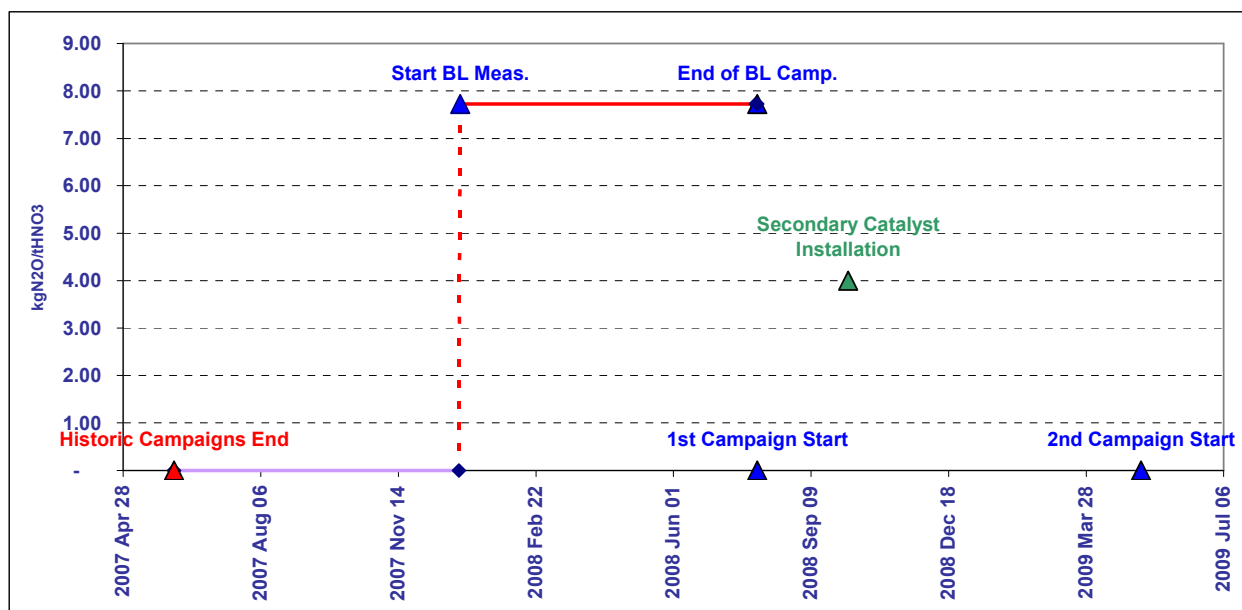


Table T 4 illustrates the calculation of the baseline emission factor on Line 4 using the method as defined in the CDM methodology AM0034 and in the PDD. We have not used overlapping approach allowed by the PDD. Baseline emission factor was determined based on raw data measured from 28/12/2007 through 31/07/2008.

Extreme values and data measured during hours when one or more of operating conditions were outside of the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculations. As a next step we have eliminated data beyond 95% confidence interval and calculated new mean values of N₂O concentration and stack gas volume flow using following method:

- Calculate the sample mean (\bar{x})
- Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

Using the means values we have calculated the baseline emissions as set out in the PDD.

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred. Calculated baseline N₂O emissions were 479 tN₂O.

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

The UNC factor defined by the QAL2 report is 5.450%, which is further modified by an uncertainty of 0.104% due to under-sampling. As a result we have arrived to the baseline emission factor of 7.73 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Table T 5 shows the calculation of the project emission factor on Line 4 during the project campaign. Project campaign started on 16/03/2011 and went through 05/10/2011.

We have eliminated extreme values and data beyond the 95% confidence interval as prescribed by the PDD.

- a) Calculate the sample mean (\bar{x})
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

Using the mean values we have calculated total mass of N_2O emissions (PE_n) as follows:

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours (OH) defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred.

By dividing total mass of N_2O emissions by the nitric acid production (capped by nameplate capacity 350 tHNO₃/day) we have determined the project campaign specific emission factor at value of 2.19 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

$$EF_n = PE_n / NAP_n (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

T 4 Baseline emission factor

BASELINE EMISSION FACTOR										
Parameter	Operating Hours	Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure	AMS in Operation	Nitric Acid Production
Code Unit	OH h	NAP t/h	NCSG mg N2O/Nm3	VSG Nm3/h	AFR Nm3/h	AIFR %	OT °C	OP kPa	h	NAP t/h
Elimination of extreme values										
Lower limit		0	0	0	0	0	50	0		0
Upper Limit		50.00	3.000	120.000	10.000	20.00	1.200	1.000		50
Raw Data Measured Range										
Count	4 564	4 906	4 891	4 467	4 733	5 086	5 161	4 755	4 028	4 906
as % of Dataset	88%	95%	94%	86%	91%	98%	100%	92%	78%	95%
Minimum		-	0	-	266	-	1	3		-
Maximum		15.12	2.925	83.541	6.465	19.28	906	634		15
Mean		11.96	1.485	66.846	5.718	9.71	791	572		12
Standard Deviation		4.35	378	10.182	881	2.96	272	62		4
Total		58.683								58.683
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
Emission Factor		453 t N2O / 7.30 kgN2O / tHNO3								
Permitted Range										
Minimum				4 500	0	0	880	0		
Maximum				7 500	11.70		910	800		
Data within the permitted range										
Count	4 399	4 152	4 152	4 210					4 028	
as % of Operating Hours	96%	91%	91%	92%					88%	
Minimum		511	511							
Maximum		2 208	2 208	75 876						
Mean		1 511	1 511	67 275						
Standard Deviation		274	274	8 270						
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
Emission Factor		464 t N2O / 7.47 kgN2O / tHNO3								
Data within the confidence interval										
95% Confidence interval										
Lower bound										
Upper bound										
Count		973	973	51 066						
as % of Operating Hours		2 048	2 048	83 484						
Minimum		3 735	3 735	4 149						
Maximum		82%	82%	91%						
Mean		1 108	1 108	59 513						
Standard Deviation		2 046	2 046	75 876						
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
Emission Factor (EF = BL)		479 t N2O / 7.73 kgN2O / tHNO3								

T 5 Project emission factor

Parameter	PROJECT EMISSION FACTOR							
	Operating Hours	Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure
Code Unit	OH h	NAP t/h	NCSG mg N2O/Nm3	VSG Nm3/h	AFR Nm3/h	AIFR %	OT °C	OP kPa
Elimination of extreme values								
Lower limit	0	50.00	0	0	0	0	50	0
Upper Limit			3.000	120.000	10.000	20.00	1200	1.000

Raw Data Measured Range	
Count	4 478
as % of Dataset	92%
Minimum	-
Maximum	17.28
Mean	13.75
Standard Deviation	3.49
Total	61 337

N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)	107 t N2O
Emission Factor	1.75 kgN2O / tHNO3

Data within the confidence interval	
95% Confidence interval	
Lower bound	197
Upper bound	601
Count	3 836
as % of Operating Hours	86%
Minimum	202
Maximum	600
Mean	398
Standard Deviation	99

N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)	107 t N2O
Actual Project Emission Factor (EF_PActual)	1.74 kgN2O / tHNO3
Abatement Ratio	77.4%

Moving Average Emission Factor Correction	Actual Factors	Moving Average Rule
1	2.77	2.77
2	2.37	2.57
3	1.87	2.34
4	1.74	2.19
5	-	-

Project Emission Factor (EF_P)	2.19 kgN2O / tHNO3
Abatement Ratio	71.7%

MONITORING REPORT

PROJECT: ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant N₂O abatement project

LINE: Line 5

MONITORING PERIOD:

FROM: 17/03/2011

TO: 09/11/2011

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This monitoring report determines baseline emission factor for the Line 5 of ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant and quantity of emission reduction generated during the fourth project campaign on Line 5.

The first project campaign on Line 5 started on 02/07/2008. Secondary catalyst was installed on 02/07/2008. Total quantity of emission reductions generated during the fourth project period from 17/03/2011 through 09/11/2011 on Line 5 is **82 177 ERUs**.

T 1 Emission reduction calculations

EMISSION REDUCTION			
Baseline Emission Factor	EF_BL	6.61	kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Project Campaign Emission Factor	EF_P	2.09	kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL	55 079	tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the NCSG Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL_NCSG	55 079	tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Project Campaign	NAP_P	58 648	tHNO ₃
GWP	GWP	310	tCO ₂ e/tN ₂ O
Emission Reduction	ER	82 177	tCO₂e
<i>ER=(EF_BL-EF_P)*NAP_P*GWP/1000</i>			
Abatement Ratio			74.1%

EMISSION REDUCTION PER YEAR			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Date From	17 Mar 2011		
Date To	09 Nov 2011		
Nitric Acid Production	58 648		
Emission Reduction	82 177		
<i>ER_YR = ER * NAP_P_YR / NAP_P</i>			

Baseline emission factor established for the Line 5 during baseline measurement carried from 29/11/2007 through 17/06/2008 is 6.61 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Project emission factor during the fourth project campaign after installation of secondary catalysts on Line 5, which started on 17/03/2011 and went through 09/11/2011 with secondary catalyst installed and commissioned on 02/07/2008, is 2.09 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

During the project campaign 58 648 tonnes of nitric acid was produced.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITY

Purpose of the Project (the “Project”) is the reduction of nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions from nitric acid production Lines at the UKL-7 nitric acid plant of AB Achema (“Achema” or “the Company”). The Company is situated in Jonava, Lithuania.

Achema has installed and operates secondary N₂O reduction catalysts underneath the primary catalyst precious metal catching and catalytic gauzes package in the ammonium burners of the UKL-7 nitric acid plant.

This monitoring report contains information on Line 5 emission reductions including information on baseline emission factor setting for the Line 5.

The separate treatment of nitric acid lines and overlapping of the monitoring periods are allowed by the clarification issued Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee: “CLARIFICATION REGARDING OVERLAPPING MONITORING PERIODS UNDER THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE UNDER THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE”. The Project meets all the requirements set out by the clarification:

1. The Project is composed of clearly identifiable components for which emission reductions or enhancements of removals are calculated independently; and
2. Monitoring is performed independently for each of these components, i.e. the data/parameters monitored for one component are not dependent on/effect data/parameters (to be) monitored for another component; and
3. The monitoring plan ensures that monitoring is performed for all components and that in these cases all the requirements of the JI guidelines and further guidance by the JISC regarding monitoring are met.

3. BASELINE SETTING

Baseline emission factor for line 5 has been established on the Line-specific basis. Campaign used for baseline measurements on the line 5 has been carried out from 29/11/2007 through 17/06/2008.

N₂O concentration and gas volume flow are monitored by monitoring system complying with requirements of the European Norm 14181.

Monitoring system provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation as an average of the measured values for the previous 60 minutes.

Measurement results can be distorted before and after periods of downtime or malfunction of the monitoring system and can lead to mavericks. To eliminate such extremes and to ensure a conservative approach, the following statistical evaluation is applied to the complete data series of N₂O concentration as well as to the data series for gas volume flow. The statistical procedure is applied to data obtained after eliminating data measured for periods where the plant operated outside the permitted ranges:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

The average mass of N₂O emissions per hour is estimated as product of the NCSG and VSG. The N₂O emissions per campaign are estimates product of N₂O emission per hour and the total number of complete hours of operation of the campaign using the following equation:

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

The Line specific baseline emissions factor representing the average N₂O emissions per tonne of nitric acid over one full campaign is derived by dividing the total mass of N₂O emissions by the total output of 100% concentrated nitric acid during baseline campaign.

The overall uncertainty of the monitoring system has been determined by the QAL2 report and the measurement error is expressed as a percentage (UNC). The N₂O emission factor per tonne of nitric acid produced in the baseline period (EF_{BL}) has been then be reduced by the percentage error as follows:

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

where:

Variable	Definition
EF_{BL}	Baseline N_2O emissions factor ($tN_2O/tHNO_3$)
BE_{BC}	Total N_2O emissions during the baseline campaign (tN_2O)
$NCSG_{BC}$	Mean concentration of N_2O in the stack gas during the baseline campaign (mgN_2O/m^3)
OH_{BC}	Operating hours of the baseline campaign (h)
VSG_{BC}	Mean gas volume flow rate at the stack in the baseline measurement period (m^3/h)
NAP_{BC}	Nitric acid production during the baseline campaign ($tHNO_3$)
UNC	Overall uncertainty of the monitoring system (%), calculated as the combined uncertainty of the applied monitoring equipment.

3.1 Measurement procedure for N_2O concentration and tail gas volume flow

3.1.1 Tail gas N_2O concentration

N_2O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from the Line 5 tail gas duct at sampling point located after expansion turbine and transported by sample Line to the Monitoring room A, where the analyzer is located.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer ($4^\circ C$), so N_2O concentration is measured on a dry basis.

N_2O concentration is measured by concentration infrared absorption principle meters Xentra 4900 using GFX monitoring technology.

Recently there are 8 production lines. N_2O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis.

N_2O concentration measured data are sent from the analyzer on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.1.2 Tail gas flow rate, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section. Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.2 Permitted range of operating conditions of the nitric acid plant

Under certain circumstances, the operating conditions during the measurement period used to determine baseline N_2O emission factor may be outside the permitted range or limit corresponding to normal operating conditions. N_2O baseline data measured during hours

where the operating conditions were outside the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculation of the baseline emissions factor.

Normal ranges for operating conditions have been determined for the following parameters:

- oxidation temperature;
- oxidation pressure;
- ammonia gas flow rate,
- air input flow rate.

The permitted range for these parameters has been established using the plant operation manual, as described in the PDD..

3.3 Historic Campaign Length

The average historic campaign length (CL_{normal}) defined as the average campaign length for the historic campaigns used to define operating condition (the previous five campaigns), has not been used as a cap on the length of the baseline campaign because of shorter project campaign.

4. PROJECT EMISSIONS

During the first project campaign on line 5 the tail gas volume flow in the stack of the nitric acid plant as well as N₂O concentration have been measured on the continuous basis.

4.1.1 Estimation of campaign-specific project emissions factor

The monitoring system was installed using the guidance document EN 14181 and provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation. Same statistical evaluation that was applied to the baseline data series has been applied to the project data series:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH \text{ (tN}_2\text{O)}$$

where:

Variable	Definition
VSG	Mean stack gas volume flow rate for the project campaign (m ³ /h)
NCSG	Mean concentration of N ₂ O in the stack gas for the project campaign (mgN ₂ O/m ³)
PE _n	Total N ₂ O emissions of the n th project campaign (tN ₂ O)
OH	Is the number of hours of operation in the specific monitoring period (h)

4.1.2 Derivation of a moving average emission factor

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

4.2 Minimum project emission factor

The minimum average emission factor established factor will be established after 10th project campaign.

4.3 Project Campaign Length

Project campaign production of nitric acid has been below defined nameplate capacity and thus all NAP produced from date of installation of secondary catalysts has been used for calculation of emission reductions.

4.4 Leakage

No leakage calculation is required.

4.5 Emission reductions

The emission reductions for the project activity during this campaign have been determined by deducting the campaign-specific emission factor from the baseline emission factor and multiplying the result by the production output of 100% concentrated nitric acid over the campaign period and the GWP of N₂O:

$$ER = (EFBL - EFP) * NAP * GWPN_2O \text{ (tCO}_2\text{e)}$$

Where:

Variable	Definition
ER	Emission reductions of the project for the specific campaign (tCO ₂ e)
NAP	Nitric acid production for the project campaign (tHNO ₃). The maximum value of NAP shall not exceed the design capacity.
EFBL	Baseline emissions factor (tN ₂ O/tHNO ₃)
EFP	Emissions factor used to calculate the emissions from this particular campaign (i.e. the higher of EF _{ma,n} and EF _n)

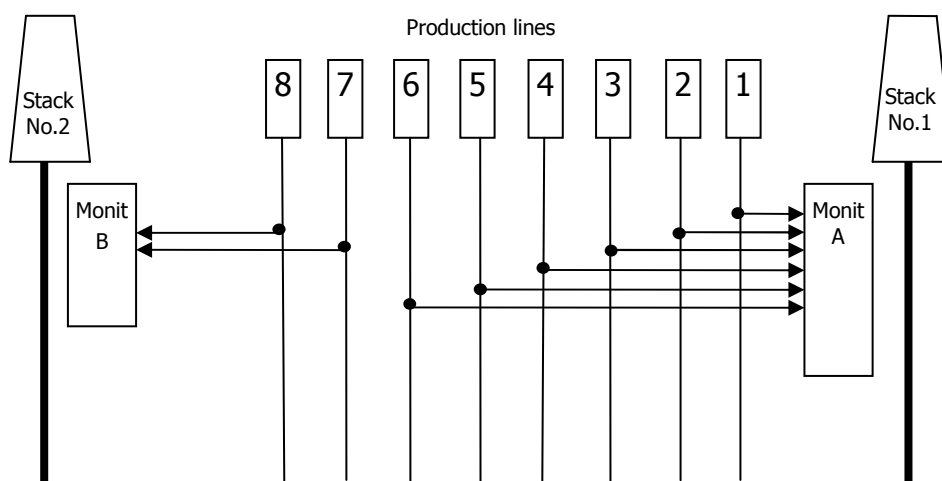
5. MONITORING PLAN

Purpose of the monitoring plan

The purpose of the monitoring plan is to describe the system used to monitor emissions of N₂O from the plant in such a way that is compliant with the prescriptions of the AM0034/Version 02.

Plant description

The UKL-7 nitric acid plant comprises 8 production Lines numbered from 1 through 8, each with its own burner, absorption column and expansion turbine. Each production Line represents a separate nitric acid production unit independent from each other. The tail gases from each Line are after expansion turbines led to a common stack bus and vented through two interconnected stacks.



Primary catalyst is changed at different times thus it is necessary to measure the emissions from each Line individually. This means that eight separate sets of monitoring equipment are installed to measure tail gas flow, nitric acid production, nitric acid concentration, and the operating conditions. N₂O concentration in the tail gas is measured by 3 switched concentration meters.

Monitoring System architecture

Methodology AM0034/Version 02 requires installation of an N₂O monitoring system that includes both a gas volume flow meter to determine the tail gas mass volume flow and an infrared gas analyser to determine the concentration of N₂O.

But tail gas N₂O concentration meter and tail gas volume flow meter alone are not sufficient for a JI project purposes. In order of being able to calculate the baseline emission factor expressed as tonnage of N₂O in t CO₂e per 1 tonne of HNO₃ (100%), it is necessary to include also HNO₃ measurement, and in order of being able to document normal operating conditions it is necessary to include also operating conditions measurement.

Because of this we use the term Monitoring System (MS) to describe entire monitoring system directly and indirectly used for the JI purposes, while Automated Measurement System (AMS) covers only N₂O emissions and tail gas mass volume part of the MS.

Monitoring System (MS) for purpose of this monitoring plan means:

monitoring system measuring operational conditions;

- Ammonia volume flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air volume flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

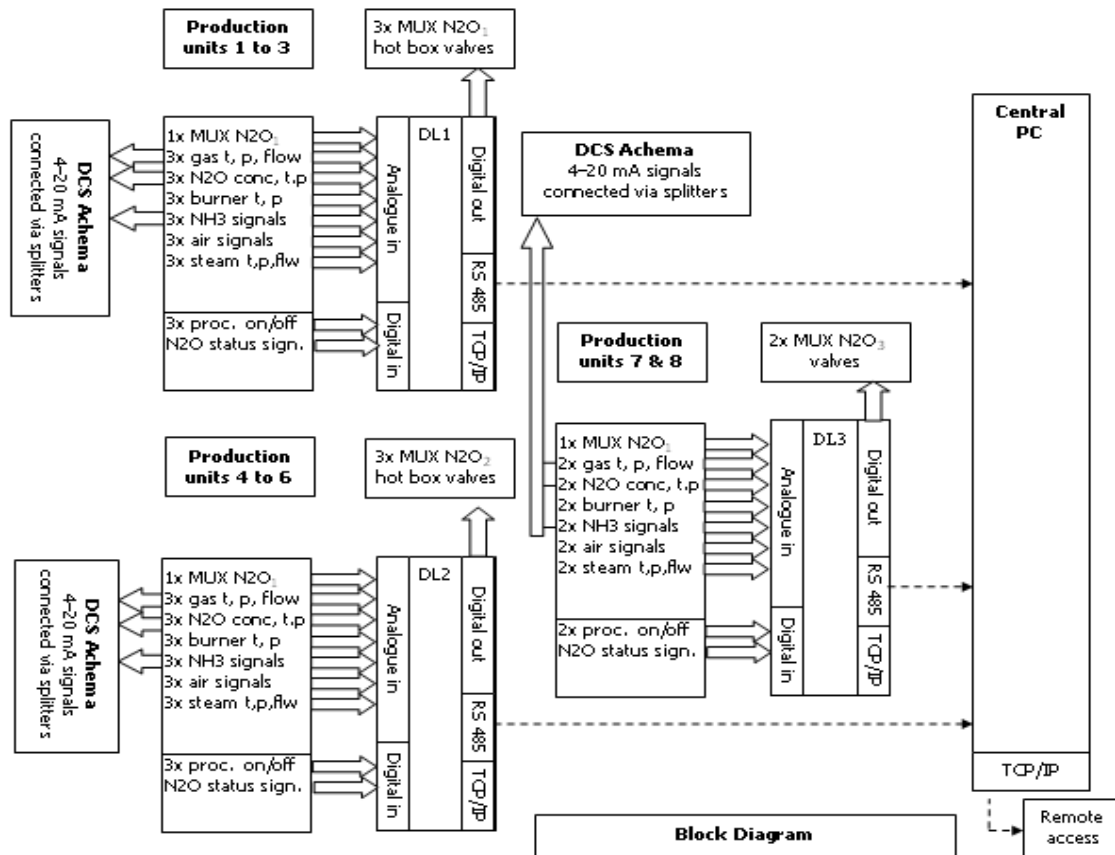
nitric acid 100% concentrate production;

- Nitric acid concentration
- Nitric acid flow
- Nitric acid temperature

and newly installed measurement devices for measurement of N₂O concentration and tail gas flow, temperature and pressure (AMS)

- N₂O concentration in the stack
- Stack volume flow rate
- Stack gas temperature
- Stack gas pressure

Incorporation of the AMS into the MS by interfacing already existing and newly installed measurement devices is documented by the diagram below.



N₂O automated measurement system

Main purpose of the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) is to measure total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaigns (both baseline and project). In order of calculation of total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaign it is necessary to measure on an extractive basis the N₂O concentration in a tail gas and on a non-extractive basis tail gas flow, pressure and temperature.

N₂O concentration

N₂O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from respective tail gas ducts at sampling points located after expansion turbines and transported by heated sample lines to the Monitoring room A located next to the main production hall. This applies to 2 concentration meters measuring lines 1-3 and lines 4-6. lines 7-8 are measured by third concentration meter located at the other side of the production hall (Monitoring room B) physically closer to respective production lines 7 and 8.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer (4°C), so N₂O concentration is measured on a dry basis. Correction of dry basis ppmV value to real wet tail

gas conditions based on steam flow injected into the system is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

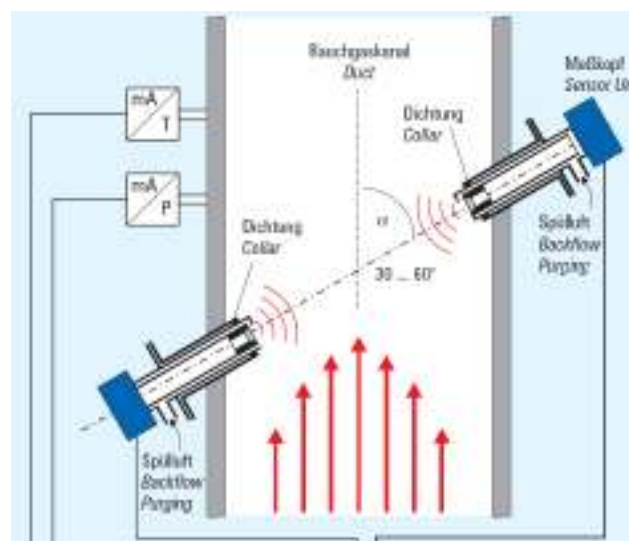
N₂O concentration is measured by concentration infrared absorption principle meters Xentra 4900 using GFX monitoring technology.

Recently there are 8 production Lines. N₂O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis. Tail gas samples are automatically switched. Under-sampling uncertainty is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

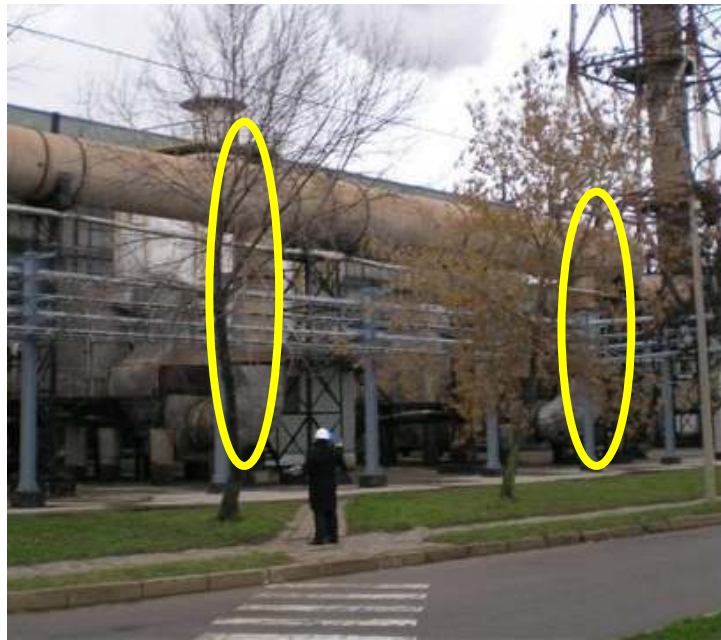
N₂O concentration measured data are sent from the concentration meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section.



The tail gas ducts do not allow any optimum location to perform the flow monitoring. The only possible location is the quite short vertical tube behind the 90° “knee”.



Since the flow is not really laminar, a classical Pitot tube one point solution wouldn't allow good results. The ultrasonic system is under these conditions superior to differential pressure. Cross duct monitoring is more accurate than a couple of discrete point averaged pressure.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas steam injection elimination

Steam injected into the Achema UKL-7 tail gas for purpose of increasing the turbine output is eliminated from the tail gas mass flow calculation by following formulae:

$$\text{flow - STVF} = L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325) * ((100 - L1_Humi) / 100)$$

where Humi (water content) =

$$(L1_Flow_steam * 1.2436) / (L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325)) * 100 + 0.6$$

where 1.2436 is the conversion factor from kg/h to Nm³/h and 0.6% is a value of humidity present in a flue gas permanently without steam injection

The Flow_steam parameter necessary for calculation of the water content in the dataloggers is provided in the kg/h unit.

Achema measures steam flow in kg/h using formula $Q=C*\sqrt{dp}$, where C is flow constant which is already integrated using an orifice plate sizing program. The orifice plate calculation for injection steam has been done for temperature 250°C and pressure 6 bar.

Flow steam in kg/h measured by using the constant steam T and P values is then recalculated to actual steam T and P values valid for relevant hours and as result the STVF value cleaned of the steam injected is used for further emission reductions calculations.

EN14181 compliance

As required by the AM0034/Version 02 methodology the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) complies with requirements of the technical norm EN14181. N₂O AMS consists from the N₂O concentration meter and integrated flowmeter (F, T, P). Both measurement devices are QAL1 certified (concentration meter for the N₂O measurand specifically) and after full commissioning of the monitoring system there was the QAL2 test carried out by an independent laboratory certified according to ISO17025.

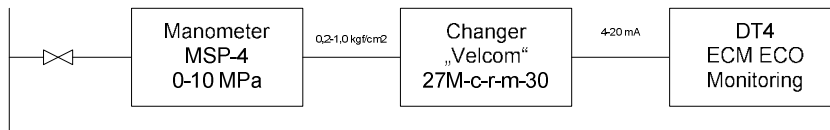
Operating conditions

For purpose of the baseline emissions factor setting it is necessary to monitor and report operating conditions in all 8 burners. Namely:

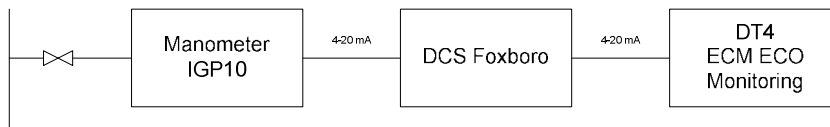
- Ammonia flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

All these parameters are measured by the plant monitoring system as presented on diagrams below:

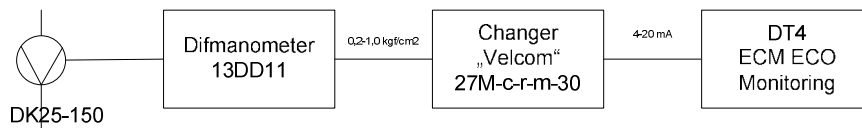
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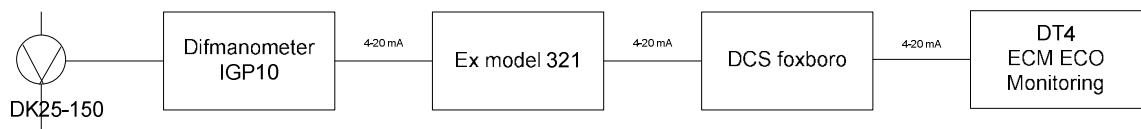
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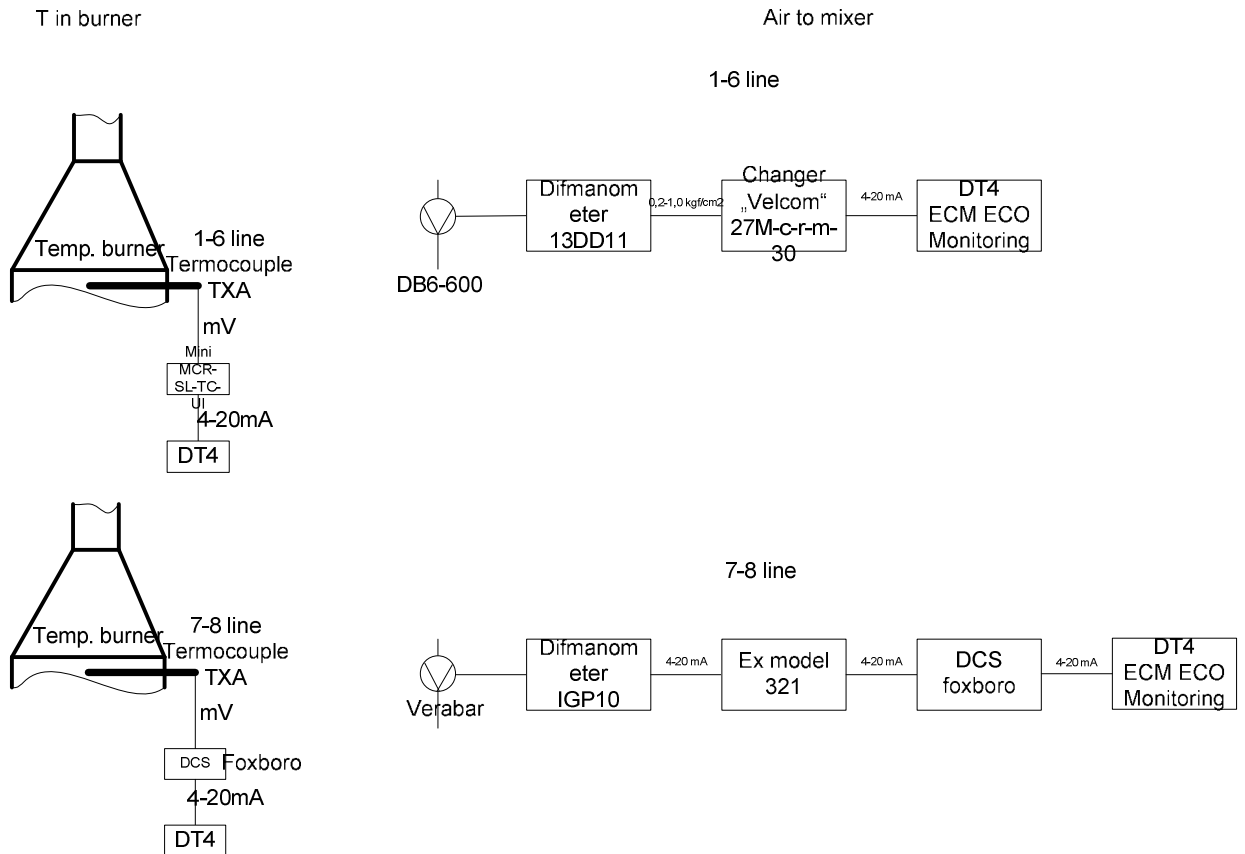


NH3 to mixer 1-6 line



NH3 to mixer 7-8 line





Signals obtained from these measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Operating conditions measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further. Maintenance procedures for the ammonia oxidation parameters follow the existing procedures for the operation of the nitric acid plant.

Nitric acid production

Nitric acid concentration is based on two components: nitric acid and water. Standard monitoring method is on-Line refractometry. Measurement of nitric acid (100%) mass volume production per campaign is necessary for calculation of the baseline emissions factor. Nitric acid concentration on all 8 Lines is measured by K-Patents PR-23-GP refractometers.

This analyzer is applying a prism to “return” a generated optical beam back to an LCD detector.



The detector is measuring refraction of monitored liquid based on known refraction of water and nitric acid. The instrument is calibrated for percent concentration of nitric acid. The analyzer is mounted on DIN-flange 2656, PN25 DN80. The optical prism does not require cleaning.

PR-23-GP characteristics:

Measuring RI is a direct concentration measurement principle. No need to rely or convert magnitudes.

Digital instrument – no calibration drift

As it is a robust instrument it is maintenance free

Dual connectivity if the installation positions allow.

On-Line data logging, through Ethernet, on whichever web browser.

No influence by bubbles or particles. It is very common that air enters the process pipeline and still the refractometer measures accurately.

Nitric acid concentration data are in an analog 4-20mA format provided to dataloggers which process these signals further.

In order of being able to calculate total mass volume of nitric acid 100% concentrate produced during the baseline campaign it is necessary to monitor also nitric acid flow and temperature. Measurement of pressure is not necessary for determination of the nitric acid mass volume flow, because nitric acid is in form of liquid and as such it has stable pressure characteristic.

Signals obtained from the nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further.

After installation of refractometers there have been occurrences of their failure and following repair service by the manufacturer. For this period starting from 05/10/2007 and ending on 15/09/2008 project uses HNO₃ concentration data provided by the laboratory measurements.

6. QAL 2 CALIBRATION ADJUSTMENTS

6.1 Applied principle

As required in the applicable norm EN14181: “The relation between the instrument readings of the recording measuring procedure and the quantity of the measuring objects has to be described by using a suitable convention method. The results have to be expressed by a regression analysis.”

As it is described in the Calibration Report issued by Airtec laboratory, the measurement results derived from the analog signals (4 mA to 20 mA) provided the installed instruments have been compared to the comparative measurements.

Linearity check of the instruments characteristics is stated in the QAL2 Calibration Report issued by the laboratory. The valid ranges of Linearity are determined by statistical analysis according to the guideline and the Linearity assumptions are further used in the Calibration Report establishing Linear regression Lines.

The general formula of the regression Line, established in the EN14181 and used in the Calibration Report is:

$$Y = a + bX$$

where:

X is the measured value of the instrument in mA
Y is the value of the parameter being objective of the measurement
a is a constant of the regression Line
b is the slope of the regression Line

After a comparative test the laboratory issued the old and new regression Lines properties, namely “a” and “b” applying for all of the measured parameters that are subject to calibration as stated in the Calibration Report.

The QAL2 corrections are based on the fact that the actual analog current outputs (in mA) of the measurement instruments are relevant for both, the old and new regression Lines:

$$X_o = X_n = X$$

where:

X_n: X new
X_o: X old

This allows us to derive a calibrating formula that gives us the corrected value of the measured physical parameters. The applied calibrating equation is:

$$Y_n = A_n + (B_n/B_o) * (Y_o - A_o)$$

In order to take into account the properties of the AMS and their implication to the QAL 2 implementation in the model, we will further introduce several remarks to the conversion and normalization of the data.

The units returned by the AMS “nm³/h” stand for normalized cubic meters of the gas volume at normal gas conditions (0° C, 1 atm.).

6.2 Stack gas volume flow

Based on the real conditions measured and applied by the AMS for normalization (TSG in °C and PSG in hPa), the stack gas volume flow values are converted to real conditions before the regression analysis using the ideal gas law. The actual gas volume flow rates are derived from gas velocity measurements, therefore, before applying the regression analysis the gas speed is calculated from the volume flow and the duct cross-section and is fed into the calibrating equation. The calibrated values derived from the calibrating equation then converted back to normalized units using the calibrated real conditions (calibrated TSG and PSG). The normalized calibrated stack gas flow rates are further fed into the emission calculation model for further processing as set out by the Approved Baseline and Monitoring Methodology AM_0034.

6.3 Nitric acid concentration in stack gas

The nitric acid concentration in the raw data set from the AMS is in mgN₂O/m₃. The concentration was converted to ppmv to make it compatible with the regression Lines parameters. The nitrous gas concentration values are then calibrated using the provided regression Lines parameters and are input in the model.

6.4 Stack gas Temperature

The stack gas temperature was calibrated by the regression conversion formula

6.5 Stack gas Pressure

The calibration report provides us with a regression Line for the stack gas pressure. We calibrate the readings of the measurements system using the regression formula and applying the values (in kPa).

7. EMISSION REDUCTION CALCULATIONS

Table T 2 illustrates the establishment of historic campaign length based on 5 previous campaigns. Average production in 5 campaigns preceding the baseline campaign was 64 818 tHNO₃ and time duration was on average 238 days. Table contains also information on suppliers of primary catalysts for the line 5.

T 2 Historic campaigns

Line	ACHEMA UKL-5	Production	Start	End	Days	Production per day	Primary Catalyst	Composition
Historic Campaigns	1 t HNO ₃	65 664	06 Jun 2003	23 Dec 2003	200	328	Heraeus	N/A *
	2 t HNO ₃	63 844	23 Dec 2003	24 Aug 2004	245	261	Heraeus	N/A *
	3 t HNO ₃	58 961	01 Sep 2004	10 May 2005	251	235	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	4 t HNO ₃	66 432	12 May 2005	06 Mar 2006	298	223	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	5 t HNO ₃	69 189	06 Nov 2006	23 May 2007	198	349	Heraeus	N/A *
Average HNO ₃ production	t HNO ₃	64 818			238	272	* Confidential but available for the verification	
Project Campaigns	BL t HNO ₃	55 079	29 Nov 2007	17 Jun 2008	201	274	Umicore	N/A *
	PL t HNO ₃	58 648	17 Mar 2011	09 Nov 2011	237	247	Umicore	N/A *

It is business as usual scenario in Achema UKL-7 plant to keep using primary catalysts from several suppliers and with several compositions. Selection of primary catalysts is determined by technical parameters of their use and price levels offered by suppliers in specific time. Primary catalysts used during the baseline campaign, if other than used in previous campaign/s, did not increase emissions of N₂O as confirmed by relevant statements provided to the verifier.

T 3 and Chart C 1 define the length of the baseline campaign. Baseline campaign measurements for this project campaign started on 29/11/2007 and continued through 17/06/2008 when the 55 079 tHNO₃ nitric acid production was reached. The measurement of baseline Nitrous Acid Concentration (NCSG) was carried out until production reached - tHNO₃.

T 3 Baseline campaign length

ACHEMA UKL-5	Historic Campaigns End	Start of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Measurement NCSG	End of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Campaign
Dates	2007 May 23	2007 Nov 29	2008 Jun 17	2008 Jun 17	2008 Jun 18
Baseline Factor kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃	-	-	6.61	6.61	6.61
Production tHNO ₃	-	-	55 079	55 079	-
Per Day Production tHNO ₃	271.9				
Baseline less Historic Production	(9 739.2)				
Baseline less Historic Days	(35.8)				

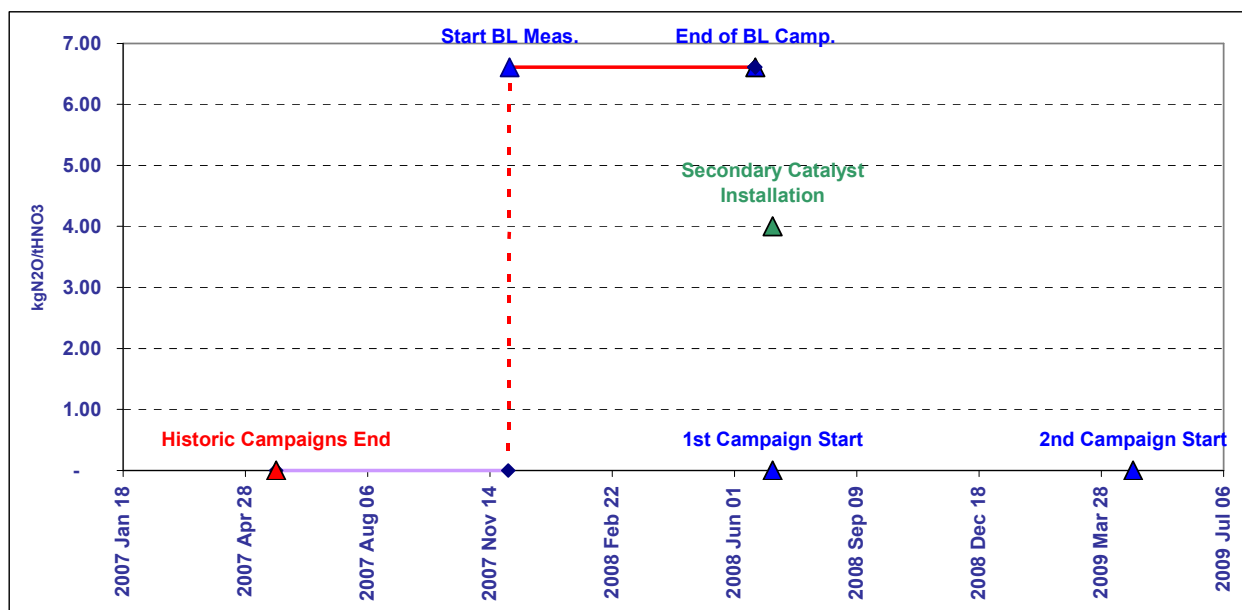
C 1 Baseline campaign length


Table T 4 illustrates the calculation of the baseline emission factor on Line 5 using the method as defined in the CDM methodology AM0034 and in the PDD. We have not used overlapping approach allowed by the PDD. Baseline emission factor was determined based on raw data measured from 29/11/2007 through 17/06/2008.

Extreme values and data measured during hours when one or more of operating conditions were outside of the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculations. As a next step we have eliminated data beyond 95% confidence interval and calculated new mean values of N₂O concentration and stack gas volume flow using following method:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (\bar{x})
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

Using the means values we have calculated the baseline emissions as set out in the PDD.

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred. Calculated baseline N₂O emissions were 385 tN₂O.

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

The UNC factor defined by the QAL2 report is 5.450%, which is further modified by an uncertainty of 0.126% due to under-sampling. As a result we have arrived to the baseline emission factor of 6.61 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Table T 5 shows the calculation of the project emission factor on Line 5 during the project campaign. Project campaign started on 17/03/2011 and went through 09/11/2011.

We have eliminated extreme values and data beyond the 95% confidence interval as prescribed by the PDD.

- a) Calculate the sample mean (\bar{x})
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

Using the mean values we have calculated total mass of N_2O emissions (PE_n) as follows:

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours (OH) defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred.

By dividing total mass of N_2O emissions by the nitric acid production (capped by nameplate capacity 350 tHNO₃/day) we have determined the project campaign specific emission factor at value of 2.09 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

$$EF_n = PE_n / NAP_n (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

T 4 Baseline emission factor

BASELINE EMISSION FACTOR										
Parameter	Operating Hours	Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure	AMS in Operation	Nitric Acid Production
Code Unit	OH h	NAP t/h	NCSG mg N2O/Nm3	VSG Nm3/h	AFR Nm3/h	AFR %	OT °C	OP kPa	h	NCSG NAP t/h
Elimination of extreme values										
Lower limit		0	0	0	0	0	50	0		0
Upper Limit		50.00	3.000	120.000	10.000	20.00	1.200	1.000		50
Raw Data Measured Range										
Count	4 519	4 571	4 660	4 558	4 701	4 414	4 797	4 698	4 064	4 571
as % of Dataset	94%	95%	97%	94%	97%	92%	99%	97%	84%	95%
Minimum			0	-	315	-	(0)	0		-
Maximum		15.02	2 289	82 389	6 482	19.73	908	673		15
Mean		12.05	1 239	65 232	5 932	10.24	844	613		12
Standard Deviation		3.12	268	15 041	990	0.81	195	46		3
Total		55.079								55.079
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
Emission Factor		365 t N2O 6.27 kgN2O / tHNO3								
Permitted Range										
Minimum				4 500	0	880	0			
Maximum				7 500	11.70	910	800			
Data within the permitted range										
Count	4 249	4 211	4 211	4 211	4 211	4 211	4 211	4 064	4 064	4 064
as % of Operating Hours	94%	93%	93%	93%	93%	93%	93%	90%	90%	90%
Minimum		717	717	6 728	6 728	6 728	6 728	6 728	6 728	6 728
Maximum		2 289	2 289	78 602	78 602	78 602	78 602	78 602	78 602	78 602
Mean		1 234	1 234	68 731	68 731	68 731	68 731	68 731	68 731	68 731
Standard Deviation		225	225	2 256	2 256	2 256	2 256	2 256	2 256	2 256
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
Emission Factor		383 t N2O 6.58 kgN2O / tHNO3								
Data within the confidence interval										
95% Confidence interval										
Lower bound		783	783	64 309	64 309	64 309	64 309	64 309	64 309	64 309
Upper bound		1 675	1 675	73 153	73 153	73 153	73 153	73 153	73 153	73 153
Count		4 009	4 009	4 063	4 063	4 063	4 063	4 063	4 063	4 063
as % of Operating Hours		89%	89%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
Minimum		796	796	64 317	64 317	64 317	64 317	64 317	64 317	64 317
Maximum		1 674	1 674	73 152	73 152	73 152	73 152	73 152	73 152	73 152
Mean		1 240	1 240	68 711	68 711	68 711	68 711	68 711	68 711	68 711
Standard Deviation		204	204	1 796	1 796	1 796	1 796	1 796	1 796	1 796
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
Emission Factor (EF = BL)		385 t N2O 6.61 kgN2O / tHNO3								

T 5 Project emission factor

Parameter	PROJECT EMISSION FACTOR							
	Operating Hours	Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure
Code Unit	OH h	NAP t/h	NCSG mg N2O/Nm3	VSG Nm3/h	AFR Nm3/h	AIFR %	OT °C	OP kPa
Elimination of extreme values								
Lower limit	0	50.00	0	0	0	0	50	0
Upper Limit			3.000	120.000	10.000	20.00	1.200	1.000
Raw Data Measured Range								
Count	3 919	4 559	3 838	3 872	5 275	4 729	5 661	5 620
as % of Dataset	69%	80%	67%	68%	93%	83%	100%	99%
Minimum		0.59	167	63 479	291	2	0	0
Maximum		16.88	1 306	108 774	6 539	19.69	909	720
Mean		12.86	380	68 825	4 842	10.44	635	538
Standard Deviation		4.56	71	2 180	2 280	1.38	390	233
Total		58 648						
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)	103 t N2O							
Emission Factor	1.75 kgN2O / tHNO3							
Data within the confidence interval								
95% Confidence interval								
Lower bound			242	64 553				
Upper bound			519	73 097				
Count			3 611	3 752				
as % of Operating Hours			92%	96%				
Minimum			242	64 622				
Maximum			519	73 080				
Mean			373	68 677				
Standard Deviation			57	1 879				
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)	100 t N2O							
Actual Project Emission Factor (EF_PActual)	1.71 kgN2O / tHNO3							
Abatement Ratio	74.1%							
Moving Average Emission Factor Correction								
	Actual Factors	Moving Average Rule						
1	1.68	1.68						
2	2.90	2.90						
3	2.07	2.22						
4	1.71	2.09						
5	-	-						
Project Emission Factor (EF_P)	2.09 kgN2O / tHNO3							
Abatement Ratio	68.4%							

MONITORING REPORT

PROJECT: ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant N₂O abatement project

LINE: Line 6

MONITORING PERIOD:

FROM: 01/10/2010

TO: 10/08/2011

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This monitoring report determines baseline emission factor for the Line 6 of ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant and quantity of emission reduction generated during the third project campaign on Line 6.

The first project campaign on Line 6 started on 21/07/2008. Secondary catalyst was installed on 25/07/2008. Total quantity of emission reductions generated during the third project period from 01/10/2010 through 10/08/2011 on Line 6 is **214 833 ERUs**.

T 1 Emission reduction calculations

EMISSION REDUCTION			
Baseline Emission Factor	EF_BL	10.34	kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Project Campaign Emission Factor	EF_P	4.03	kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL	60 850	tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the NCSG Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL_NCSG	60 850	tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Project Campaign	NAP_P	109 827	tHNO ₃
GWP	GWP	310	tCO ₂ e/tN ₂ O
Emission Reduction	ER	214 833	tCO_e
<i>ER=(EF_BL-EF_P)*NAP_P*GWP/1000</i>			
Abatement Ratio		76.0%	

EMISSION REDUCTION PER YEAR			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Date From		01 Oct 2010	01 Jan 2011
Date To		31 Dec 2010	10 Aug 2011
Nitric Acid Production		31 515	78 822
Emission Reduction		61 361	153 471
<i>ER_YR = ER * NAP_P_YR / NAP_P</i>			

Baseline emission factor established for the Line 6 during baseline measurement carried from 11/01/2008 through 21/07/2008 is 10.34 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Project emission factor during the third project campaign after installation of secondary catalysts on Line 6, which started on 01/10/2010 and went through 10/08/2011 with secondary catalyst installed and commissioned on 25/07/2008, is 4.03 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

During the project campaign 109 827 tonnes of nitric acid was produced.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITY

Purpose of the Project (the “Project”) is the reduction of nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions from nitric acid production Lines at the UKL-7 nitric acid plant of AB Achema (“Achema” or “the Company”). The Company is situated in Jonava, Lithuania.

Achema has installed and operates secondary N₂O reduction catalysts underneath the primary catalyst precious metal catching and catalytic gauzes package in the ammonium burners of the UKL-7 nitric acid plant.

This monitoring report contains information on Line 6 emission reductions including information on baseline emission factor setting for the Line 6.

The separate treatment of nitric acid lines and overlapping of the monitoring periods are allowed by the clarification issued Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee: “CLARIFICATION REGARDING OVERLAPPING MONITORING PERIODS UNDER THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE UNDER THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE”. The Project meets all the requirements set out by the clarification:

1. The Project is composed of clearly identifiable components for which emission reductions or enhancements of removals are calculated independently; and
2. Monitoring is performed independently for each of these components, i.e. the data/parameters monitored for one component are not dependent on/effect data/parameters (to be) monitored for another component; and
3. The monitoring plan ensures that monitoring is performed for all components and that in these cases all the requirements of the JI guidelines and further guidance by the JISC regarding monitoring are met.

3. BASELINE SETTING

Baseline emission factor for line 6 has been established on the Line-specific basis. Campaign used for baseline measurements on the line 6 has been carried out from 11/01/2008 through 21/07/2008.

N₂O concentration and gas volume flow are monitored by monitoring system complying with requirements of the European Norm 14181.

Monitoring system provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation as an average of the measured values for the previous 60 minutes.

Measurement results can be distorted before and after periods of downtime or malfunction of the monitoring system and can lead to mavericks. To eliminate such extremes and to ensure a conservative approach, the following statistical evaluation is applied to the complete data series of N₂O concentration as well as to the data series for gas volume flow. The statistical procedure is applied to data obtained after eliminating data measured for periods where the plant operated outside the permitted ranges:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

The average mass of N₂O emissions per hour is estimated as product of the NCSG and VSG. The N₂O emissions per campaign are estimates product of N₂O emission per hour and the total number of complete hours of operation of the campaign using the following equation:

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

The Line specific baseline emissions factor representing the average N₂O emissions per tonne of nitric acid over one full campaign is derived by dividing the total mass of N₂O emissions by the total output of 100% concentrated nitric acid during baseline campaign.

The overall uncertainty of the monitoring system has been determined by the QAL2 report and the measurement error is expressed as a percentage (UNC). The N₂O emission factor per tonne of nitric acid produced in the baseline period (EF_{BL}) has been then be reduced by the percentage error as follows:

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

where:

Variable	Definition
EF_{BL}	Baseline N_2O emissions factor ($tN_2O/tHNO_3$)
BE_{BC}	Total N_2O emissions during the baseline campaign (tN_2O)
$NCSG_{BC}$	Mean concentration of N_2O in the stack gas during the baseline campaign (mgN_2O/m^3)
OH_{BC}	Operating hours of the baseline campaign (h)
VSG_{BC}	Mean gas volume flow rate at the stack in the baseline measurement period (m^3/h)
NAP_{BC}	Nitric acid production during the baseline campaign ($tHNO_3$)
UNC	Overall uncertainty of the monitoring system (%), calculated as the combined uncertainty of the applied monitoring equipment.

3.1 Measurement procedure for N_2O concentration and tail gas volume flow

3.1.1 Tail gas N_2O concentration

N_2O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from the Line 6 tail gas duct at sampling point located after expansion turbine and transported by sample Line to the Monitoring room A, where the analyzer is located.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer ($4^\circ C$), so N_2O concentration is measured on a dry basis.

N_2O concentration is measured by concentration infrared absorption principle meters Xentra 4900 using GFX monitoring technology.

Recently there are 8 production lines. N_2O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis.

N_2O concentration measured data are sent from the analyzer on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.1.2 Tail gas flow rate, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section. Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.2 Permitted range of operating conditions of the nitric acid plant

Under certain circumstances, the operating conditions during the measurement period used to determine baseline N_2O emission factor may be outside the permitted range or limit corresponding to normal operating conditions. N_2O baseline data measured during hours

where the operating conditions were outside the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculation of the baseline emissions factor.

Normal ranges for operating conditions have been determined for the following parameters:

- oxidation temperature;
- oxidation pressure;
- ammonia gas flow rate,
- air input flow rate.

The permitted range for these parameters has been established using the plant operation manual, as described in the PDD..

3.3 Historic Campaign Length

The average historic campaign length (CL_{normal}) defined as the average campaign length for the historic campaigns used to define operating condition (the previous five campaigns), has not been used as a cap on the length of the baseline campaign because of shorter project campaign.

4. PROJECT EMISSIONS

During the first project campaign on line 6 the tail gas volume flow in the stack of the nitric acid plant as well as N₂O concentration have been measured on the continuous basis.

4.1.1 Estimation of campaign-specific project emissions factor

The monitoring system was installed using the guidance document EN 14181 and provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation. Same statistical evaluation that was applied to the baseline data series has been applied to the project data series:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH \text{ (tN}_2\text{O)}$$

where:

Variable	Definition
VSG	Mean stack gas volume flow rate for the project campaign (m ³ /h)
NCSG	Mean concentration of N ₂ O in the stack gas for the project campaign (mgN ₂ O/m ³)
PE _n	Total N ₂ O emissions of the n th project campaign (tN ₂ O)
OH	Is the number of hours of operation in the specific monitoring period (h)

4.1.2 Derivation of a moving average emission factor

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

4.2 Minimum project emission factor

The minimum average emission factor established factor will be established after 10th project campaign.

4.3 Project Campaign Length

Project campaign production of nitric acid has been below defined nameplate capacity and thus all NAP produced from date of installation of secondary catalysts has been used for calculation of emission reductions.

4.4 Leakage

No leakage calculation is required.

4.5 Emission reductions

The emission reductions for the project activity during this campaign have been determined by deducting the campaign-specific emission factor from the baseline emission factor and multiplying the result by the production output of 100% concentrated nitric acid over the campaign period and the GWP of N₂O:

$$ER = (EFBL - EFP) * NAP * GWPN_2O \text{ (tCO}_2\text{e)}$$

Where:

Variable	Definition
ER	Emission reductions of the project for the specific campaign (tCO ₂ e)
NAP	Nitric acid production for the project campaign (tHNO ₃). The maximum value of NAP shall not exceed the design capacity.
EFBL	Baseline emissions factor (tN ₂ O/tHNO ₃)
EFP	Emissions factor used to calculate the emissions from this particular campaign (i.e. the higher of EF _{ma,n} and EF _n)

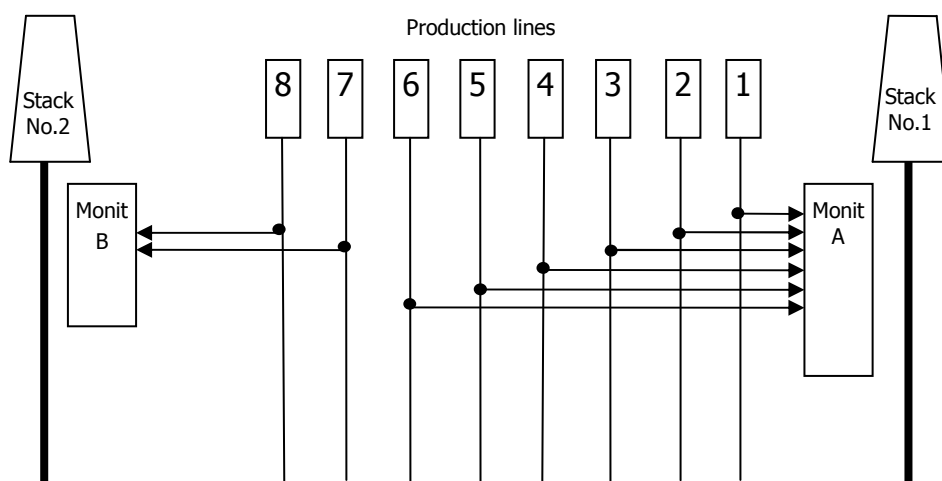
5. MONITORING PLAN

Purpose of the monitoring plan

The purpose of the monitoring plan is to describe the system used to monitor emissions of N_2O from the plant in such a way that is compliant with the prescriptions of the AM0034/Version 02.

Plant description

The UKL-7 nitric acid plant comprises 8 production Lines numbered from 1 through 8, each with its own burner, absorption column and expansion turbine. Each production Line represents a separate nitric acid production unit independent from each other. The tail gases from each Line are after expansion turbines led to a common stack bus and vented through two interconnected stacks.



Primary catalyst is changed at different times thus it is necessary to measure the emissions from each Line individually. This means that eight separate sets of monitoring equipment are installed to measure tail gas flow, nitric acid production, nitric acid concentration, and the operating conditions. N_2O concentration in the tail gas is measured by 3 switched concentration meters.

Monitoring System architecture

Methodology AM0034/Version 02 requires installation of an N_2O monitoring system that includes both a gas volume flow meter to determine the tail gas mass volume flow and an infrared gas analyser to determine the concentration of N_2O .

But tail gas N₂O concentration meter and tail gas volume flow meter alone are not sufficient for a JI project purposes. In order of being able to calculate the baseline emission factor expressed as tonnage of N₂O in t CO₂e per 1 tonne of HNO₃ (100%), it is necessary to include also HNO₃ measurement, and in order of being able to document normal operating conditions it is necessary to include also operating conditions measurement.

Because of this we use the term Monitoring System (MS) to describe entire monitoring system directly and indirectly used for the JI purposes, while Automated Measurement System (AMS) covers only N₂O emissions and tail gas mass volume part of the MS.

Monitoring System (MS) for purpose of this monitoring plan means:

monitoring system measuring operational conditions;

- Ammonia volume flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air volume flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

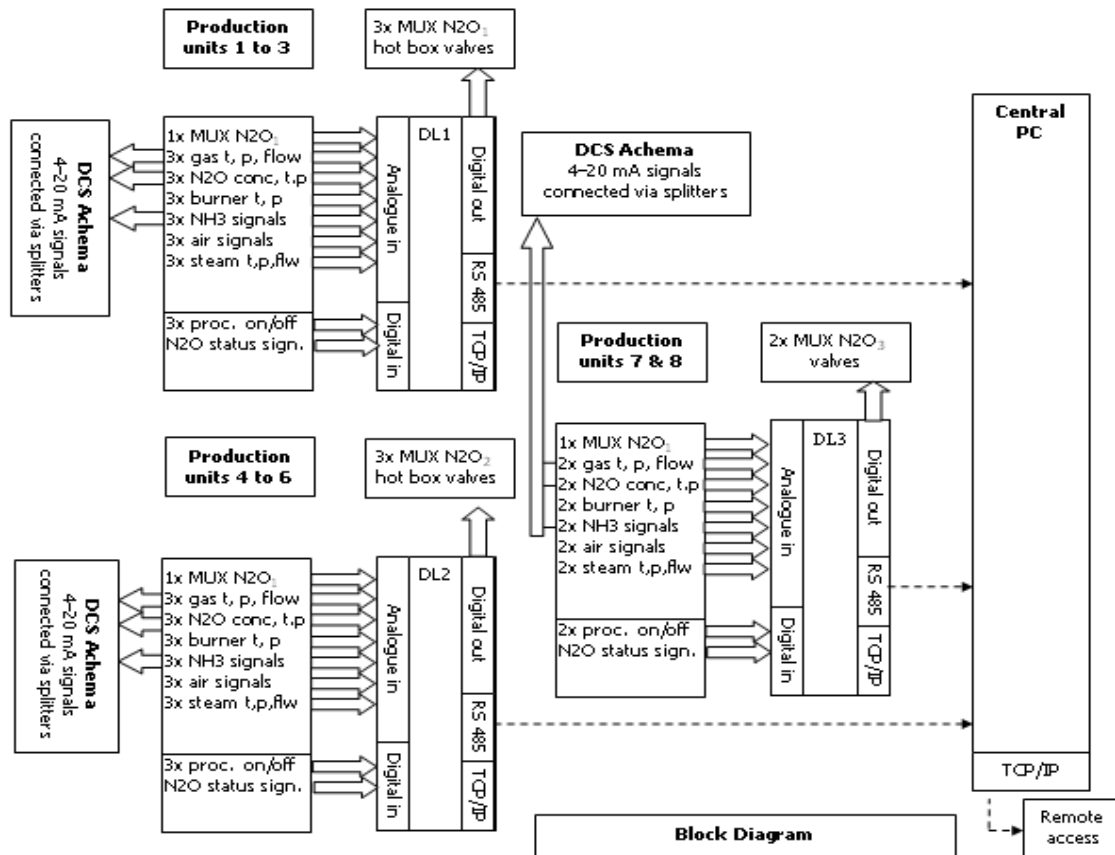
nitric acid 100% concentrate production;

- Nitric acid concentration
- Nitric acid flow
- Nitric acid temperature

and newly installed measurement devices for measurement of N₂O concentration and tail gas flow, temperature and pressure (AMS)

- N₂O concentration in the stack
- Stack volume flow rate
- Stack gas temperature
- Stack gas pressure

Incorporation of the AMS into the MS by interfacing already existing and newly installed measurement devices is documented by the diagram below.



N₂O automated measurement system

Main purpose of the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) is to measure total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaigns (both baseline and project). In order of calculation of total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaign it is necessary to measure on an extractive basis the N₂O concentration in a tail gas and on a non-extractive basis tail gas flow, pressure and temperature.

N₂O concentration

N₂O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from respective tail gas ducts at sampling points located after expansion turbines and transported by heated sample lines to the Monitoring room A located next to the main production hall. This applies to 2 concentration meters measuring lines 1-3 and lines 4-6. lines 7-8 are measured by third concentration meter located at the other side of the production hall (Monitoring room B) physically closer to respective production lines 7 and 8.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer (4°C), so N₂O concentration is measured on a dry basis. Correction of dry basis ppmV value to real wet tail

gas conditions based on steam flow injected into the system is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

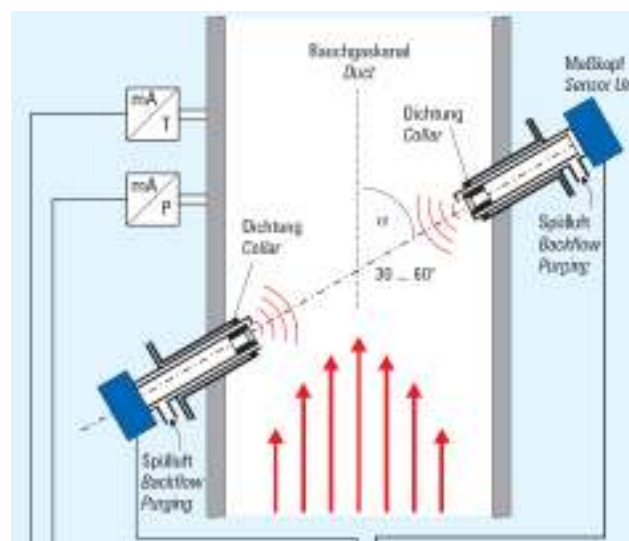
N₂O concentration is measured by concentration infrared absorption principle meters Xentra 4900 using GFX monitoring technology.

Recently there are 8 production Lines. N₂O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis. Tail gas samples are automatically switched. Under-sampling uncertainty is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

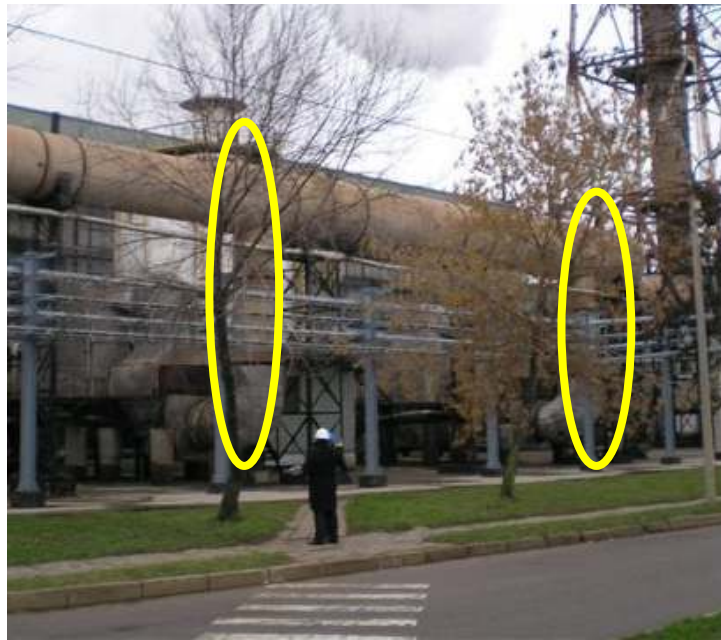
N₂O concentration measured data are sent from the concentration meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section.



The tail gas ducts do not allow any optimum location to perform the flow monitoring. The only possible location is the quite short vertical tube behind the 90° “knee”.



Since the flow is not really laminar, a classical Pitot tube one point solution wouldn't allow good results. The ultrasonic system is under these conditions superior to differential pressure. Cross duct monitoring is more accurate than a couple of discrete point averaged pressure.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas steam injection elimination

Steam injected into the Achema UKL-7 tail gas for purpose of increasing the turbine output is eliminated from the tail gas mass flow calculation by following formulae:

$$\text{flow - STVF} = L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325) * ((100 - L1_Humi) / 100)$$

where Humi (water content) =

$$(L1_Flow_steam * 1.2436) / (L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325)) * 100 + 0.6$$

where 1.2436 is the conversion factor from kg/h to Nm³/h and 0.6% is a value of humidity present in a flue gas permanently without steam injection

The Flow_steam parameter necessary for calculation of the water content in the dataloggers is provided in the kg/h unit.

Achema measures steam flow in kg/h using formula $Q=C*\sqrt{dp}$, where C is flow constant which is already integrated using an orifice plate sizing program. The orifice plate calculation for injection steam has been done for temperature 250°C and pressure 6 bar.

Flow steam in kg/h measured by using the constant steam T and P values is then recalculated to actual steam T and P values valid for relevant hours and as result the STVF value cleaned of the steam injected is used for further emission reductions calculations.

EN14181 compliance

As required by the AM0034/Version 02 methodology the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) complies with requirements of the technical norm EN14181. N₂O AMS consists from the N₂O concentration meter and integrated flowmeter (F, T, P). Both measurement devices are QAL1 certified (concentration meter for the N₂O measurand specifically) and after full commissioning of the monitoring system there was the QAL2 test carried out by an independent laboratory certified according to ISO17025.

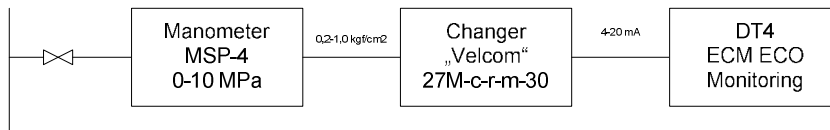
Operating conditions

For purpose of the baseline emissions factor setting it is necessary to monitor and report operating conditions in all 8 burners. Namely:

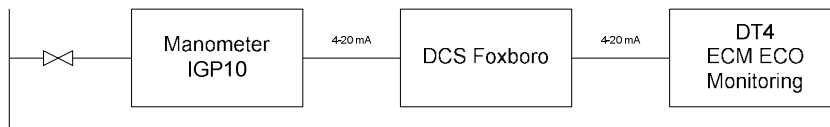
- Ammonia flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

All these parameters are measured by the plant monitoring system as presented on diagrams below:

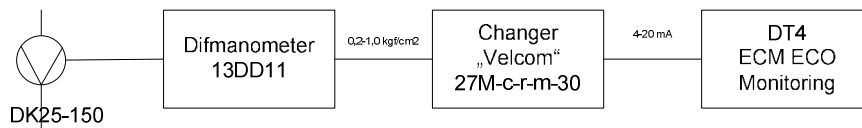
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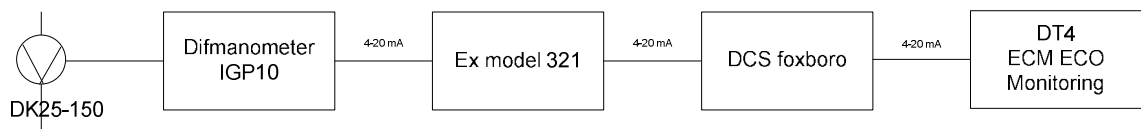
P in mixer 7-8 line

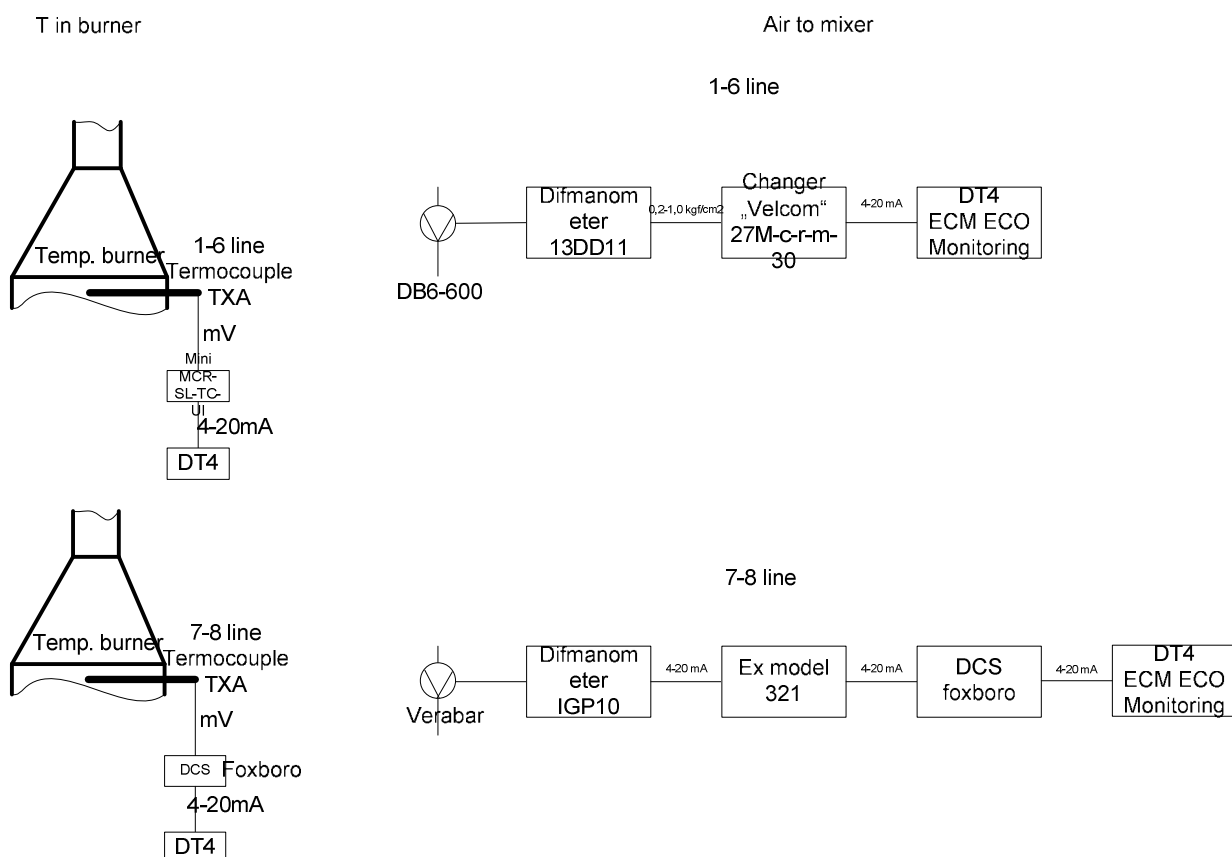


NH3 to mixer 1-6 line



NH3 to mixer 7-8 line





Signals obtained from these measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Operating conditions measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further. Maintenance procedures for the ammonia oxidation parameters follow the existing procedures for the operation of the nitric acid plant.

Nitric acid production

Nitric acid concentration is based on two components: nitric acid and water. Standard monitoring method is on-Line refractometry. Measurement of nitric acid (100%) mass volume production per campaign is necessary for calculation of the baseline emissions factor. Nitric acid concentration on all 8 Lines is measured by K-Patents PR-23-GP refractometers.

This analyzer is applying a prism to "return" a generated optical beam back to an LCD detector.



The detector is measuring refraction of monitored liquid based on known refraction of water and nitric acid. The instrument is calibrated for percent concentration of nitric acid. The analyzer is mounted on DIN-flange 2656, PN25 DN80. The optical prism does not require cleaning.

PR-23-GP characteristics:

Measuring RI is a direct concentration measurement principle. No need to rely or convert magnitudes.

Digital instrument – no calibration drift

As it is a robust instrument it is maintenance free

Dual connectivity if the installation positions allow.

On-Line data logging, through Ethernet, on whichever web browser.

No influence by bubbles or particles. It is very common that air enters the process pipeline and still the refractometer measures accurately.

Nitric acid concentration data are in an analog 4-20mA format provided to dataloggers which process these signals further.

In order of being able to calculate total mass volume of nitric acid 100% concentrate produced during the baseline campaign it is necessary to monitor also nitric acid flow and temperature. Measurement of pressure is not necessary for determination of the nitric acid mass volume flow, because nitric acid is in form of liquid and as such it has stable pressure characteristic.

Signals obtained from the nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further.



After installation of refractometers there have been occurrences of their failure and following repair service by the manufacturer. For this period starting from 05/10/2007 and ending on 08/09/2008 project uses HNO₃ concentration data provided by the laboratory measurements.

6. QAL 2 CALIBRATION ADJUSTMENTS

6.1 Applied principle

As required in the applicable norm EN14181: “The relation between the instrument readings of the recording measuring procedure and the quantity of the measuring objects has to be described by using a suitable convention method. The results have to be expressed by a regression analysis.”

As it is described in the Calibration Report issued by Airtec laboratory, the measurement results derived from the analog signals (4 mA to 20 mA) provided the installed instruments have been compared to the comparative measurements.

Linearity check of the instruments characteristics is stated in the QAL2 Calibration Report issued by the laboratory. The valid ranges of Linearity are determined by statistical analysis according to the guideline and the Linearity assumptions are further used in the Calibration Report establishing Linear regression Lines.

The general formula of the regression Line, established in the EN14181 and used in the Calibration Report is:

$$Y = a + bX$$

where:

X is the measured value of the instrument in mA
Y is the value of the parameter being objective of the measurement
a is a constant of the regression Line
b is the slope of the regression Line

After a comparative test the laboratory issued the old and new regression Lines properties, namely “a” and “b” applying for all of the measured parameters that are subject to calibration as stated in the Calibration Report.

The QAL2 corrections are based on the fact that the actual analog current outputs (in mA) of the measurement instruments are relevant for both, the old and new regression Lines:

$$X_o = X_n = X$$

where:

X_n: X new
X_o: X old

This allows us to derive a calibrating formula that gives us the corrected value of the measured physical parameters. The applied calibrating equation is:

$$Y_n = A_n + (B_n/B_o) * (Y_o - A_o)$$

In order to take into account the properties of the AMS and their implication to the QAL 2 implementation in the model, we will further introduce several remarks to the conversion and normalization of the data.

The units returned by the AMS “nm³/h” stand for normalized cubic meters of the gas volume at normal gas conditions (0° C, 1 atm.).

6.2 Stack gas volume flow

Based on the real conditions measured and applied by the AMS for normalization (TSG in °C and PSG in hPa), the stack gas volume flow values are converted to real conditions before the regression analysis using the ideal gas law. The actual gas volume flow rates are derived from gas velocity measurements, therefore, before applying the regression analysis the gas speed is calculated from the volume flow and the duct cross-section and is fed into the calibrating equation. The calibrated values derived from the calibrating equation then converted back to normalized units using the calibrated real conditions (calibrated TSG and PSG). The normalized calibrated stack gas flow rates are further fed into the emission calculation model for further processing as set out by the Approved Baseline and Monitoring Methodology AM_0034.

6.3 Nitric acid concentration in stack gas

The nitric acid concentration in the raw data set from the AMS is in mgN₂O/m₃. The concentration was converted to ppmv to make it compatible with the regression Lines parameters. The nitrous gas concentration values are then calibrated using the provided regression Lines parameters and are input in the model.

6.4 Stack gas Temperature

The stack gas temperature was calibrated by the regression conversion formula

6.5 Stack gas Pressure

The calibration report provides us with a regression Line for the stack gas pressure. We calibrate the readings of the measurements system using the regression formula and applying the values (in kPa).

7. EMISSION REDUCTION CALCULATIONS

Table T 2 illustrates the establishment of historic campaign length based on 5 previous campaigns. Average production in 5 campaigns preceding the baseline campaign was 61 599 tHNO₃ and time duration was on average 241 days. Table contains also information on suppliers of primary catalysts for the line 6.

T 2 Historic campaigns

Line	ACHEMA UKL-6	Production	Start	End	Days	Production per day	Primary Catalyst	Composition
Historic Campaigns	1 t HNO ₃	62 918	28 Aug 2003	25 Mar 2004	210	300	Heraeus	N/A *
	2 t HNO ₃	61 366	01 Apr 2004	02 Feb 2005	307	200	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	3 t HNO ₃	64 872	26 Jul 2005	10 Mar 2006	227	286	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	4 t HNO ₃	55 693	10 Mar 2006	29 Nov 2006	264	211	Umicore	N/A *
	5 t HNO ₃	63 148	29 Nov 2006	12 Jun 2007	195	324	Heraeus	N/A *
Average HNO ₃ production	t HNO ₃	61 599			241	256	* Confidential but available for the verification	
Project Campaigns	BL t HNO ₃	60 850	11 Jan 2008	21 Jul 2008	192	317	Heraeus	N/A *
	PL t HNO ₃	109 725	01 Oct 2010	10 Aug 2011	314	350	Heraeus	N/A *

It is business as usual scenario in Achema UKL-7 plant to keep using primary catalysts from several suppliers and with several compositions. Selection of primary catalysts is determined by technical parameters of their use and price levels offered by suppliers in specific time. Primary catalysts used during the baseline campaign, if other than used in previous campaign/s, did not increase emissions of N₂O as confirmed by relevant statements provided to the verifier.

T 3 and Chart C 1 define the length of the baseline campaign. Baseline campaign measurements for this project campaign started on 11/01/2008 and continued through 21/07/2008 when the 60 850 tHNO₃ nitric acid production was reached. The measurement of baseline Nitrous Acid Concentration (NCSG) was carried out until production reached - tHNO₃.

T 3 Baseline campaign length

ACHEMA UKL-6	Historic Campaigns End	Start of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Measurement NCSG	End of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Campaign
Dates	2007 Jun 12	2008 Jan 11	2008 Jul 21	2008 Jul 21	2008 Jul 22
Baseline Factor kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃	-	-	10.34	10.34	10.34
Production tHNO ₃	-	-	60 850	60 850	-
Per Day Production tHNO ₃	256.0				
Baseline less Historic Production	(749.3)				
Baseline less Historic Days	(2.9)				

C 1 Baseline campaign length

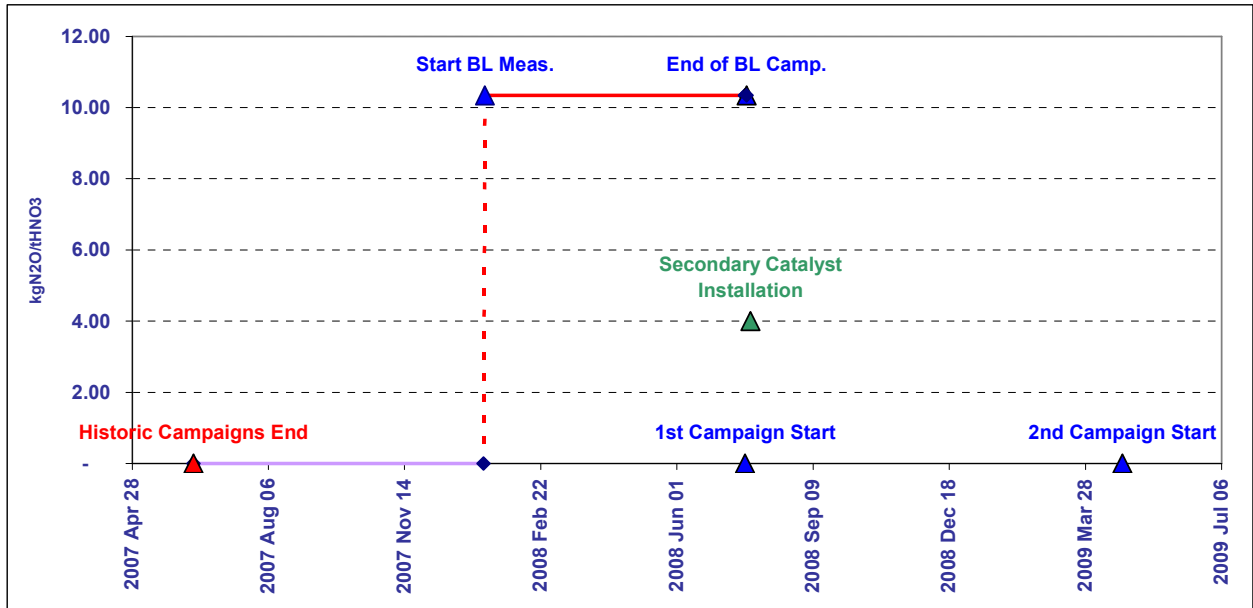


Table T 4 illustrates the calculation of the baseline emission factor on Line 6 using the method as defined in the CDM methodology AM0034 and in the PDD. We have not used overlapping approach allowed by the PDD. Baseline emission factor was determined based on raw data measured from 11/01/2008 through 21/07/2008.

Extreme values and data measured during hours when one or more of operating conditions were outside of the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculations. As a next step we have eliminated data beyond 95% confidence interval and calculated new mean values of N₂O concentration and stack gas volume flow using following method:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

Using the means values we have calculated the baseline emissions as set out in the PDD.

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred. Calculated baseline N₂O emissions were 667 tN₂O.

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

The UNC factor defined by the QAL2 report is 5.620%, which is further modified by an uncertainty of 0.105% due to under-sampling. As a result we have arrived to the baseline emission factor of 10.34 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Table T 5 shows the calculation of the project emission factor on Line 6 during the project campaign. Project campaign started on 01/10/2010 and went through 10/08/2011.

We have eliminated extreme values and data beyond the 95% confidence interval as prescribed by the PDD.

- a) Calculate the sample mean (\bar{x})
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

Using the mean values we have calculated total mass of N_2O emissions (PE_n) as follows:

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours (OH) defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred.

By dividing total mass of N_2O emissions by the nitric acid production (capped by nameplate capacity 350 tHNO₃/day) we have determined the project campaign specific emission factor at value of 4.03 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

$$EF_n = PE_n / NAP_n (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

T 4 Baseline emission factor

BASELINE EMISSION FACTOR											
	Code Unit	Operating Hours OH h	Nitric Acid Production NAP t/h	N2O Concentration mg N2O/Nm ³	Gas Volume Flow VSG Nm ³ /h	Ammonia Flow Rate AFR Nm ³ /h	Ammonia to Air Ratio AIFR %	Oxidation Temperature OT °C	Oxidation Pressure OP kPa	AMS in Operation h	Nitric Acid Production NCSG NAP t/h
Elimination of extreme values											
Lower limit		0	50.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Limit				3.000	120.000	10.000	20.00	1.200	1.000		50
Raw Data Measured Range											
Count		4 233	4 363	4 494	4 290	4 324	4 361	4 585	4 564	3 944	4 363
as % of Dataset		92%	95%	96%	93%	94%	95%	100%	99%	86%	95%
Minimum			-	1	2	568	-	(1)	0		-
Maximum			16.37	2 303	117 970	6 423	15.58	905	634		16
Mean			13.95	1 422	99 960	6 050	10.50	833	583		14
Standard Deviation			3.18	416	17 673	456	1.70	201	44		3
Total			60 850								60 850
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)											
Emission Factor											
602 t N2O											
9.33 kgN2O / tHNO3											
Permitted Range											
Minimum					4 500	0	0	880	0		
Maximum					7 500	11.70		910	800		
Data within the permitted range											
Count		4 116		4 015	4 015					3 944	
as % of Operating Hours		97%		95%	95%					93%	
Minimum				7	10 156						
Maximum				2 074	110 925						
Mean				1 456	103 058						
Standard Deviation				312	2 541						
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)											
Emission Factor											
635 t N2O											
9.85 kgN2O / tHNO3											
Data within the confidence interval											
95% Confidence interval											
Lower bound				844	98 078						
Upper bound				2 088	108 039						
Count				3 695	3 991						
as % of Operating Hours				87%	94%						
Minimum				997	98 180						
Maximum				2 062	108 018						
Mean				1 528	103 105						
Standard Deviation				201	1 728						
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)											
Emission Factor (EF = BL)											
667 t N2O											
10.34 kgN2O / tHNO3											

T 5 Project emission factor

Parameter	PROJECT EMISSION FACTOR							
	Operating Hours	Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure
Code Unit	OH h	NAP t/h	NCSG mg N2O/Nm3	VSG Nm3/h	AFR Nm3/h	AIFR %	OT °C	OP kPa
Elimination of extreme values								
Lower limit	0	50.00	0	0	0	0	50	0
Upper Limit			3.000	120.000	10.000	20.00	1.200	1.000

Raw Data Measured Range	
Count	7 103
as % of Dataset	94%
Minimum	7 478
Maximum	99%
Mean	17.82
Standard Deviation	14.75
Total	2.56
	110.337

N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)	270 t N2O
Emission Factor	2.44 kgN2O / tHNO3

Data within the confidence interval	
95% Confidence interval	
Lower bound	319
Upper bound	525
Count	78 706
as % of Operating Hours	101.373
Minimum	6 686
Maximum	94%
Mean	319
Standard Deviation	524
	425
	48

N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)	273 t N2O
Actual Project Emission Factor (EF_PActual)	2.48 kgN2O / tHNO3
Abatement Ratio	76.0%

Moving Average Emission Factor Correction	Actual Factors	Moving Average Rule
1	4.94	4.94
2	4.39	4.67
3	4.31	4.55
4	2.48	4.03
5	-	-

Project Emission Factor (EF_P)	4.03 kgN2O / tHNO3
Abatement Ratio	61.0%

MONITORING REPORT

PROJECT: ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant N₂O abatement project

LINE: Line 7

MONITORING PERIOD:

FROM: 10/12/2010

TO: 26/08/2011

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This monitoring report determines baseline emission factor for the Line 7 of ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant and quantity of emission reduction generated during the fourth project campaign on Line 7.

The first project campaign on Line 7 started on 28/03/2008. Secondary catalyst was installed on 03/07/2008. Total quantity of emission reductions generated during the fourth project period from 10/12/2010 through 26/08/2011 on Line 7 is **163 964 ERUs**.

T 1 Emission reduction calculations

EMISSION REDUCTION			
Baseline Emission Factor	EF_BL	9.09	kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Project Campaign Emission Factor	EF_P	2.01	kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL	55 626	tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the NCSG Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL_NCSG	55 626	tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Project Campaign	NAP_P	74 706	tHNO ₃
GWP	GWP	310	tCO ₂ e/tN ₂ O
Emission Reduction	ER	163 964	tCO₂e
<i>ER=(EF_BL-EF_P)*NAP_P*GWP/1000</i>			
Abatement Ratio			87.7%

EMISSION REDUCTION PER YEAR			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Date From		10 Dec 2010	01 Jan 2011
Date To		31 Dec 2010	26 Aug 2011
Nitric Acid Production		6 843	67 863
Emission Reduction		15 019	148 945
<i>ER_YR = ER * NAP_P_YR / NAP_P</i>			

Baseline emission factor established for the Line 7 during baseline measurement carried from 12/09/2007 through 27/03/2008 is 9.09 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Project emission factor during the fourth project campaign after installation of secondary catalysts on Line 7, which started on 10/12/2010 and went through 26/08/2011 with secondary catalyst installed and commissioned on 03/07/2008, is 2.01 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

During the project campaign 74 706 tonnes of nitric acid was produced.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITY

Purpose of the Project (the “Project”) is the reduction of nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions from nitric acid production Lines at the UKL-7 nitric acid plant of AB Achema (“Achema” or “the Company”). The Company is situated in Jonava, Lithuania.

Achema has installed and operates secondary N₂O reduction catalysts underneath the primary catalyst precious metal catching and catalytic gauzes package in the ammonium burners of the UKL-7 nitric acid plant.

This monitoring report contains information on Line 7 emission reductions including information on baseline emission factor setting for the Line 7.

The separate treatment of nitric acid lines and overlapping of the monitoring periods are allowed by the clarification issued Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee: “CLARIFICATION REGARDING OVERLAPPING MONITORING PERIODS UNDER THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE UNDER THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE”. The Project meets all the requirements set out by the clarification:

1. The Project is composed of clearly identifiable components for which emission reductions or enhancements of removals are calculated independently; and
2. Monitoring is performed independently for each of these components, i.e. the data/parameters monitored for one component are not dependent on/effect data/parameters (to be) monitored for another component; and
3. The monitoring plan ensures that monitoring is performed for all components and that in these cases all the requirements of the JI guidelines and further guidance by the JISC regarding monitoring are met.

3. BASELINE SETTING

Baseline emission factor for line 7 has been established on the Line-specific basis. Campaign used for baseline measurements on the line 7 has been carried out from 12/09/2007 through 27/03/2008.

N₂O concentration and gas volume flow are monitored by monitoring system complying with requirements of the European Norm 14181.

Monitoring system provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation as an average of the measured values for the previous 60 minutes.

Measurement results can be distorted before and after periods of downtime or malfunction of the monitoring system and can lead to mavericks. To eliminate such extremes and to ensure a conservative approach, the following statistical evaluation is applied to the complete data series of N₂O concentration as well as to the data series for gas volume flow. The statistical procedure is applied to data obtained after eliminating data measured for periods where the plant operated outside the permitted ranges:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

The average mass of N₂O emissions per hour is estimated as product of the NCSG and VSG. The N₂O emissions per campaign are estimates product of N₂O emission per hour and the total number of complete hours of operation of the campaign using the following equation:

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

The Line specific baseline emissions factor representing the average N₂O emissions per tonne of nitric acid over one full campaign is derived by dividing the total mass of N₂O emissions by the total output of 100% concentrated nitric acid during baseline campaign.

The overall uncertainty of the monitoring system has been determined by the QAL2 report and the measurement error is expressed as a percentage (UNC). The N₂O emission factor per tonne of nitric acid produced in the baseline period (EF_{BL}) has been then be reduced by the percentage error as follows:

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

where:

Variable	Definition
EF_{BL}	Baseline N_2O emissions factor ($tN_2O/tHNO_3$)
BE_{BC}	Total N_2O emissions during the baseline campaign (tN_2O)
$NCSG_{BC}$	Mean concentration of N_2O in the stack gas during the baseline campaign (mgN_2O/m^3)
OH_{BC}	Operating hours of the baseline campaign (h)
VSG_{BC}	Mean gas volume flow rate at the stack in the baseline measurement period (m^3/h)
NAP_{BC}	Nitric acid production during the baseline campaign ($tHNO_3$)
UNC	Overall uncertainty of the monitoring system (%), calculated as the combined uncertainty of the applied monitoring equipment.

3.1 Measurement procedure for N_2O concentration and tail gas volume flow

3.1.1 Tail gas N_2O concentration

N_2O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from the Line 7 tail gas duct at sampling point located after expansion turbine and transported by sample Line to the Monitoring room B, where the analyzer is located.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer ($4^\circ C$), so N_2O concentration is measured on a dry basis.

N_2O concentration is measured by concentration infrared absorption principle meters Xentra 4900 using GFX monitoring technology.

Recently there are 8 production lines. N_2O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis.

N_2O concentration measured data are sent from the analyzer on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.1.2 Tail gas flow rate, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section. Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.2 Permitted range of operating conditions of the nitric acid plant

Under certain circumstances, the operating conditions during the measurement period used to determine baseline N_2O emission factor may be outside the permitted range or limit corresponding to normal operating conditions. N_2O baseline data measured during hours

where the operating conditions were outside the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculation of the baseline emissions factor.

Normal ranges for operating conditions have been determined for the following parameters:

- oxidation temperature;
- oxidation pressure;
- ammonia gas flow rate,
- air input flow rate.

The permitted range for these parameters has been established using the plant operation manual, as described in the PDD..

3.3 Historic Campaign Length

The average historic campaign length (CL_{normal}) defined as the average campaign length for the historic campaigns used to define operating condition (the previous five campaigns), has not been used as a cap on the length of the baseline campaign because of shorter project campaign.

4. PROJECT EMISSIONS

During the first project campaign on line 7 the tail gas volume flow in the stack of the nitric acid plant as well as N₂O concentration have been measured on the continuous basis.

4.1.1 Estimation of campaign-specific project emissions factor

The monitoring system was installed using the guidance document EN 14181 and provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation. Same statistical evaluation that was applied to the baseline data series has been applied to the project data series:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH \text{ (tN}_2\text{O)}$$

where:

Variable	Definition
VSG	Mean stack gas volume flow rate for the project campaign (m ³ /h)
NCSG	Mean concentration of N ₂ O in the stack gas for the project campaign (mgN ₂ O/m ³)
PE _n	Total N ₂ O emissions of the n th project campaign (tN ₂ O)
OH	Is the number of hours of operation in the specific monitoring period (h)

4.1.2 Derivation of a moving average emission factor

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

4.2 Minimum project emission factor

The minimum average emission factor established factor will be established after 10th project campaign.

4.3 Project Campaign Length

Project campaign production of nitric acid has been below defined nameplate capacity and thus all NAP produced from date of installation of secondary catalysts has been used for calculation of emission reductions.

4.4 Leakage

No leakage calculation is required.

4.5 Emission reductions

The emission reductions for the project activity during this campaign have been determined by deducting the campaign-specific emission factor from the baseline emission factor and multiplying the result by the production output of 100% concentrated nitric acid over the campaign period and the GWP of N₂O:

$$ER = (EFBL - EFP) * NAP * GWPN_{2O} \text{ (tCO}_2\text{e)}$$

Where:

Variable	Definition
ER	Emission reductions of the project for the specific campaign (tCO ₂ e)
NAP	Nitric acid production for the project campaign (tHNO ₃). The maximum value of NAP shall not exceed the design capacity.
EFBL	Baseline emissions factor (tN ₂ O/tHNO ₃)
EFP	Emissions factor used to calculate the emissions from this particular campaign (i.e. the higher of EF _{ma,n} and EF _n)

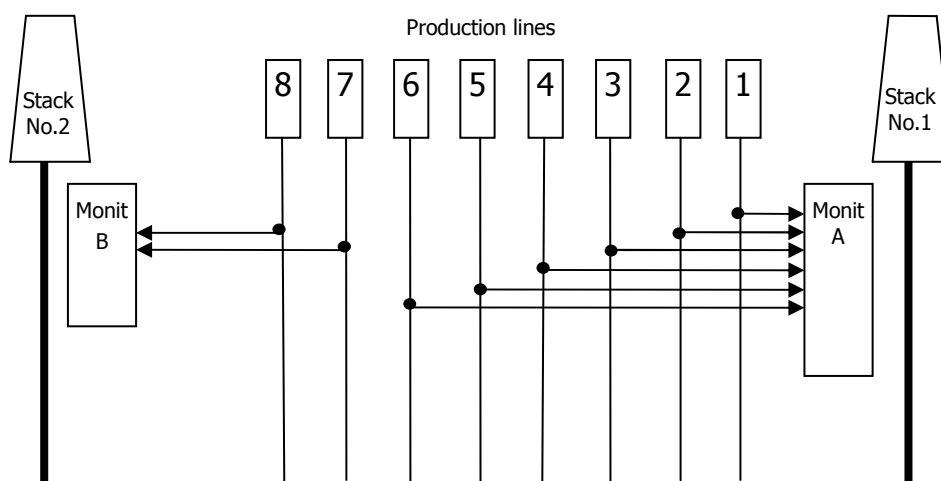
5. MONITORING PLAN

Purpose of the monitoring plan

The purpose of the monitoring plan is to describe the system used to monitor emissions of N_2O from the plant in such a way that is compliant with the prescriptions of the AM0034/Version 02.

Plant description

The UKL-7 nitric acid plant comprises 8 production Lines numbered from 1 through 8, each with its own burner, absorption column and expansion turbine. Each production Line represents a separate nitric acid production unit independent from each other. The tail gases from each Line are after expansion turbines led to a common stack bus and vented through two interconnected stacks.



Primary catalyst is changed at different times thus it is necessary to measure the emissions from each Line individually. This means that eight separate sets of monitoring equipment are installed to measure tail gas flow, nitric acid production, nitric acid concentration, and the operating conditions. N_2O concentration in the tail gas is measured by 3 switched concentration meters.

Monitoring System architecture

Methodology AM0034/Version 02 requires installation of an N_2O monitoring system that includes both a gas volume flow meter to determine the tail gas mass volume flow and an infrared gas analyser to determine the concentration of N_2O .

But tail gas N₂O concentration meter and tail gas volume flow meter alone are not sufficient for a JI project purposes. In order of being able to calculate the baseline emission factor expressed as tonnage of N₂O in t CO₂e per 1 tonne of HNO₃ (100%), it is necessary to include also HNO₃ measurement, and in order of being able to document normal operating conditions it is necessary to include also operating conditions measurement.

Because of this we use the term Monitoring System (MS) to describe entire monitoring system directly and indirectly used for the JI purposes, while Automated Measurement System (AMS) covers only N₂O emissions and tail gas mass volume part of the MS.

Monitoring System (MS) for purpose of this monitoring plan means:

monitoring system measuring operational conditions;

- Ammonia volume flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air volume flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

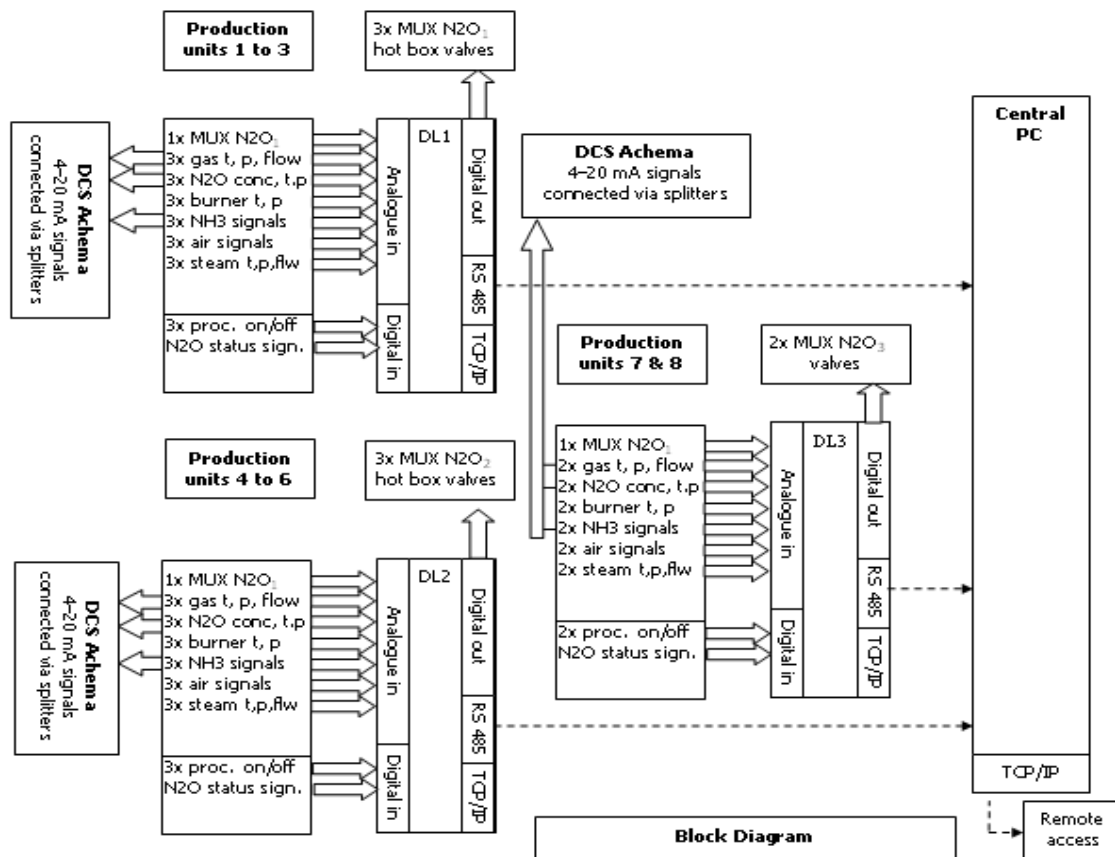
nitric acid 100% concentrate production;

- Nitric acid concentration
- Nitric acid flow
- Nitric acid temperature

and newly installed measurement devices for measurement of N₂O concentration and tail gas flow, temperature and pressure (AMS)

- N₂O concentration in the stack
- Stack volume flow rate
- Stack gas temperature
- Stack gas pressure

Incorporation of the AMS into the MS by interfacing already existing and newly installed measurement devices is documented by the diagram below.



N₂O automated measurement system

Main purpose of the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) is to measure total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaigns (both baseline and project). In order of calculation of total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaign it is necessary to measure on an extractive basis the N₂O concentration in a tail gas and on a non-extractive basis tail gas flow, pressure and temperature.

N₂O concentration

N₂O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from respective tail gas ducts at sampling points located after expansion turbines and transported by heated sample lines to the Monitoring room A located next to the main production hall. This applies to 2 concentration meters measuring lines 1-3 and lines 4-6. lines 7-8 are measured by third concentration meter located at the other side of the production hall (Monitoring room B) physically closer to respective production lines 7 and 8.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer (4°C), so N₂O concentration is measured on a dry basis. Correction of dry basis ppmV value to real wet tail

gas conditions based on steam flow injected into the system is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

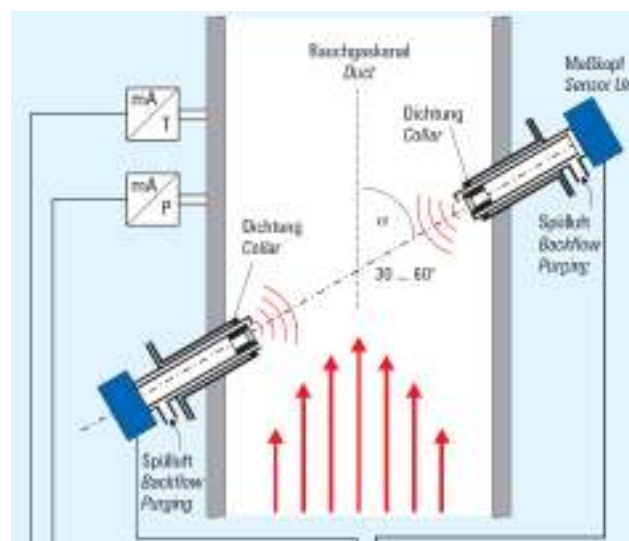
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Recently there are 8 production Lines. N₂O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis. Tail gas samples are automatically switched. Under-sampling uncertainty is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

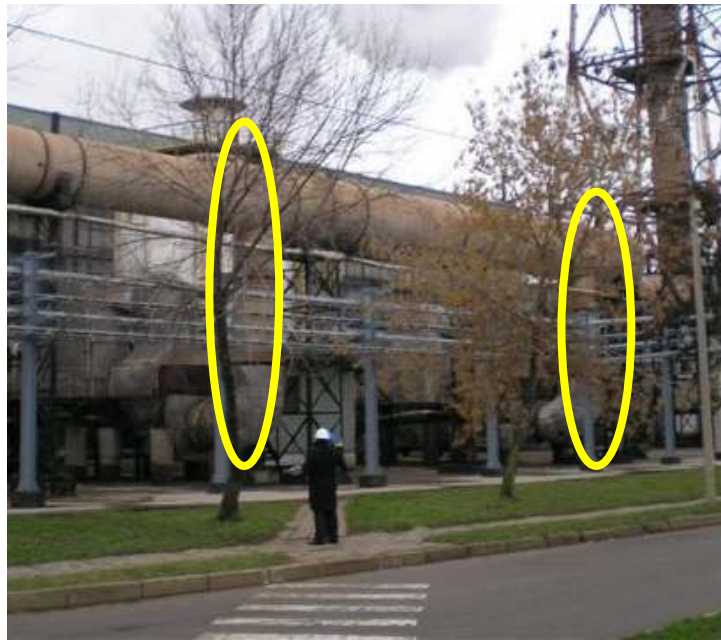
N₂O concentration measured data are sent from the concentration meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section.



The tail gas ducts do not allow any optimum location to perform the flow monitoring. The only possible location is the quite short vertical tube behind the 90° “knee”.



Since the flow is not really laminar, a classical Pitot tube one point solution wouldn't allow good results. The ultrasonic system is under these conditions superior to differential pressure. Cross duct monitoring is more accurate than a couple of discrete point averaged pressure.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas steam injection elimination

Steam injected into the Achema UKL-7 tail gas for purpose of increasing the turbine output is eliminated from the tail gas mass flow calculation by following formulae:

$$\text{flow - STVF} = L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325) * ((100 - L1_Humi) / 100)$$

where Humi (water content) =

$$(L1_Flow_steam * 1.2436) / (L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325)) * 100 + 0.6$$

where 1.2436 is the conversion factor from kg/h to Nm³/h and 0.6% is a value of humidity present in a flue gas permanently without steam injection

The Flow_steam parameter necessary for calculation of the water content in the dataloggers is provided in the kg/h unit.

Achema measures steam flow in kg/h using formula $Q=C*\sqrt{dp}$, where C is flow constant which is already integrated using an orifice plate sizing program. The orifice plate calculation for injection steam has been done for temperature 250°C and pressure 6 bar.

Flow steam in kg/h measured by using the constant steam T and P values is then recalculated to actual steam T and P values valid for relevant hours and as result the STVF value cleaned of the steam injected is used for further emission reductions calculations.

EN14181 compliance

As required by the AM0034/Version 02 methodology the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) complies with requirements of the technical norm EN14181. N₂O AMS consists from the N₂O concentration meter and integrated flowmeter (F, T, P). Both measurement devices are QAL1 certified (concentration meter for the N₂O measurand specifically) and after full commissioning of the monitoring system there was the QAL2 test carried out by an independent laboratory certified according to ISO17025.

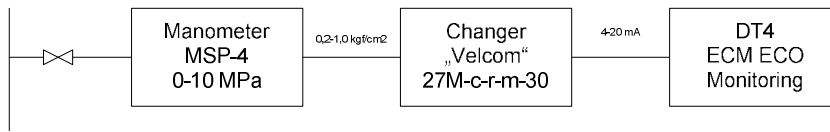
Operating conditions

For purpose of the baseline emissions factor setting it is necessary to monitor and report operating conditions in all 8 burners. Namely:

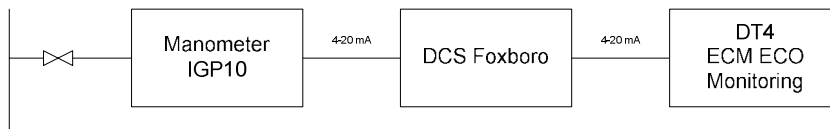
- Ammonia flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

All these parameters are measured by the plant monitoring system as presented on diagrams below:

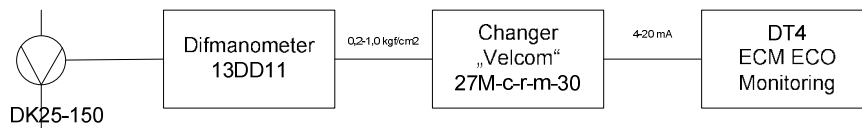
P in mixer 1-6 line



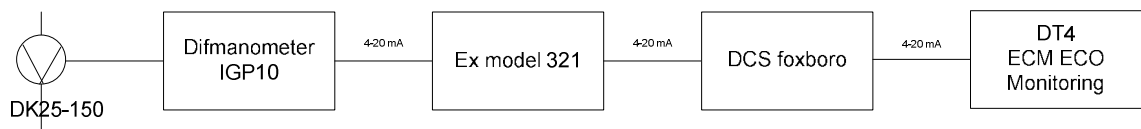
P in mixer 7-8 line

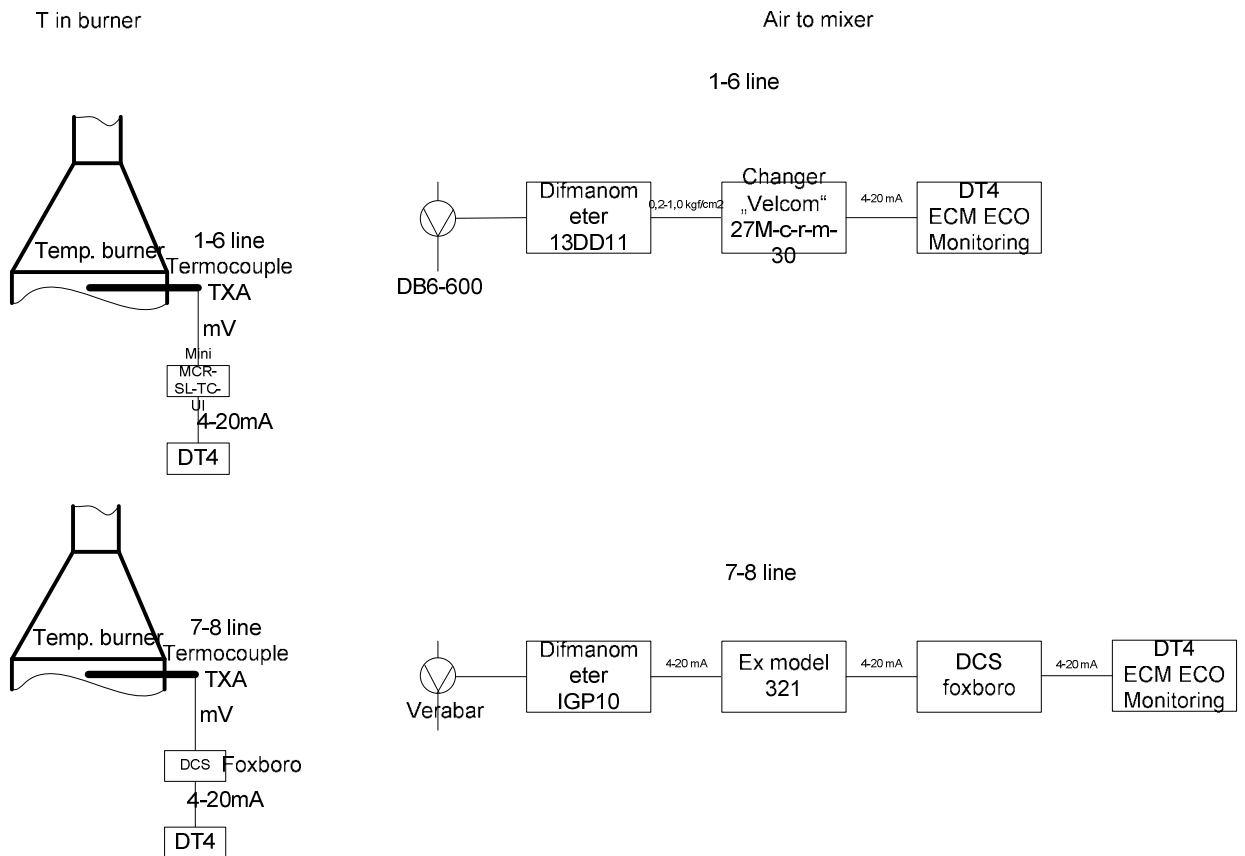


NH3 to mixer 1-6 line



NH3 to mixer 7-8 line





Signals obtained from these measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Operating conditions measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further. Maintenance procedures for the ammonia oxidation parameters follow the existing procedures for the operation of the nitric acid plant.

Nitric acid production

Nitric acid concentration is based on two components: nitric acid and water. Standard monitoring method is on-Line refractometry. Measurement of nitric acid (100%) mass volume production per campaign is necessary for calculation of the baseline emissions factor. Nitric acid concentration on all 8 Lines is measured by K-Patents PR-23-GP refractometers.

This analyzer is applying a prism to "return" a generated optical beam back to an LCD detector.



The detector is measuring refraction of monitored liquid based on known refraction of water and nitric acid. The instrument is calibrated for percent concentration of nitric acid. The analyzer is mounted on DIN-flange 2656, PN25 DN80. The optical prism does not require cleaning.

PR-23-GP characteristics:

Measuring RI is a direct concentration measurement principle. No need to rely or convert magnitudes.

Digital instrument – no calibration drift

As it is a robust instrument it is maintenance free

Dual connectivity if the installation positions allow.

On-Line data logging, through Ethernet, on whichever web browser.

No influence by bubbles or particles. It is very common that air enters the process pipeline and still the refractometer measures accurately.

Nitric acid concentration data are in an analog 4-20mA format provided to dataloggers which process these signals further.

In order of being able to calculate total mass volume of nitric acid 100% concentrate produced during the baseline campaign it is necessary to monitor also nitric acid flow and temperature. Measurement of pressure is not necessary for determination of the nitric acid mass volume flow, because nitric acid is in form of liquid and as such it has stable pressure characteristic.

Signals obtained from the nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further.

After installation of refractometers there have been occurrences of their failure and following repair service by the manufacturer. For this period starting from 04/05/2008 and ending on 18/08/2008 project uses HNO₃ concentration data provided by the laboratory measurements.

6. QAL 2 CALIBRATION ADJUSTMENTS

6.1 Applied principle

As required in the applicable norm EN14181: “The relation between the instrument readings of the recording measuring procedure and the quantity of the measuring objects has to be described by using a suitable convention method. The results have to be expressed by a regression analysis.”

As it is described in the Calibration Report issued by Airtec laboratory, the measurement results derived from the analog signals (4 mA to 20 mA) provided the installed instruments have been compared to the comparative measurements.

Linearity check of the instruments characteristics is stated in the QAL2 Calibration Report issued by the laboratory. The valid ranges of Linearity are determined by statistical analysis according to the guideline and the Linearity assumptions are further used in the Calibration Report establishing Linear regression Lines.

The general formula of the regression Line, established in the EN14181 and used in the Calibration Report is:

$$Y = a + bX$$

where:

X is the measured value of the instrument in mA
Y is the value of the parameter being objective of the measurement
a is a constant of the regression Line
b is the slope of the regression Line

After a comparative test the laboratory issued the old and new regression Lines properties, namely “a” and “b” applying for all of the measured parameters that are subject to calibration as stated in the Calibration Report.

The QAL2 corrections are based on the fact that the actual analog current outputs (in mA) of the measurement instruments are relevant for both, the old and new regression Lines:

$$X_o = X_n = X$$

where:

X_n: X new
X_o: X old

This allows us to derive a calibrating formula that gives us the corrected value of the measured physical parameters. The applied calibrating equation is:

$$Y_n = A_n + (B_n/B_o) * (Y_o - A_o)$$

In order to take into account the properties of the AMS and their implication to the QAL 2 implementation in the model, we will further introduce several remarks to the conversion and normalization of the data.

The units returned by the AMS “nm³/h” stand for normalized cubic meters of the gas volume at normal gas conditions (0° C, 1 atm.).

6.2 Stack gas volume flow

Based on the real conditions measured and applied by the AMS for normalization (TSG in °C and PSG in hPa), the stack gas volume flow values are converted to real conditions before the regression analysis using the ideal gas law. The actual gas volume flow rates are derived from gas velocity measurements, therefore, before applying the regression analysis the gas speed is calculated from the volume flow and the duct cross-section and is fed into the calibrating equation. The calibrated values derived from the calibrating equation then converted back to normalized units using the calibrated real conditions (calibrated TSG and PSG). The normalized calibrated stack gas flow rates are further fed into the emission calculation model for further processing as set out by the Approved Baseline and Monitoring Methodology AM_0034.

6.3 Nitric acid concentration in stack gas

The nitric acid concentration in the raw data set from the AMS is in mgN₂O/m₃. The concentration was converted to ppmv to make it compatible with the regression Lines parameters. The nitrous gas concentration values are then calibrated using the provided regression Lines parameters and are input in the model.

6.4 Stack gas Temperature

The stack gas temperature was calibrated by the regression conversion formula

6.5 Stack gas Pressure

The calibration report provides us with a regression Line for the stack gas pressure. We calibrate the readings of the measurements system using the regression formula and applying the values (in kPa).

7. EMISSION REDUCTION CALCULATIONS

Table T 2 illustrates the establishment of historic campaign length based on 5 previous campaigns. Average production in 5 campaigns preceding the baseline campaign was 64 274 tHNO₃ and time duration was on average 218 days. Table contains also information on suppliers of primary catalysts for the line 7.

T 2 Historic campaigns

Line	ACHEMA UKL-7	Production	Start	End	Days	Production per day	Primary Catalyst	Composition
Historic Campaigns	1 t HNO ₃	57 671	10 Sep 2004	16 Mar 2005	187	308	Heraeus	N/A *
	2 t HNO ₃	70 015	16 Mar 2005	07 Nov 2005	236	297	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	3 t HNO ₃	55 426	08 Nov 2005	20 May 2006	193	287	Heraeus	N/A *
	4 t HNO ₃	67 588	24 May 2006	04 Jan 2007	225	300	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	5 t HNO ₃	70 670	04 Jan 2007	11 Sep 2007	250	283	Umicore	N/A *
Average HNO ₃ production	t HNO ₃	64 274			218	295	* Confidential but available for the verification	
Project Campaigns	BL t HNO ₃	55 626	12 Sep 2007	27 Mar 2008	197	282	Heraeus	N/A *
	PL t HNO ₃	74 706	10 Dec 2010	26 Aug 2011	260	287	Heraeus	N/A *

It is business as usual scenario in Achema UKL-7 plant to keep using primary catalysts from several suppliers and with several compositions. Selection of primary catalysts is determined by technical parameters of their use and price levels offered by suppliers in specific time. Primary catalysts used during the baseline campaign, if other than used in previous campaign/s, did not increase emissions of N₂O as confirmed by relevant statements provided to the verifier.

T 3 and Chart C 1 define the length of the baseline campaign. Baseline campaign measurements for this project campaign started on 12/09/2007 and continued through 27/03/2008 when the 55 626 tHNO₃ nitric acid production was reached. The measurement of baseline Nitrous Acid Concentration (NCSG) was carried out until production reached - tHNO₃.

T 3 Baseline campaign length

ACHEMA UKL-7	Historic Campaigns End	Start of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Measurement NCSG	End of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Campaign
Dates	2007 Sep 11	2007 Sep 12	2008 Mar 27	2008 Mar 27	2008 Mar 28
Baseline Factor kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃	-	-	9.09	9.09	9.09
Production tHNO ₃	-	-	55 626	55 626	-
Per Day Production tHNO ₃	294.6				
Baseline less Historic Production	(8 647.4)				
Baseline less Historic Days	(29.4)				

C 1 Baseline campaign length

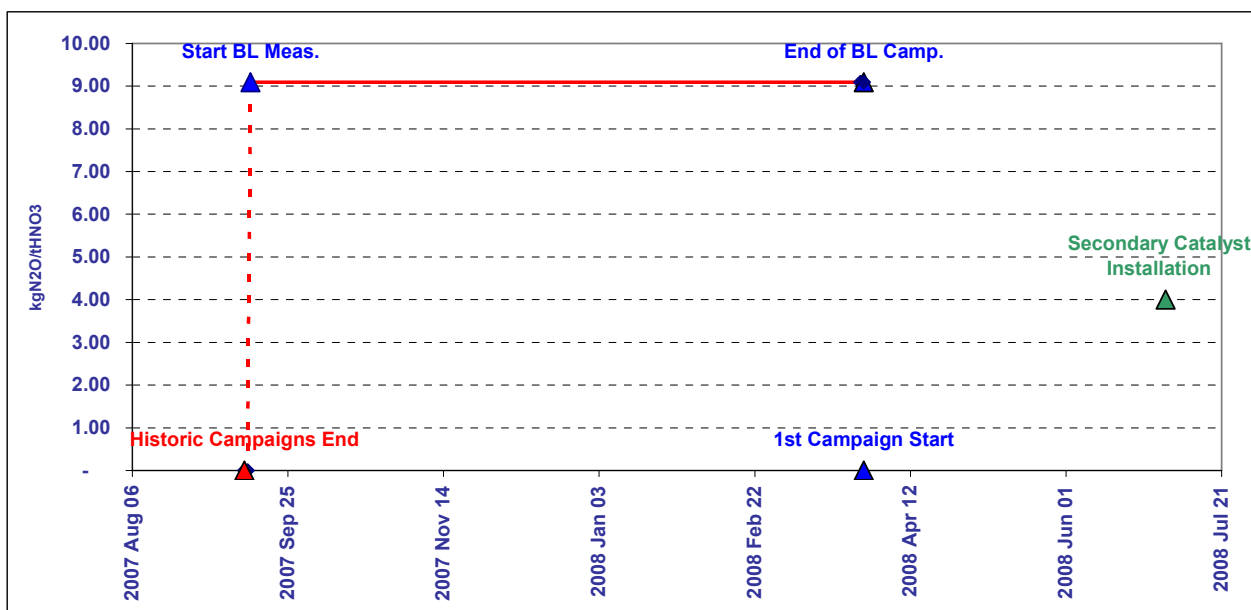


Table T 4 illustrates the calculation of the baseline emission factor on Line 7 using the method as defined in the CDM methodology AM0034 and in the PDD. We have not used overlapping approach allowed by the PDD. Baseline emission factor was determined based on raw data measured from 12/09/2007 through 27/03/2008.

Extreme values and data measured during hours when one or more of operating conditions were outside of the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculations. As a next step we have eliminated data beyond 95% confidence interval and calculated new mean values of N₂O concentration and stack gas volume flow using following method:

- Calculate the sample mean (x)
- Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

Using the means values we have calculated the baseline emissions as set out in the PDD.

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred. Calculated baseline N₂O emissions were 536 tN₂O.

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

The UNC factor defined by the QAL2 report is 5.640%, which is further modified by an uncertainty of 0.124% due to under-sampling. As a result we have arrived to the baseline emission factor of 9.09 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Table T 5 shows the calculation of the project emission factor on Line 7 during the project campaign. Project campaign started on 10/12/2010 and went through 26/08/2011.

We have eliminated extreme values and data beyond the 95% confidence interval as prescribed by the PDD.

- a) Calculate the sample mean (\bar{x})
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

Using the mean values we have calculated total mass of N_2O emissions (PE_n) as follows:

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours (OH) defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred.

By dividing total mass of N_2O emissions by the nitric acid production (capped by nameplate capacity 350 tHNO₃/day) we have determined the project campaign specific emission factor at value of 2.01 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

$$EF_n = PE_n / NAP_n (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

T 4 Baseline emission factor

BASELINE EMISSION FACTOR											
Parameter	Operating Hours	Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure	AMS in Operation	Nitric Acid Production	
Code	Unit	OH	mg N2O/Nm3	VSG	AFR	AFR	OT	OP	h	NCSG	
		h		Nm3/h	Nm3/h	%	°C	kPa		t/h	
Elimination of extreme values											
Lower limit		0	0	0	0	0	50	0		0	
Upper Limit		50.00	3.000	150.000	10.000	20.00	1.200	1.000		50	
Raw Data Measured Range											
Count		4 097	4 385	4 238	4 708	4 485	4 708	4 708	3 890	4 238	
as % of Dataset		87%	93%	90%	100%	95%	100%	100%	82%	90%	
Minimum		0.00	0	1.728	0	0	33	3		0	
Maximum		16.41	1.933	112.864	6.476	18.83	915	667		16	
Mean		13.13	1.250	81.347	5.394	9.92	811	590		13	
Standard Deviation		4.69	.448	24.945	1.806	1.37	228	112		5	
Total		55.626								55.626	
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)											
		417	t N2O								
		7.07	kgN2O / tHNO3								
Permitted Range											
Minimum					-	0	880	550			
Maximum				7.500	11.20		910	800			
Data within the permitted range											
Count		3 145	2 856	2 856	2 856	2 856	2 856	2 856	3 890	2 856	
as % of Operating Hours		77%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	95%	70%	
Minimum			722	57 328							
Maximum			1 933	99 189							
Mean			1 433	89 644							
Standard Deviation			281	5 811							
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)											
		526	t N2O								
		8.93	kgN2O / tHNO3								
Data within the confidence interval											
95% Confidence interval											
Lower bound			882	78 254							
Upper bound			1 984	101 034							
Count			2 753	2 841							
as % of Operating Hours			67%	69%							
Minimum			913	78 697							
Maximum			1 933	99 189							
Mean			1 457	89 755							
Standard Deviation			257	5 588							
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)											
		536	t N2O								
		9.09	kgN2O / tHNO3								
Emission Factor (EF = BL)											

T 5 Project emission factor

Parameter	PROJECT EMISSION FACTOR							
	Operating Hours	Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure
Code Unit	OH h	NAP t/h	NCSG mg N2O/Nm3	VSG Nm3/h	AFR Nm3/h	AIFR %	OT °C	OP kPa
Elimination of extreme values								
Lower limit	0	50.00	3.000	150.000	0	0	50	0
Upper Limit					10.000	20.00	1200	1.000

Raw Data Measured Range	
Count	5 272
as % of Dataset	85%
Minimum	95%
Maximum	0.02
Mean	18.90
Standard Deviation	12.66
Total	4.51
	74 706

N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)	86 t N2O
Emission Factor	1.15 kgN2O / tHNO3

Data within the confidence interval	
95% Confidence interval	
Lower bound	161
Upper bound	301
Count	4 881
as % of Operating Hours	93%
Minimum	162
Maximum	301
Mean	225
Standard Deviation	26

N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)	83 t N2O
Actual Project Emission Factor (EF_PActual)	1.11 kgN2O / tHNO3
Abatement Ratio	87.7%

Moving Average Emission Factor Correction	Actual Factors	Moving Average Rule
1	2.18	2.18
2	2.93	2.93
3	1.83	2.31
4	1.11	2.01
5	-	-

Project Emission Factor (EF_P)	2.01 kgN2O / tHNO3
Abatement Ratio	77.9%

MONITORING REPORT

PROJECT: ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant N₂O abatement project

LINE: Line 8

MONITORING PERIOD:

FROM: 09/11/2010

TO: 01/09/2011

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This monitoring report determines baseline emission factor for the Line 8 of ACHEMA UKL nitric acid plant and quantity of emission reduction generated during the fourth project campaign on Line 8.

The first project campaign on Line 8 started on 17/04/2008. Secondary catalyst was installed on 11/06/2008. Total quantity of emission reductions generated during the fourth project period from 09/11/2010 through 01/09/2011 on Line 8 is **111 857 ERUs**.

T 1 Emission reduction calculations

EMISSION REDUCTION			
Baseline Emission Factor	EF_BL	7.23	kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Project Campaign Emission Factor	EF_P	3.03	kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL	63 577	tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the NCSG Baseline Campaign	NAP_BL_NCSG	63 577	tHNO ₃
Nitric Acid Produced in the Project Campaign	NAP_P	85 912	tHNO ₃
GWP	GWP	310	tCO ₂ e/tN ₂ O
Emission Reduction	ER	111 857	tCO₂e
<i>ER=(EF_BL-EF_P)*NAP_P*GWP/1000</i>			
Abatement Ratio		80.2%	

EMISSION REDUCTION PER YEAR			
Year	2009	2010	2011
Date From		09 Nov 2010	01 Jan 2011
Date To		31 Dec 2010	01 Sep 2011
Nitric Acid Production		18 323	67 589
Emission Reduction		23 856	88 001
<i>ER_YR = ER * NAP_P_YR / NAP_P</i>			

Baseline emission factor established for the Line 8 during baseline measurement carried from 01/09/2007 through 15/04/2008 is 7.23 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Project emission factor during the fourth project campaign after installation of secondary catalysts on Line 8, which started on 09/11/2010 and went through 01/09/2011 with secondary catalyst installed and commissioned on 11/06/2008, is 3.03 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

During the project campaign 85 912 tonnes of nitric acid was produced.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITY

Purpose of the Project (the “Project”) is the reduction of nitrous oxide (N₂O) emissions from nitric acid production Lines at the UKL-7 nitric acid plant of AB Achema (“Achema” or “the Company”). The Company is situated in Jonava, Lithuania.

Achema has installed and operates secondary N₂O reduction catalysts underneath the primary catalyst precious metal catching and catalytic gauzes package in the ammonium burners of the UKL-7 nitric acid plant.

This monitoring report contains information on Line 8 emission reductions including information on baseline emission factor setting for the Line 8.

The separate treatment of nitric acid lines and overlapping of the monitoring periods are allowed by the clarification issued Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee: “CLARIFICATION REGARDING OVERLAPPING MONITORING PERIODS UNDER THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE UNDER THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE”. The Project meets all the requirements set out by the clarification:

1. The Project is composed of clearly identifiable components for which emission reductions or enhancements of removals are calculated independently; and
2. Monitoring is performed independently for each of these components, i.e. the data/parameters monitored for one component are not dependent on/effect data/parameters (to be) monitored for another component; and
3. The monitoring plan ensures that monitoring is performed for all components and that in these cases all the requirements of the JI guidelines and further guidance by the JISC regarding monitoring are met.

3. BASELINE SETTING

Baseline emission factor for line 8 has been established on the Line-specific basis. Campaign used for baseline measurements on the line 8 has been carried out from 01/09/2007 through 15/04/2008.

N₂O concentration and gas volume flow are monitored by monitoring system complying with requirements of the European Norm 14181.

Monitoring system provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation as an average of the measured values for the previous 60 minutes.

Measurement results can be distorted before and after periods of downtime or malfunction of the monitoring system and can lead to mavericks. To eliminate such extremes and to ensure a conservative approach, the following statistical evaluation is applied to the complete data series of N₂O concentration as well as to the data series for gas volume flow. The statistical procedure is applied to data obtained after eliminating data measured for periods where the plant operated outside the permitted ranges:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

The average mass of N₂O emissions per hour is estimated as product of the NCSG and VSG. The N₂O emissions per campaign are estimates product of N₂O emission per hour and the total number of complete hours of operation of the campaign using the following equation:

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

The Line specific baseline emissions factor representing the average N₂O emissions per tonne of nitric acid over one full campaign is derived by dividing the total mass of N₂O emissions by the total output of 100% concentrated nitric acid during baseline campaign.

The overall uncertainty of the monitoring system has been determined by the QAL2 report and the measurement error is expressed as a percentage (UNC). The N₂O emission factor per tonne of nitric acid produced in the baseline period (EF_{BL}) has been then be reduced by the percentage error as follows:

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

where:

Variable	Definition
EF_{BL}	Baseline N_2O emissions factor ($tN_2O/tHNO_3$)
BE_{BC}	Total N_2O emissions during the baseline campaign (tN_2O)
$NCSG_{BC}$	Mean concentration of N_2O in the stack gas during the baseline campaign (mgN_2O/m^3)
OH_{BC}	Operating hours of the baseline campaign (h)
VSG_{BC}	Mean gas volume flow rate at the stack in the baseline measurement period (m^3/h)
NAP_{BC}	Nitric acid production during the baseline campaign ($tHNO_3$)
UNC	Overall uncertainty of the monitoring system (%), calculated as the combined uncertainty of the applied monitoring equipment.

3.1 Measurement procedure for N_2O concentration and tail gas volume flow

3.1.1 Tail gas N_2O concentration

N_2O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from the Line 8 tail gas duct at sampling point located after expansion turbine and transported by sample Line to the Monitoring room B, where the analyzer is located.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer ($4^\circ C$), so N_2O concentration is measured on a dry basis.

N_2O concentration is measured by concentration infrared absorption principle meters Xentra 4900 using GFX monitoring technology.

Recently there are 8 production lines. N_2O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis.

N_2O concentration measured data are sent from the analyzer on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.1.2 Tail gas flow rate, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section. Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

3.2 Permitted range of operating conditions of the nitric acid plant

Under certain circumstances, the operating conditions during the measurement period used to determine baseline N_2O emission factor may be outside the permitted range or limit corresponding to normal operating conditions. N_2O baseline data measured during hours

where the operating conditions were outside the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculation of the baseline emissions factor.

Normal ranges for operating conditions have been determined for the following parameters:

- oxidation temperature;
- oxidation pressure;
- ammonia gas flow rate,
- air input flow rate.

The permitted range for these parameters has been established using the plant operation manual, as described in the PDD..

3.3 Historic Campaign Length

The average historic campaign length (CL_{normal}) defined as the average campaign length for the historic campaigns used to define operating condition (the previous five campaigns), has not been used as a cap on the length of the baseline campaign because of shorter project campaign.

4. PROJECT EMISSIONS

During the first project campaign on line 8 the tail gas volume flow in the stack of the nitric acid plant as well as N₂O concentration have been measured on the continuous basis.

4.1.1 Estimation of campaign-specific project emissions factor

The monitoring system was installed using the guidance document EN 14181 and provides separate readings for N₂O concentration and gas flow volume for every hour of operation. Same statistical evaluation that was applied to the baseline data series has been applied to the project data series:

- a) Calculate the sample mean (x)
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH \text{ (tN}_2\text{O)}$$

where:

Variable	Definition
VSG	Mean stack gas volume flow rate for the project campaign (m ³ /h)
NCSG	Mean concentration of N ₂ O in the stack gas for the project campaign (mgN ₂ O/m ³)
PE _n	Total N ₂ O emissions of the n th project campaign (tN ₂ O)
OH	Is the number of hours of operation in the specific monitoring period (h)

4.1.2 Derivation of a moving average emission factor

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

4.2 Minimum project emission factor

The minimum average emission factor established factor will be established after 10th project campaign.

4.3 Project Campaign Length

Project campaign production of nitric acid has been below defined nameplate capacity and thus all NAP produced from date of installation of secondary catalysts has been used for calculation of emission reductions.

4.4 Leakage

No leakage calculation is required.

4.5 Emission reductions

The emission reductions for the project activity during this campaign have been determined by deducting the campaign-specific emission factor from the baseline emission factor and multiplying the result by the production output of 100% concentrated nitric acid over the campaign period and the GWP of N₂O:

$$ER = (EFBL - EFP) * NAP * GWPN_2O \text{ (tCO}_2\text{e)}$$

Where:

Variable	Definition
ER	Emission reductions of the project for the specific campaign (tCO ₂ e)
NAP	Nitric acid production for the project campaign (tHNO ₃). The maximum value of NAP shall not exceed the design capacity.
EFBL	Baseline emissions factor (tN ₂ O/tHNO ₃)
EFP	Emissions factor used to calculate the emissions from this particular campaign (i.e. the higher of EF _{ma,n} and EF _n)

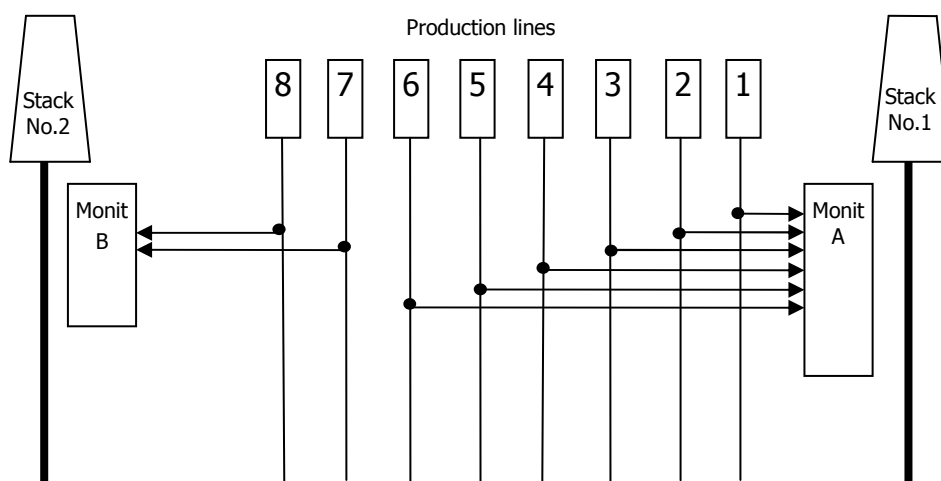
5. MONITORING PLAN

Purpose of the monitoring plan

The purpose of the monitoring plan is to describe the system used to monitor emissions of N_2O from the plant in such a way that is compliant with the prescriptions of the AM0034/Version 02.

Plant description

The UKL-7 nitric acid plant comprises 8 production Lines numbered from 1 through 8, each with its own burner, absorption column and expansion turbine. Each production Line represents a separate nitric acid production unit independent from each other. The tail gases from each Line are after expansion turbines led to a common stack bus and vented through two interconnected stacks.



Primary catalyst is changed at different times thus it is necessary to measure the emissions from each Line individually. This means that eight separate sets of monitoring equipment are installed to measure tail gas flow, nitric acid production, nitric acid concentration, and the operating conditions. N_2O concentration in the tail gas is measured by 3 switched concentration meters.

Monitoring System architecture

Methodology AM0034/Version 02 requires installation of an N_2O monitoring system that includes both a gas volume flow meter to determine the tail gas mass volume flow and an infrared gas analyser to determine the concentration of N_2O .

But tail gas N₂O concentration meter and tail gas volume flow meter alone are not sufficient for a JI project purposes. In order of being able to calculate the baseline emission factor expressed as tonnage of N₂O in t CO₂e per 1 tonne of HNO₃ (100%), it is necessary to include also HNO₃ measurement, and in order of being able to document normal operating conditions it is necessary to include also operating conditions measurement.

Because of this we use the term Monitoring System (MS) to describe entire monitoring system directly and indirectly used for the JI purposes, while Automated Measurement System (AMS) covers only N₂O emissions and tail gas mass volume part of the MS.

Monitoring System (MS) for purpose of this monitoring plan means:

monitoring system measuring operational conditions;

- Ammonia volume flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air volume flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

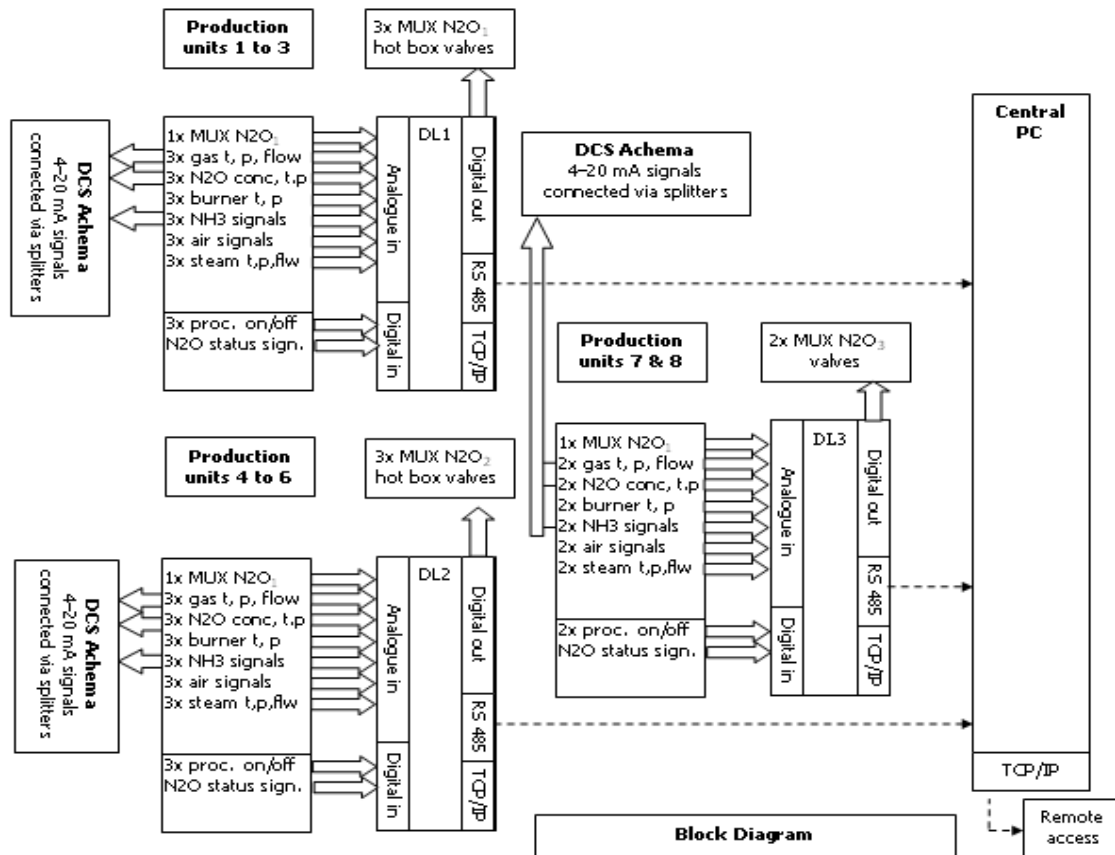
nitric acid 100% concentrate production;

- Nitric acid concentration
- Nitric acid flow
- Nitric acid temperature

and newly installed measurement devices for measurement of N₂O concentration and tail gas flow, temperature and pressure (AMS)

- N₂O concentration in the stack
- Stack volume flow rate
- Stack gas temperature
- Stack gas pressure

Incorporation of the AMS into the MS by interfacing already existing and newly installed measurement devices is documented by the diagram below.



N₂O automated measurement system

Main purpose of the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) is to measure total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaigns (both baseline and project). In order of calculation of total mass of N₂O emitted during particular campaign it is necessary to measure on an extractive basis the N₂O concentration in a tail gas and on a non-extractive basis tail gas flow, pressure and temperature.

N₂O concentration

N₂O concentration is measured by extractive measurement system. Tail gas samples are taken from respective tail gas ducts at sampling points located after expansion turbines and transported by heated sample lines to the Monitoring room A located next to the main production hall. This applies to 2 concentration meters measuring lines 1-3 and lines 4-6. lines 7-8 are measured by third concentration meter located at the other side of the production hall (Monitoring room B) physically closer to respective production lines 7 and 8.

Tail gas samples are filtered and conditioned in the condensation dryer (4°C), so N₂O concentration is measured on a dry basis. Correction of dry basis ppmV value to real wet tail

gas conditions based on steam flow injected into the system is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

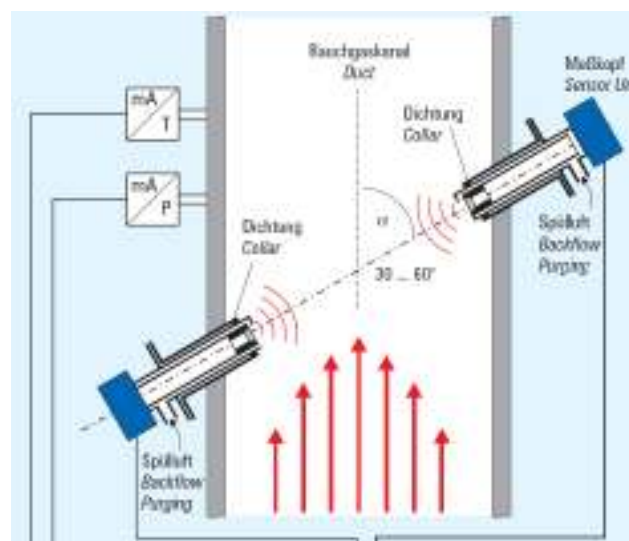
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Recently there are 8 production Lines. N₂O concentration is measured by 3 concentration meters on a switched basis. Tail gas samples are automatically switched. Under-sampling uncertainty is part of both - the project emissions calculations and baseline emission factor calculations.

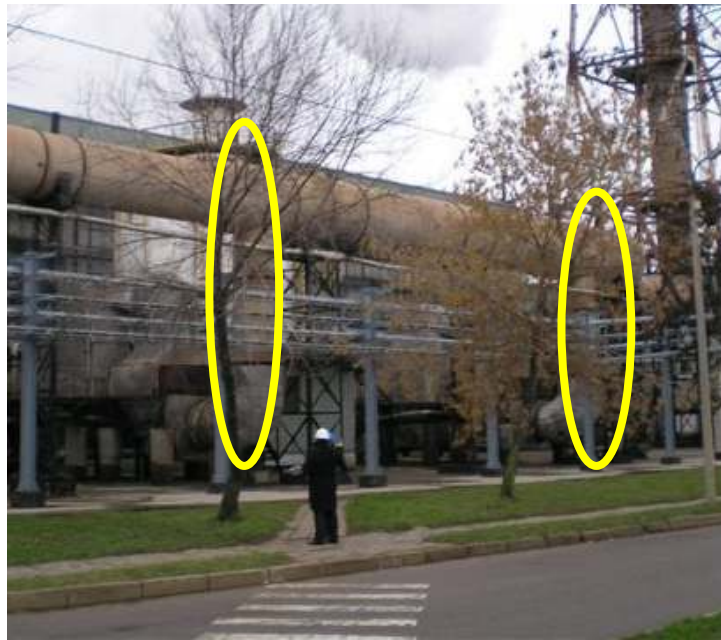
N₂O concentration measured data are sent from the concentration meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature

Tail gas flow is measured by ultrasonic Durag DF-L 200 flowmeters based on ultrasonic pulse fly time across the entire duct cross-section.



The tail gas ducts do not allow any optimum location to perform the flow monitoring. The only possible location is the quite short vertical tube behind the 90° “knee”.



Since the flow is not really laminar, a classical Pitot tube one point solution wouldn't allow good results. The ultrasonic system is under these conditions superior to differential pressure. Cross duct monitoring is more accurate than a couple of discrete point averaged pressure.

Tail gas flow, pressure and temperature measured data are sent from the flow meter on a 2 sec basis in a form of 4-20mA signal to the datalogger and processed further.

Tail gas steam injection elimination

Steam injected into the Achema UKL-7 tail gas for purpose of increasing the turbine output is eliminated from the tail gas mass flow calculation by following formulae:

$$\text{flow - STVF} = L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325) * ((100 - L1_Humi) / 100)$$

where Humi (water content) =

$$(L1_Flow_steam * 1.2436) / (L1_Flow_N2O * (273.15 / (273.15 + L1_Temp)) * (L1_Press / 101.325)) * 100 + 0.6$$

where 1.2436 is the conversion factor from kg/h to Nm³/h and 0.6% is a value of humidity present in a flue gas permanently without steam injection

The Flow_steam parameter necessary for calculation of the water content in the dataloggers is provided in the kg/h unit.

Achema measures steam flow in kg/h using formula $Q=C*\sqrt{dp}$, where C is flow constant which is already integrated using an orifice plate sizing program. The orifice plate calculation for injection steam has been done for temperature 250°C and pressure 6 bar.

Flow steam in kg/h measured by using the constant steam T and P values is then recalculated to actual steam T and P values valid for relevant hours and as result the STVF value cleaned of the steam injected is used for further emission reductions calculations.

EN14181 compliance

As required by the AM0034/Version 02 methodology the N₂O automated measurement system (AMS) complies with requirements of the technical norm EN14181. N₂O AMS consists from the N₂O concentration meter and integrated flowmeter (F, T, P). Both measurement devices are QAL1 certified (concentration meter for the N₂O measurand specifically) and after full commissioning of the monitoring system there was the QAL2 test carried out by an independent laboratory certified according to ISO17025.

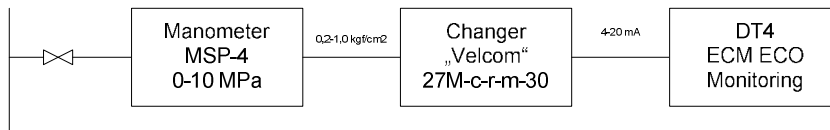
Operating conditions

For purpose of the baseline emissions factor setting it is necessary to monitor and report operating conditions in all 8 burners. Namely:

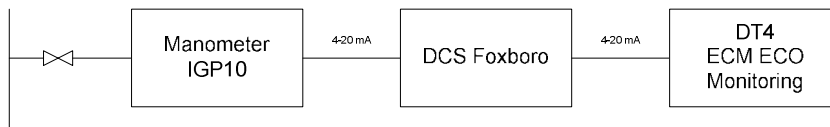
- Ammonia flow
- Ammonia temperature
- Ammonia pressure
- Primary air flow
- Primary air temperature
- Primary air pressure
- Oxidation temperature
- Oxidation pressure

All these parameters are measured by the plant monitoring system as presented on diagrams below:

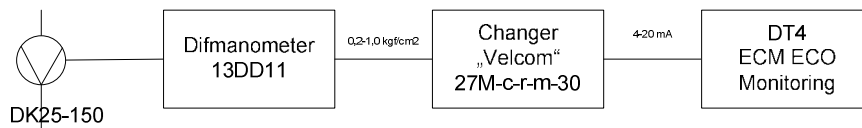
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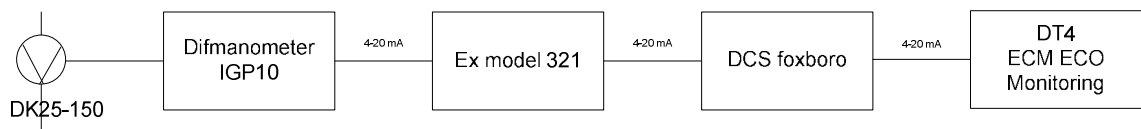
P in mixer 7-8 line

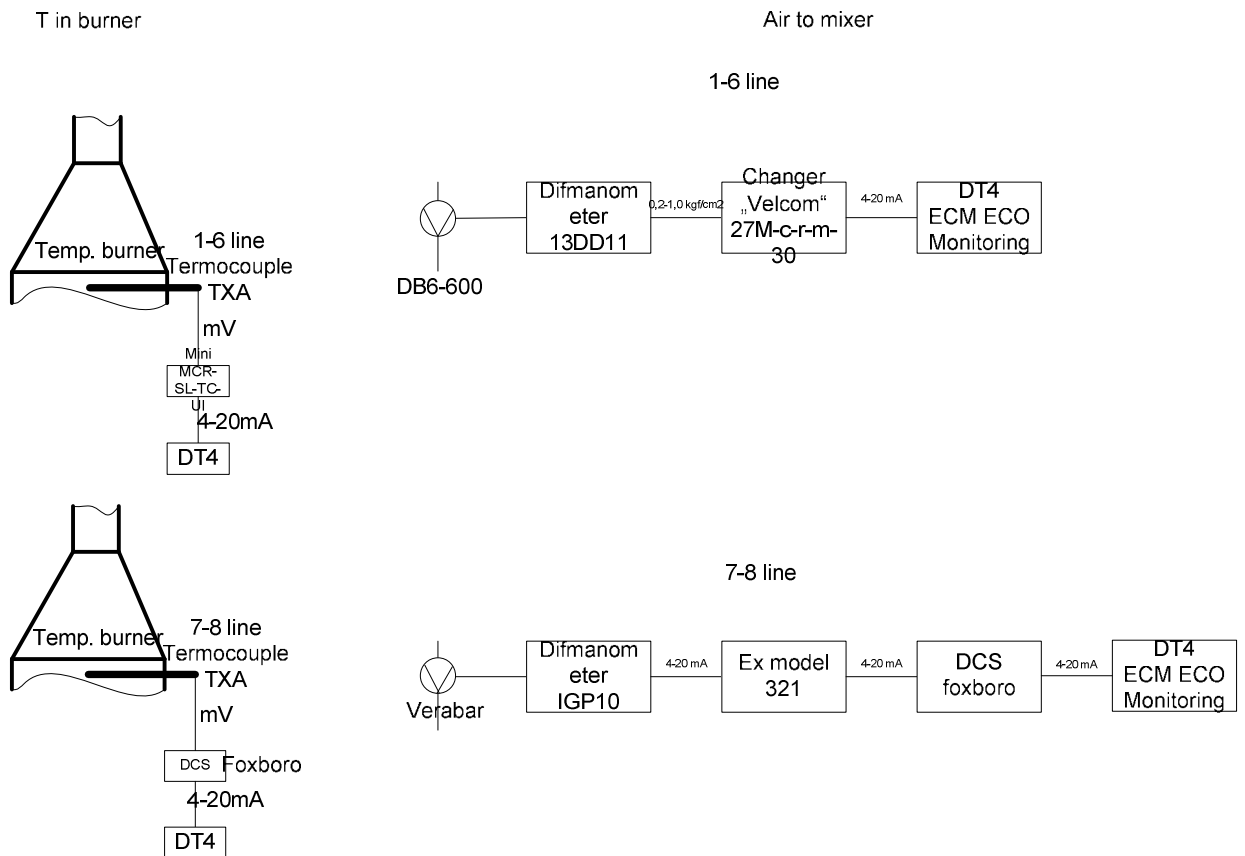


NH3 to mixer 1-6 line



NH3 to mixer 7-8 line





Signals obtained from these measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Operating conditions measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further. Maintenance procedures for the ammonia oxidation parameters follow the existing procedures for the operation of the nitric acid plant.

Nitric acid production

Nitric acid concentration is based on two components: nitric acid and water. Standard monitoring method is on-Line refractometry. Measurement of nitric acid (100%) mass volume production per campaign is necessary for calculation of the baseline emissions factor. Nitric acid concentration on all 8 Lines is measured by K-Patents PR-23-GP refractometers.

This analyzer is applying a prism to "return" a generated optical beam back to an LCD detector.



The detector is measuring refraction of monitored liquid based on known refraction of water and nitric acid. The instrument is calibrated for percent concentration of nitric acid. The analyzer is mounted on DIN-flange 2656, PN25 DN80. The optical prism does not require cleaning.

PR-23-GP characteristics:

Measuring RI is a direct concentration measurement principle. No need to rely or convert magnitudes.

Digital instrument – no calibration drift

As it is a robust instrument it is maintenance free

Dual connectivity if the installation positions allow.

On-Line data logging, through Ethernet, on whichever web browser.

No influence by bubbles or particles. It is very common that air enters the process pipeline and still the refractometer measures accurately.

Nitric acid concentration data are in an analog 4-20mA format provided to dataloggers which process these signals further.

In order of being able to calculate total mass volume of nitric acid 100% concentrate produced during the baseline campaign it is necessary to monitor also nitric acid flow and temperature. Measurement of pressure is not necessary for determination of the nitric acid mass volume flow, because nitric acid is in form of liquid and as such it has stable pressure characteristic.

Signals obtained from the nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices from production Lines 1-6 are converted from pneumatic to 4-20mA analog signals. Nitric acid flow and temperature measurement devices installed in production Lines 7-8 provide the 4-20mA signals which are digitalized and provided to the monitoring system dataloggers, which process them further.



After installation of refractometers there have been occurrences of their failure and following repair service by the manufacturer. For this period starting from 05/10/2007 and ending on 20/10/2008 project uses HNO₃ concentration data provided by the laboratory measurements.

6. QAL 2 CALIBRATION ADJUSTMENTS

6.1 Applied principle

As required in the applicable norm EN14181: “The relation between the instrument readings of the recording measuring procedure and the quantity of the measuring objects has to be described by using a suitable convention method. The results have to be expressed by a regression analysis.”

As it is described in the Calibration Report issued by Airtec laboratory, the measurement results derived from the analog signals (4 mA to 20 mA) provided the installed instruments have been compared to the comparative measurements.

Linearity check of the instruments characteristics is stated in the QAL2 Calibration Report issued by the laboratory. The valid ranges of Linearity are determined by statistical analysis according to the guideline and the Linearity assumptions are further used in the Calibration Report establishing Linear regression Lines.

The general formula of the regression Line, established in the EN14181 and used in the Calibration Report is:

$$Y = a + bX$$

where:

X is the measured value of the instrument in mA
Y is the value of the parameter being objective of the measurement
a is a constant of the regression Line
b is the slope of the regression Line

After a comparative test the laboratory issued the old and new regression Lines properties, namely “a” and “b” applying for all of the measured parameters that are subject to calibration as stated in the Calibration Report.

The QAL2 corrections are based on the fact that the actual analog current outputs (in mA) of the measurement instruments are relevant for both, the old and new regression Lines:

$$X_o = X_n = X$$

where:

X_n: X new
X_o: X old

This allows us to derive a calibrating formula that gives us the corrected value of the measured physical parameters. The applied calibrating equation is:

$$Y_n = A_n + (B_n/B_o) * (Y_o - A_o)$$

In order to take into account the properties of the AMS and their implication to the QAL 2 implementation in the model, we will further introduce several remarks to the conversion and normalization of the data.

The units returned by the AMS “nm³/h” stand for normalized cubic meters of the gas volume at normal gas conditions (0° C, 1 atm.).

6.2 Stack gas volume flow

Based on the real conditions measured and applied by the AMS for normalization (TSG in °C and PSG in hPa), the stack gas volume flow values are converted to real conditions before the regression analysis using the ideal gas law. The actual gas volume flow rates are derived from gas velocity measurements, therefore, before applying the regression analysis the gas speed is calculated from the volume flow and the duct cross-section and is fed into the calibrating equation. The calibrated values derived from the calibrating equation then converted back to normalized units using the calibrated real conditions (calibrated TSG and PSG). The normalized calibrated stack gas flow rates are further fed into the emission calculation model for further processing as set out by the Approved Baseline and Monitoring Methodology AM_0034.

6.3 Nitric acid concentration in stack gas

The nitric acid concentration in the raw data set from the AMS is in mgN₂O/m₃. The concentration was converted to ppmv to make it compatible with the regression Lines parameters. The nitrous gas concentration values are then calibrated using the provided regression Lines parameters and are input in the model.

6.4 Stack gas Temperature

The stack gas temperature was calibrated by the regression conversion formula

6.5 Stack gas Pressure

The calibration report provides us with a regression Line for the stack gas pressure. We calibrate the readings of the measurements system using the regression formula and applying the values (in kPa).

7. EMISSION REDUCTION CALCULATIONS

Table T 2 illustrates the establishment of historic campaign length based on 5 previous campaigns. Average production in 5 campaigns preceding the baseline campaign was 63 620 tHNO₃ and time duration was on average 228 days. Table contains also information on suppliers of primary catalysts for the line 8.

T 2 Historic campaigns

Line	ACHEMA UKL-8	Production	Start	End	Days	Production per day	Primary Catalyst	Composition
Historic Campaigns	1 t HNO ₃	-	00 Jan 1900	00 Jan 1900	-	n/a		0 N/A *
	2 t HNO ₃	62 575	10 Dec 2004	17 Aug 2005	250	250	Heraeus	N/A *
	3 t HNO ₃	63 418	02 Nov 2005	14 Jun 2006	224	283	Umicore	N/A *
	4 t HNO ₃	63 138	15 Jun 2006	01 Feb 2007	231	273	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
	5 t HNO ₃	65 347	02 Feb 2007	28 Aug 2007	207	316	Johnson Matthey	N/A *
Average HNO ₃ production		t HNO ₃						
		63 620			228	279	* Confidential but available for the verification	
Project Campaigns	BL t HNO ₃	63 577	01 Sep 2007	15 Apr 2008	227	280	Umicore	N/A *
	PL t HNO ₃	85 912	09 Nov 2010	01 Sep 2011	296	290	Umicore	N/A *

It is business as usual scenario in Achema UKL-7 plant to keep using primary catalysts from several suppliers and with several compositions. Selection of primary catalysts is determined by technical parameters of their use and price levels offered by suppliers in specific time. Primary catalysts used during the baseline campaign, if other than used in previous campaign/s, did not increase emissions of N₂O as confirmed by relevant statements provided to the verifier.

T 3 and Chart C 1 define the length of the baseline campaign. Baseline campaign measurements for this project campaign started on 01/09/2007 and continued through 15/04/2008 when the 63 577 tHNO₃ nitric acid production was reached. The measurement of baseline Nitrous Acid Concentration (NCSG) was carried out until production reached - tHNO₃.

T 3 Baseline campaign length

ACHEMA UKL-8	Historic Campaigns End	Start of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Measurement NCSG	End of Baseline Measurement	End of Baseline Campaign
Dates	2007 Aug 28	2007 Sep 01	2008 Apr 15	2008 Apr 15	2008 Apr 16
Baseline Factor kgN ₂ O/tHNO ₃	-	-	7.23	7.23	7.23
Production tHNO ₃	-	-	63 577	63 577	-
Per Day Production tHNO ₃	279.0				
Baseline less Historic Production	(42.6)				
Baseline less Historic Days	(0.2)				

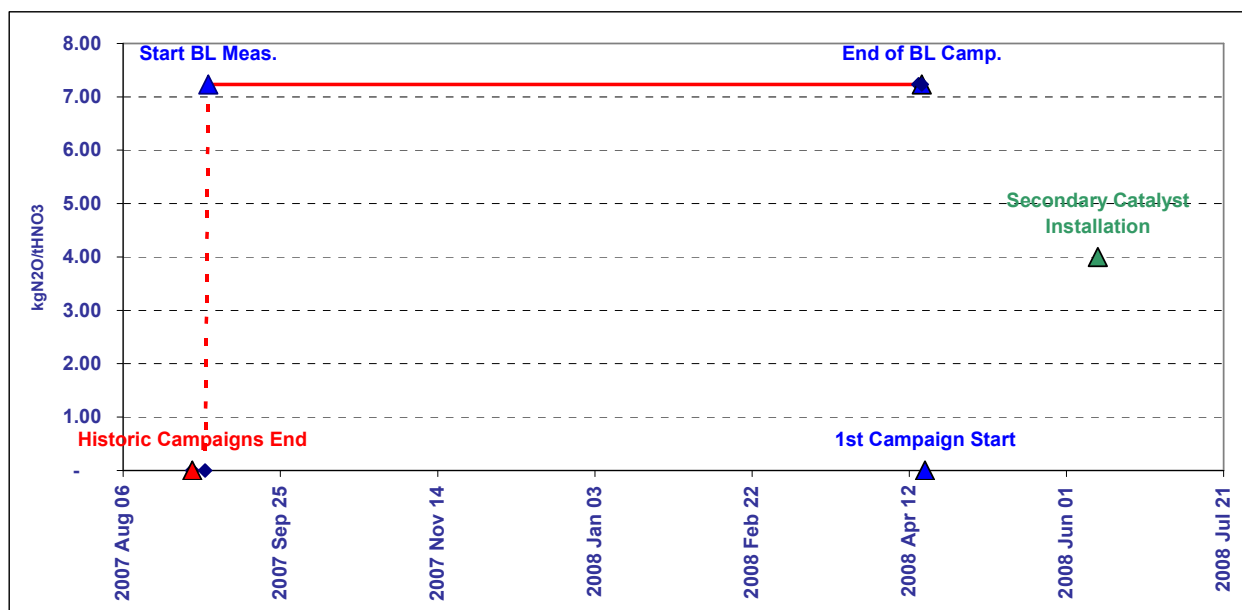
C 1 Baseline campaign length


Table T 4 illustrates the calculation of the baseline emission factor on Line 8 using the method as defined in the CDM methodology AM0034 and in the PDD. We have not used overlapping approach allowed by the PDD. Baseline emission factor was determined based on raw data measured from 01/09/2007 through 15/04/2008.

Extreme values and data measured during hours when one or more of operating conditions were outside of the permitted range have been eliminated from the calculations. As a next step we have eliminated data beyond 95% confidence interval and calculated new mean values of N₂O concentration and stack gas volume flow using following method:

- Calculate the sample mean (\bar{x})
- Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values (volume of stack gas (VSG) and N₂O concentration of stack gas (NCSG))

Using the means values we have calculated the baseline emissions as set out in the PDD.

$$BE_{BC} = VSG_{BC} * NCSG_{BC} * 10^{-9} * OH_{BC} (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred. Calculated baseline N₂O emissions were 488 tN₂O.

$$EF_{BL} = (BE_{BC} / NAP_{BC}) (1 - UNC/100) (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

The UNC factor defined by the QAL2 report is 5.890%, which is further modified by an uncertainty of 0.087% due to under-sampling. As a result we have arrived to the baseline emission factor of 7.23 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

Table T 5 shows the calculation of the project emission factor on Line 8 during the project campaign. Project campaign started on 09/11/2010 and went through 01/09/2011.

We have eliminated extreme values and data beyond the 95% confidence interval as prescribed by the PDD.

- a) Calculate the sample mean (\bar{x})
- b) Calculate the sample standard deviation (s)
- c) Calculate the 95% confidence interval (equal to 1.96 times the standard deviation)
- d) Eliminate all data that lie outside the 95% confidence interval
- e) Calculate the new sample mean from the remaining values

Using the mean values we have calculated total mass of N_2O emissions (PE_n) as follows:

$$PE_n = VSG * NCSG * 10^{-9} * OH (tN_2O)$$

Operating hours (OH) defined as hours, when nitric acid production at least 0.1 tHNO₃ and oxidation temperature at least 600°C occurred.

By dividing total mass of N_2O emissions by the nitric acid production (capped by nameplate capacity 350 tHNO₃/day) we have determined the project campaign specific emission factor at value of 3.03 kgN₂O/tHNO₃.

$$EF_n = PE_n / NAP_n (tN_2O/tHNO_3)$$

Because the project emission factor measured was lower than the moving average EF of the campaigns on this line so far, we have used the average EF for the calculation of the quantity of emission reductions generated during this campaign.

T 4 Baseline emission factor

BASELINE EMISSION FACTOR										
Parameter	Operating Hours	Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure	AMS in Operation	Nitric Acid Production
Code Unit	OH h	NAP t/h	NCSG mg N2O/Nm3	VSG Nm3/h	AFR Nm3/h	AFR %	OT °C	OP kPa	h	NCSG NAP t/h
Elimination of extreme values										
Lower limit		0	0	0	0	0	50	0		0
Upper Limit		50.00	3.000	120.000	10.000	20.00	1.200	1.000		50
Raw Data Measured Range										
Count	4 719	4 954	4 801	4 598	4 987	4 663	5 425	5 425	4 129	4 954
as % of Dataset	87%	91%	86%	84%	92%	86%	100%	100%	76%	91%
Minimum		0.00	0	4	0	0	27	5		0
Maximum		24.99	1 988	103 514	6 796	14.80	912	654		25
Mean		12.83	1 120	78 981	5 591	10.07	801	564		13
Standard Deviation		5.07	440	16 813	1 520	0.93	245	116		5
Total		63 577								63 577
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
417 t N2O										
6.18 kgN2O / tHNO3										
Permitted Range										
Minimum					-	0	880	550		
Maximum					7 500	11.20	910	800		
Data within the permitted range										
Count	4 453	3 949	4 131	4 131	4 131	4 129			4 129	
as % of Operating Hours	94%	84%	88%	-	88%	87%			87%	
Minimum		781	1 732	96 663	1 284	77 635				
Maximum		1 284	77 635	16 881						
Mean		201								
Standard Deviation										
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
463 t N2O										
6.86 kgN2O / tHNO3										
Data within the confidence interval										
95% Confidence interval										
Lower bound		871	1 658	44 549	110 722					
Upper bound		3 795	80%	3 949	84%	75 503				
Count		1 658	1 658	96 663	96 663	81 213				
as % of Operating Hours		186	186	2 729						
Minimum		871	1 658	44 549	110 722					
Maximum		3 795	80%	3 949	84%	75 503				
Mean		1 658	1 658	96 663	96 663	81 213				
Standard Deviation		186	186	2 729						
N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)										
488 t N2O										
7.23 kgN2O / tHNO3										
Emission Factor (EF = BL)										

T 5 Project emission factor

Parameter	Operating Hours	PROJECT EMISSION FACTOR						
		Nitric Acid Production	N2O Concentration	Gas Volume Flow	Ammonia Flow Rate	Ammonia to Air Ratio	Oxidation Temperature	Oxidation Pressure
Code Unit	OH h	NAP t/h	NCSG mg N2O/Nm3	VSG Nm3/h	AFR Nm3/h	AIFR %	OT °C	OP kPa
Elimination of extreme values		0	0	0	0	0	50	0
Lower limit		50.00	3.000	120.000	10.000	20.00	1.200	1.000
Upper limit								

Raw Data Measured Range	
Count	5 832
as % of Dataset	82%
Minimum	6 889
Maximum	97%
Mean	0.02
Standard Deviation	18.06
Total	12.47
	5.53
	85 912

N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)	125 t N2O
Emission Factor	1.46 kgN2O / tHNO3

Data within the confidence interval	
95% Confidence interval	
Lower bound	153
Upper bound	389
Count	5 602
as % of Operating Hours	96%
Minimum	154
Maximum	389
Mean	267
Standard Deviation	45

N2O Emissions (VSG * NCSG * OH)	123 t N2O
Actual Project Emission Factor (EF_PActual)	1.43 kgN2O / tHNO3
Abatement Ratio	80.2%

Moving Average Emission Factor Correction	Actual Factors	Moving Average Rule
1	4.35	4.35
2	4.26	4.30
3	2.06	3.56
4	1.43	3.03
5	-	-

Project Emission Factor (EF_P)	3.03 kgN2O / tHNO3
Abatement Ratio	58.2%

Comparison of the baseline emission factors against N₂O mass limit in the IPPC permit

The N₂O cap is defined in the IPPC permit on a yearly basis for the whole UKL-7 plant. The emission can be distributed among lines irregularly, as long as the total emission in each year stays under the yearly limit.

The regulatory emission factor EFReg is defined as the emission factor which would result in hitting the emission cap on a plant level.

We apply a method to attribute EFReg values to each campaign in a way that can be considered fair, and demonstrates a balanced scenario. The yearly N₂O caps are allocated to campaigns proportionate to the amount of Nitric Acid they produced compared to other lines during the same year. The total cap of a campaign is the sum of such yearly limits. This way the total amount of plant level limit is always allocated. If each and every campaign would operate with those emission levels, the plant would just hit its yearly N₂O caps in each year.

In incomplete years, the initial EFReg values will be high for the first campaigns, but will be lowered and balanced out as new campaigns are finished. These values serve informational purposes, and the real IPPC cap is checked on a plant level.

The main indicator of staying under the IPPC limit is the plant level yearly N₂O emission calculated with baseline emission factors. Whenever an overflow of N₂O emission would occur on plant level in a year, the sum of the product of baseline emission factors and yearly campaign NAP values would immediately indicate this and the projects would not be able to generate more ERU-s in that year.

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Campaign_N2O_Cap =  
    sum( Campaign_NAP[y] / Total_NAP[y] * Plant_N2O_Cap[y]  
        for y in [2008,2009,2010,2011] )
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Campaign_EFReg = Campaign_N2O_Cap / Campaign_NAP
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Plant_N2O_Emission[y] =  
    sum( Campaign_BEF[c] * Campaign_NAP[c,y] for c in campaigns )
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- where Campaign_NAP[y] is the Nitric Acid Produced on a given campaign in year “y”
- Total_NAP is the total production on all lines in that year.
- the campaign EFReg is the campaigns emission cap divided by the campaign’s actual production.
- Plant_N2O_Emission[y] is the theoretical level of N₂O emitted in year “y” by using the Baseline Emission Factors of each campaign, and calculating the “sumproduct” of BEF-s and yearly Nitric Acid Production of the lines

All the EFR values are green, which indicates that none of the campaigns resulted in excess emission relative to others given their production levels and the plant IPPC limit, and the regulatory emission factor is higher than the baseline emission factor of the campaigns.

The summary table "Plant emission under baseline conditions" contain yearly emission figures, and as all of the "Theoretical N₂O Emission with BEF" stay under the yearly caps (made visible by the chart), none of the IPPC limits were ever violated. By taking the currently finished campaigns into account, all the ERU-s can be claimed so far.