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# **SULFUR RECOVERY STUDY**

**ON THE**

## **NUMBER ONE SULFUR RECOVERY UNIT**

**FOR**

**HUNT REFINING COMPANY'S PETROLEUM REFINERY**

**TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA**

**February 27 and 28, 1991**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

**This report documents the sulfur recovery efficiency tests performed on the Number One Sulfur Recovery Unit of the Petroleum Refinery operated by Hunt Refining Company in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on February 27 and 28, 1991. The purpose of these tests was to measure the sulfur recovery efficiency of this process unit and to evaluate its performance under the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's Air Pollution Control Rules and Regulations.**

**Mr. Charles Markin was present during the tests and was responsible for the operation of this equipment. Messrs. Garry Pearson and Lee Lindley performed the tests for TTL, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.**

## **DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION & PROCESS OPERATION**

The tests described in this report were conducted on the sulfur gas incinerator in the Number One Sulfur Recovery Unit of Hunt Refining Company's Tuscaloosa Refinery.

The operation consisted of mixing two gas streams together to produce a raw, high-hydrogen sulfide gas stream for elemental sulfur recovery. The two gas streams are called acid gas and sour gas. After mixing, the gas streams are forced through a catalytic sulfur recovery unit. From the sulfur recovery unit, the gas stream is fed into an incinerator for conversion of the remaining hydrogen sulfide to sulfur dioxide that is allowed to discharge into the air. Figure 1 shows the gas process flow of the Hunt Refining Company's Number One Sulfur Recovery Unit.

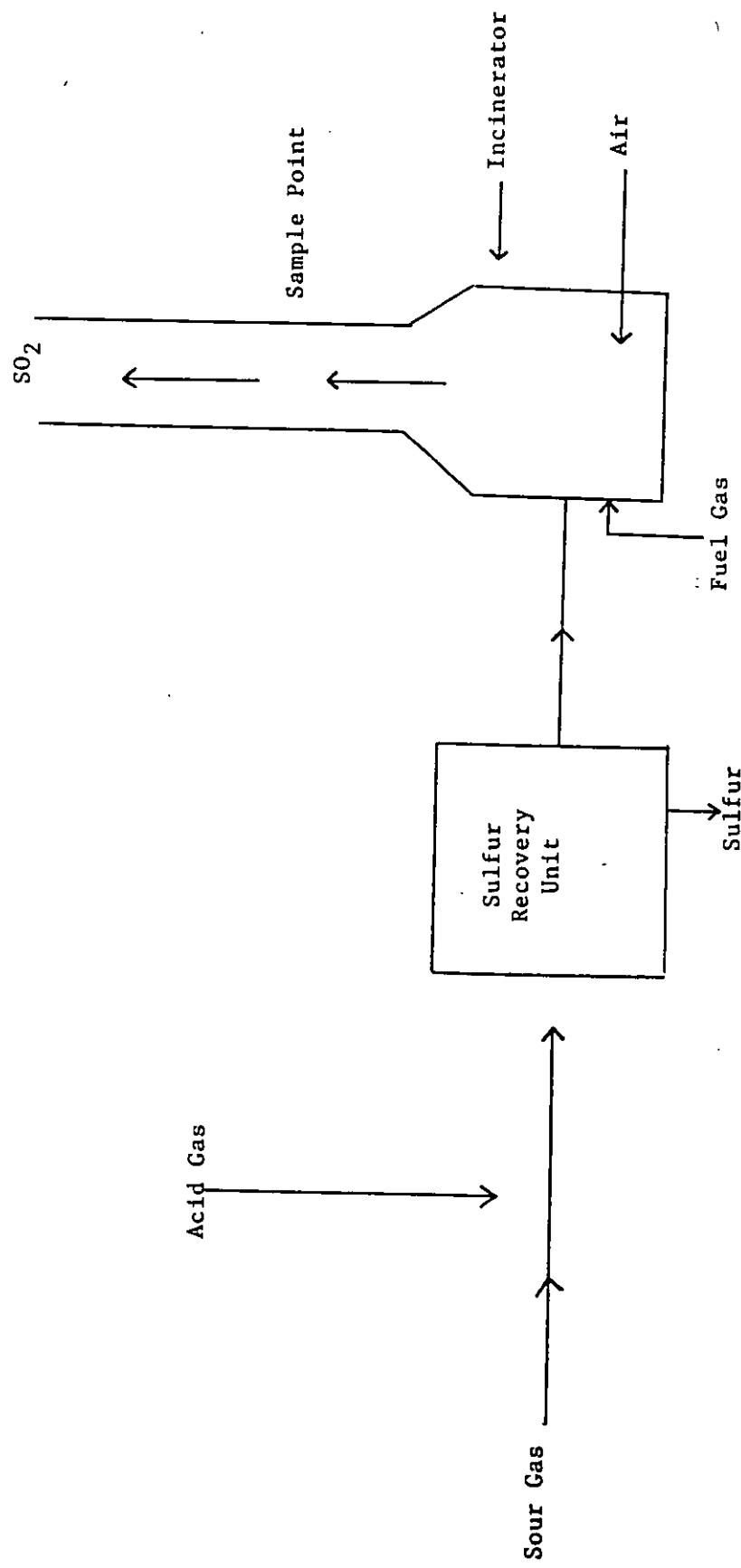


Figure 1. Gas Process Flow Sheet

## SUMMARY OF PARAMETERS AND EMISSION RATES

Tables I is summary of results of the tests performed on the effluent gas from the Number One Sulfur Recovery Unit and incinerator on February 27 and 28, 1991.

The sulfur feed rates to the recovery unit during the test were 2945, 2982, and 2698 lb/hr for an average of 2875 lb/hr. The production rates of sulfur during the tests were 2837, 2909, and 2617 lb/hr for an average of 2788 lb/hr. Therefore, the sulfur recovery efficiencies for this unit during these tests were 96.35, 97.56, and 97.02 percent for an average of 96.97 percent.

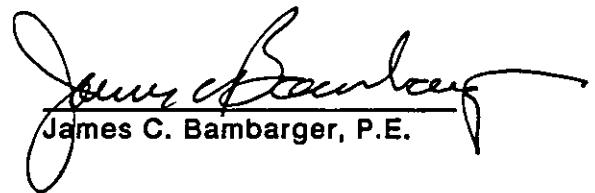
During the tests, the average discharge characteristics of the discharge stack were as follows:

Temperature	1015 °F
Moisture	9.97 %
Velocity	9.554 fps
Flow	8,949 ACFM

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TABLE I  
TEST RESULTS

	<u>Run No. 1</u>	<u>Run No. 2</u>	<u>Run No. 3</u>	<u>Average</u>
	$\text{H}_2\text{S}$	$\text{H}_2\text{S}$	$\text{H}_2\text{S}$	$\text{H}_2\text{S}$
	$\text{SO}_2$	$\text{SO}_2$	$\text{SO}_2$	$\text{SO}_2$
Stack Gas Temperature (F)	1020	930	1025	1015
Moisture Content (% By Volume)	8.34	3.36	21.49	9.97
Stack Gas Velocity (actual ft/sec)	7.361	9.052	8.590	9.554
Volumetric Flow Rate (actual cfm)	6895	8479	8046	8949
Volumetric Flow Rate (dscfm)	2272	3137	2264	2903
Concentration (gr/dscf)	$\text{SO}_2$ $\text{H}_2\text{S}$	0.0220	7.96	0.0224
Mass Rate (lb/hr)	$\text{SO}_2$ $\text{H}_2\text{S}$	0.427	214	0.436
Sulfur Mass Rate (lb/hr)	as $\text{SO}_2$ as $\text{H}_2\text{S}$	0.402	107.2	0.410
Total		108	72.7	86.9
Sulfur Production Rate (lb/hr)	3005	2669	2909	2617
Average	2837	2909	2909	2617
Total Sulfur Feed Rate (lb/hr)	2945	2982	2698	2875
Recovery Efficiency	96.35	97.56	97.02	96.97

Initial test  
Run # 1

On August 20 and 21, 1991, TTL performed SO<sub>2</sub> emission tests on the number two sulfur recovery unit of the petroleum refinery operated by Hunt Refinery Company in Tuscaloosa, AL. The tests were conducted on the sulfur gas incinerator in the number two sulfur plant. The tests consisted three runs and the results are summarized below.

	Run #1	Run #2	Run #3
volumetric flow rate (dscfm)	2,753	3,004	2,824
Concentration of SO <sub>2</sub> (mg/dscf)	2.40	1.71	2.24
Concentration of SO <sub>2</sub> (mg/min)	6,607.2	5,136.8	6,325.2
6,607.2 $\frac{\text{dscfm}}{\text{min}} \times 2.40 \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{dscf}}$	= 6,607.2		
Concentration of SO <sub>2</sub> (16/lb/hr)	0.874	0.679	0.837
6,607.2 $\frac{\text{mg}}{\text{min}} \times \frac{\text{min}}{\text{hr}} \times \frac{1\text{hr}}{10^3 \text{mg}}$	$\times \frac{16}{453.592}$	= 0.874 16/lb	hr
Sulfur production rate (16/hr)	2,704	1,637	2,247
SO <sub>2</sub> emission (16/ton product)	0.646	0.829	0.745
$\frac{0.874 \frac{16}{\text{hr}}}{2,704 \frac{16}{\text{hr}} \times \frac{1\text{ton}}{2000\text{lb}}}$	= 0.646		

The tests were conducted using method 6.

"C"  
"Rating"  
sample volume  
too small

Source test # 6

Hunt Refining Co (#1 sulfur recovery unit)

Tuscaloosa, AL

Control: incinerator

Sulfur recovery eff. 96.35, 97.56 & 97.02

avg = 96.98

# of stages?

Control: gas stream → a catalytic sulfur recovery unit → inciner.

	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3
Sulfur feed rate ( $lb/ft^3$ )	2945	2982	2698
* product rate of sulfur ( $lb/ft^3$ )	2837	2909	2617
Sulfur recovery eff	2909	2647	2788
$SO_2$ emiss	96.35	97.56	97.02
	214	145	159

The sampling test was conducted using EPA Reference Method 6. The test consisted of three 60-minute runs.

Note: These source test will not be used because there is no info on the number of catalytic stages

EVALUATOR Steven SharpeEVALUATION DATE 6-26-92

## METHOD 6: SECONDARY EMISSIONS TEST REPORT EVALUATION

STATE: AL FACILITY: Hunt Refining Co <sup>Tuscaloosa</sup> <sub>Alabama</sub> TEST DATE: 27-28 Feb 91  
PROCESS(ES) TESTED: #1 & #2 Sulfur Recovery Unit

## SAMPLING DURATION

must have at least 3 runs, each  $\geq$  1 hour duration; if midget impingers, each run is two 20 minute samples

~~Method 6 is not applicable~~Sample Volume too small

## PRODUCTION RATE

is production rate during testing representative of normal production

~~Method 6~~

## BOILER TESTS

calculation of  $F_n$  from urate

NOA<sup>(C)</sup> #617

SAMPLE

<sup>Scallop</sup>3

probes

densation;

## CONTROL DEVICE(S)

are devices described, and their efficiencies given

## CALIBRATION

were both pre- and post-test calibrations performed for:  
meter box

2

pitot tube

2

temperature sensor

2

nozzle (3 #)

2

## LEAK CHECKS

both pre- and post-test

2

## BLANKS

were reagent blanks analyzed,  
and were any problems addressed

3

## REAGENT PURGE

IPA must be purged w/ air for  
10 minutes following sampling

2

## FIELD DATA

is field data on standard forms, and  
does raw data correspond with printout

~~METHOD 6~~

Rating C

Hunt Refining

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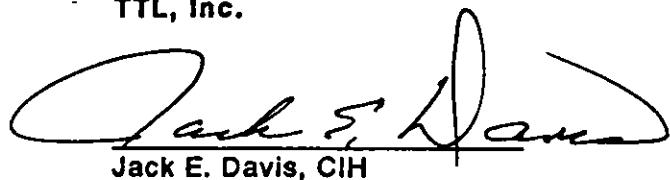
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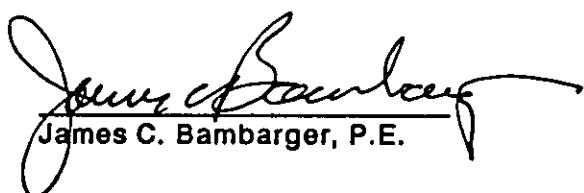
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Stack Gas Temperature (F)	1020	930	1025	1030
Moisture Content (% By Volume)	8.34	3.36	21.49	5.54
Stack Gas Velocity (actual ft/sec)	7.361	9.052	8.590	8.788
Volumetric Flow Rate (actual cfm)	6895	8479	8046	8231
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Total		108		0.899
Sulfur Production Rate (lb/hr)	3005	2669	2909	272.7
Average	2837		2909	80.5
Total Sulfur Feed Rate (lb/hr)			2909	2617
Recovery Efficiency	96.35	2945	2982	2617
				2788
				2698
				2875
				97.02
				96.97

## PRODUCTION DATA SHEET

**CLIENT:** Hunt Oil Company  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**TEST SITE:** Sulfur Gas Incinerator

RUN	DATE	TIME	DURATION	SULFUR PRODUCTION RATE
I-H <sub>2</sub> S	2/27/91	1:41 PM 2:41 PM	60 Minutes	3005 lb/hr
I-SO <sub>2</sub>	2/27/91	8:45 AM 9:45 AM	60 Minutes	2669 lb/hr
II-H <sub>2</sub> S	2/27/91	4:45 PM 5:45 PM	60 Minutes	2909 lb/hr
II-SO <sub>2</sub>	2/27/91	3:17 PM 4:17 PM	60 Minutes	2909 lb/hr
III-H <sub>2</sub> S	2/28/91	9:45 AM 10:45 AM	60 Minutes	2617 lb/hr
III-SO <sub>2</sub>	2/28/91	8:10 AM 9:10 AM	60 Minutes	2617 lb/hr

HUNT REFINING COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE:

*Ted Johnson*

DATE: 4-2-91

TTL REPRESENTATIVE:

*Danny Chapman*

DATE: 3-29-91

## PARAMETER

RUN NO.	H2S #1	SO2 #1
DATE	2-27-91	2-27-91
Dp	0.01	0.01
SQR(Dp)	0.077	0.099
Dh	0.01	0.01
tm	79.9	59.7
ts	1020.1	929.8
As	15.611	15.611
An	0.00034180	0.00034225
Vm	1.965	2.084
Vmc	1.965	2.084
Y	1.01581	1.01581
Th	60	60
Lp	0	0
La	0.00068	0.00068
Vlc	3.8	1.6
CO2	2.80	2.81
O2	11.15	10.39
N2	86.06	86.79
CO	0.00	0.00
Kp	85.49	85.49
Cp	0.84	0.84
Pbar	30.15	30.15
Pg	0.005	0.005
Ps	30.150	30.150
Pm	30.151	30.151
Vw(std)	0.179	0.075
Vm(std)	1.966	2.166
Bws	0.0834	0.0336
Md	28.893	28.866
Ms	27.985	28.501
vs	7.361	9.052
EA	96.3	83.0
Qa	6895.1	8478.8
Qstd	2272.0	3137.0
Vn	5.97	5.86
I	65.906	52.521
mH2S	2.803	
cH2S	0.022	
H2SMR	0.427	
SMR(H2S)	0.402	
mSO2		1120.2
cSO2		7.963
SO2SMR		214.12
SMR(SO2)		107.16
SMR	107.56	
SPR	3005	2669
SPRavg	2837	
TSFR	2944.6	
%REC	96.35	

## PARAMETER

RUN NO.	H2S #2	SO2 #2
DATE	2-27-91	2-27-91
Dp	0.01✓	0.01
SQR(Dp)	0.088✓	0.093
Dh	0.01	0.01
tm	80.3✓	80.8
ts	1024.7/025	1030.3
As	15.611✓	15.611
An	0.00034225	0.00034225
Vm	2.098✓	2.009
Vmc	2.098	2.009
Y	1.01581✓	1.01581
Th	60✓	60
Lp	0	0
La	0.00068	0.00068
Vlc	12.2	2.5
CO2	2.84✓	3.30
O2	10.16✓	8.77
N2	87.00	87.93
CO	0.00	0.00
Kp	85.49	85.49
Cp	0.84✓	0.84
Pbar	30.15✓	30.15
Pg	0.005	0.005
Ps	30.150✓	30.150
Pm	30.151✓	30.151
Vw(std)	0.574	0.118
Vm(std)	2.098	2.007
Bws	0.2149	0.0554
Md	28.861	28.879
Ms	26.527	28.276
vs	8.590	8.788
EA	79.3	60.7
Qa	8046.0	8231.4
Qstd	2263.8	2776.1
Vn	7.46	5.95
I	70.473	54.984
mH2S	3.057	
cH2S	0.022	
H2SMR	0.436	
SMR(H2S)	0.410	
mSO2		791.5
cSO2		6.073
SO2SMR		144.518
SMR(SO2)		72.327
SMR	72.7	
SPR	2909	2909
SPRavg	2909	
TSFR	2981.7	
%REC	97.56	

## PARAMETER

RUN NO.	H2S #3	SO2 #3
DATE	2-28-91	2-28-91
Dp	0.02	0.01
SQR(Dp)	0.124	0.120
Dh	0.01	0.01
tm	74.5	63.6
ts	1045.6	1041.0
As	15.611	15.611
An	0.00034180	0.00034225
Vm	1.979	2.049
Vmc	1.979	2.049
Y	1.01581	1.01581
Th	60	60
Lp	0	0
La	0.00068	0.00068
Vlc	4.8	5.5
CO2	2.72	3.12
O2	10.27	9.09
N2	87.01	87.79
CO	0.00	0.00
Kp	85.49	85.49
Cp	0.84	0.84
Pbar	30.10	30.10
Pg	0.005	0.005
Ps	30.100	30.100
Pm	30.101	30.101
Vw(std)	0.226	0.259
Vm(std)	1.997	2.111
Bws	0.1016	0.1093
Md	28.846	28.863
Ms	27.744	27.676
vs	11.936	11.598
EA	80.9	64.6
Qa	11180.4	10863.4
Qstd	3543.6	3424.4
Vn	6.30	6.70
I	42.920	46.875
mH2S	4.077	
cH2S	0.031	
H2SMR	0.955	
SMR(H2S)	0.899	
mSO2		742.7
cSO2		5.419
SO2SMR		159.06
SMR(SO2)		79.60
SMR	80.5	
SPR	2617	2617
SPRavg	2617	
TSFR	2697.50	
%REC	97.02	