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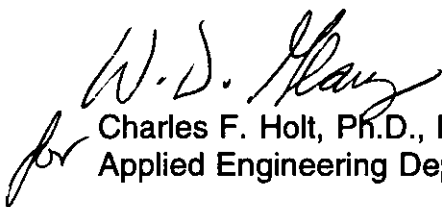
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## SECTION 1

### INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of a "scoping" field study performed by Midwest Research Institute (MRI) at a grain elevator in Greenwood, Nebraska. The study addressed particulate emissions generated by transferring grain onto a gallery belt. A total of 16 runs were performed during the week of August 22, 1994.

A major objective of the study was to develop quantitative information on the effectiveness of mineral oil suppression. The study considered two grains (milo and corn); tests of controlled and uncontrolled emissions for each grain were performed.

| Grain | Test condition                                          | Run No.  |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Milo  | Unoiled (i.e., uncontrolled)                            | BC-1,2,3 |
| Milo  | Oiled at 25 psi pressure setting                        | BC-5,6   |
| Milo  | Oiled at 20 psi pressure setting                        | BC-7,8   |
| Corn  | Unoiled (i.e., uncontrolled)                            | BC-9,10  |
| Corn  | Oiled at 25 psi pressure setting                        | BC-11,12 |
| Corn  | Oiled at 20 psi pressure setting                        | BC-13,14 |
| None  | Background (i.e., belt moving but no grain transferred) | BC-15    |
| None  | Blank runs                                              | BC-17,18 |

Two airborne particle size fractions are of interest in this report:

PM-10      Particulate matter (PM) no greater than 10  $\mu\text{m}$  (microns) in aerodynamic diameter

TP          Total airborne particulate matter (i.e., regardless of size)

The remaining sections of this report present (a) the test methodology, (b) the test results obtained, and (c) conclusions derived from the testing program.



## SECTION 2

### TEST METHODOLOGY

Emission testing was the major topic of discussion during meetings and site presurveys in the Lincoln, Nebraska, area during the week of June 20, 1994. Attendees included representatives of the USEPA (both the Emission Inventory and Emission Measurement Branches), MRI, the Nebraska Grain and Feed Association, and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

The group generally agreed that "exposure profiling" represents the most appropriate means to measure fugitive (i.e., nonducted) emission sources at elevators. Exposure profiling requires simultaneous multipoint sampling over the effective cross-section of the dust source plume. The method relies on a mass balance scheme similar to testing methods (such as EPA Method 5 for total particulate or Method 201[A] for PM-10) used for conventional ducted sources. Currently available emission factors (especially those in AP-42 Section 9.9.1)<sup>1</sup> for grain elevators and mills are based on data obtained with these conventional methods.

Exposure profiling samples emissions borne by ambient winds (at 5 to 10 mph) rather than inducing a strong draft to capture particulate for conventional sampling methods. The current version of AP-42 Section 9.9.1 notes that although imposing a strong draft (with airflows of 25 mph or more) provides "a reasonable estimate of the emissions at the control device inlet . . . the emission factor is likely to be biased high for uncontrolled emissions at operations not equipped with ventilation systems."<sup>1</sup>

#### 2.1 TEST SITE SELECTION

On June 21, 1994, EPA and MRI representatives conducted presurveys of four elevators in three locations near Lincoln. Of particular interest in the surveys was locating a suitable test site for a scoping study of mineral oil suppression. Of the four elevators inspected, only the Greenwood, Nebraska, elevator had an oil suppression system in operation. The interested parties agreed to conduct scoping tests of bin-to-bin transfers of stored grain during the period between the July and September harvests. This would allow for the testing schedule called for in the work assignment while not interfering with harvest activities.

The Greenwood elevator applies food grade mineral oil (Amoco Superla DCO) through a spray system supplied by InterSystems of Omaha, Nebraska. A cost of

\$288.50 was quoted for a 55-gal drum of the oil during an October 1994 telephone conversation.

The system sprays oil through inspection ports on the elevator legs. The spray system contains a check valve and cannot operate with the oil pressure less than 20 psi. Facility personnel stated that they typically operate the system at 25 psi. A representative of InterSystems stated that the spray tip used (No. 8001) delivers 0.076 gal/min at 80°F and 20 psi and 0.1 gal/min at 80°F and 40 psi.

## 2.2 DESCRIPTION OF THE SOURCE

Tests were conducted in the southwest gallery at the Greenwood elevator. The gallery is a long concrete room approximately 12 ft wide by 8 ft high in cross-section. The room contains a conveyor that is fed by the grain distributor in the headhouse. The conveyor discharges into storage bins through a belt tripper. The tested emission source was the first belt transfer point (i.e., where grain enters from the distributor), which occurs within a small inclined metal "transition" room that connects the headhouse building with the gallery.

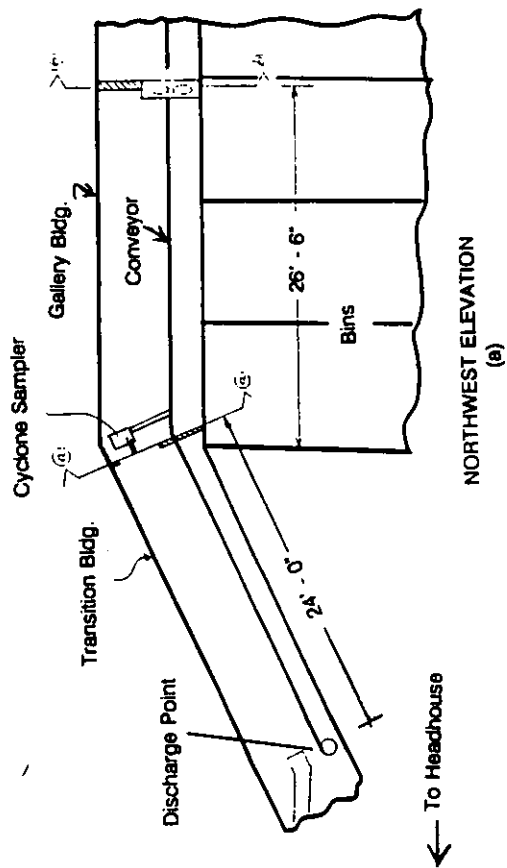
Figure 1 shows a schematic of the test site.

Sampling relied on the use of two 48-in propeller fans to draw a slight draft through the gallery. The fans were fitted with explosion-proof (XP) motors. Section b-b (Figure 1[b]) shows the location of fans and the air barriers constructed. Electrical power to fans was provided by two 3.6-kW gasoline generators placed on the bin deck, one located along each side of the gallery. This placement was chosen to avoid potential explosion hazard.

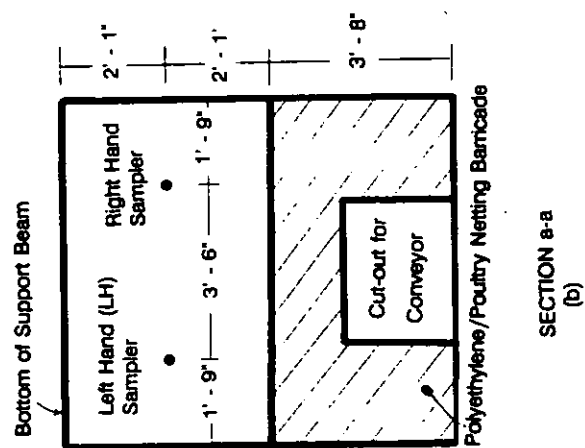
Air sampling made use of two high-volume ("hi-vol") samplers fitted with cyclone preseparators (Figure 2). Samplers were powered by a duplex 110-VAC outlet in the headhouse building. The number of samplers and wind monitoring equipment was limited because of available electrical power. In addition, power was unavailable to sample "upwind" concentrations during a test; for this reason, MRI conducted a "background" run (BC-15) during which the belt ran but no grain was transferred. Finally, because of the potential explosion hazard, the hi-vol blower exhaust was ducted out a window.

The sampling plane is shown as Section a-a (Figure 1[b]) and was located at a point where the transition and gallery meet. During equipment setup, MRI measured the average wind speed through the 50-in by 84-in opening as 10.2 mph. Measurement made use of a Biram vane anemometer.

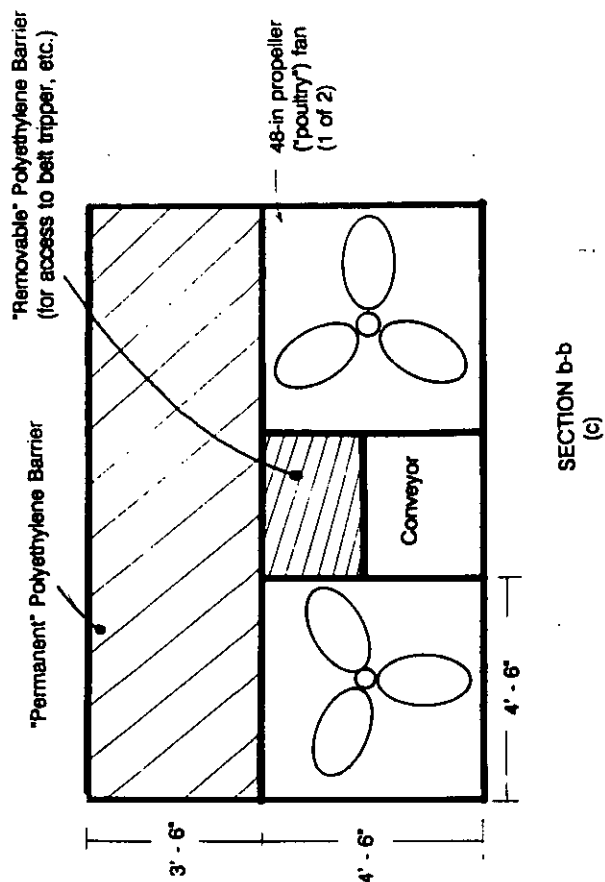
Further detail on the sampling method is provided in the next section.



NORTHWEST ELEVATION  
(a)



SECTION a-a  
(b)



SECTION b-b  
(c)

Figure 1. Test site schematic.

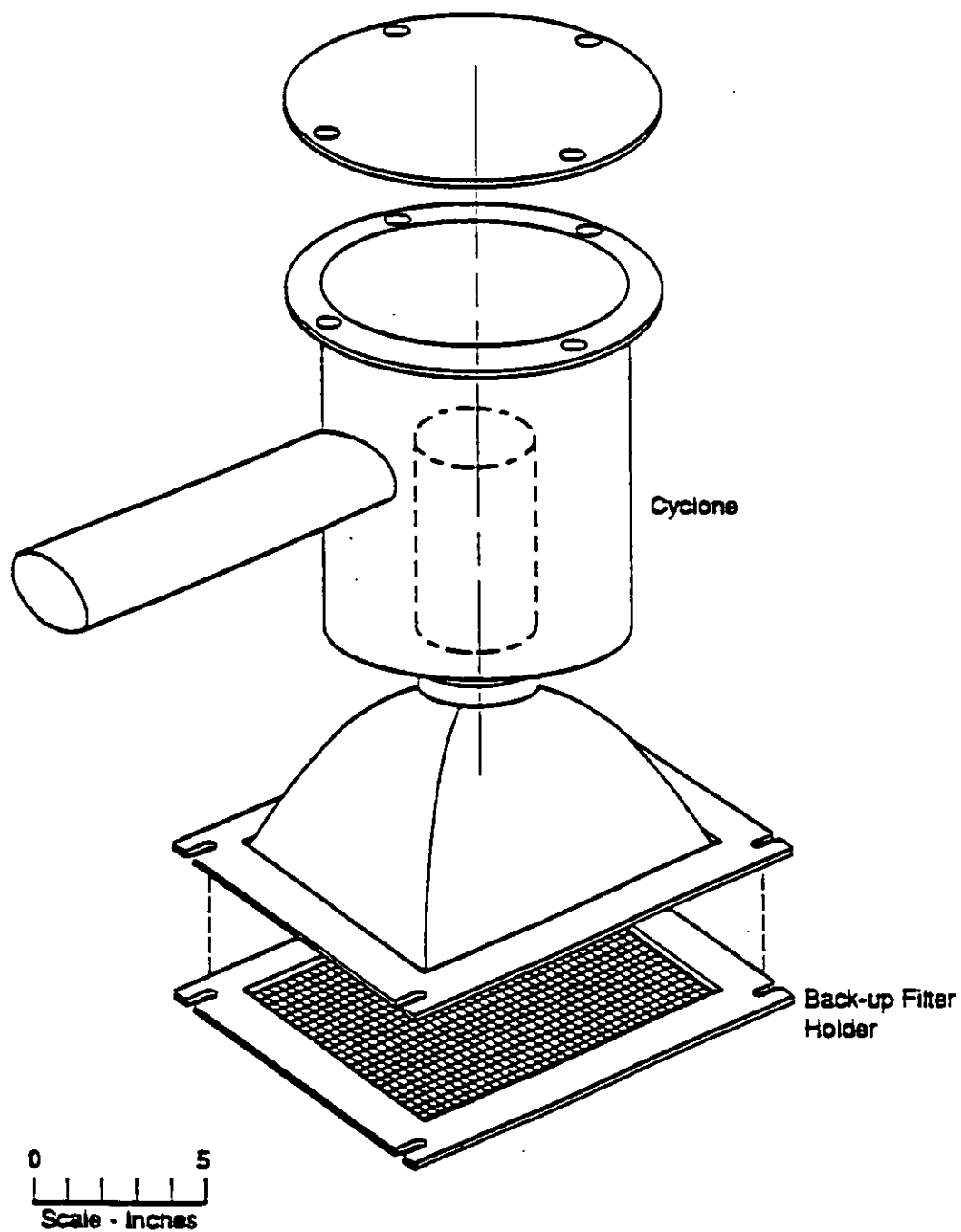


Figure 2. Cyclone preseparator.

## 2.3 AIR SAMPLING EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES

### 2.3.1 Sampling Equipment

The exposure profiling technique used for the tests in this study is based on the isokinetic profiling concept that is used in conventional source testing. The passage of airborne pollutant immediately downwind of the source was measured directly by means of simultaneous multipoint sampling over the effective cross-section of the open dust source plume. This technique used a mass-balance calculation scheme similar to EPA Method 5 stack testing, rather than requiring indirect calculation through the application of a generalized atmospheric dispersion model.

The equipment deployment is shown in Figure 1. The primary air sampling device in this study was a hi-vol air sampler fitted with a cyclone preseparator (Figure 2). The cyclone exhibits an effective 50% cutoff diameter ( $D_{50}$ ) of approximately 10  $\mu\text{m}$ A when operated at a nominal flow rate of 40 acfm (68  $\text{m}^3/\text{h}$ ).<sup>2</sup>

During each test, wind speed was monitored at the downwind sampling sites by a Biram vane anemometer.

### 2.3.2 Particulate Sample Handling and Analysis

The sampling and analysis procedures followed in this field testing program were subject to certain QA guidelines. These guidelines will be discussed in conjunction with the activities to which they apply. These procedures met or exceeded the requirements specified in the reports entitled "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume II—Ambient Air Specific Methods" (EPA 600/4-77-027a) and "Ambient Monitoring Guidelines for Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (EPA 450/2-78-019).

As part of the QA program for this study, routine audits of sampling and analysis procedures were performed. The purpose of the audits was to demonstrate that measurements were made within acceptable control conditions for particulate source sampling and to assess the source testing data for precision and accuracy. Examples of items audited include gravimetric analysis, flow rate calibration, data processing, and emission factor calculation. The mandatory use of specially designed reporting forms for sampling and analysis data obtained in the field and the laboratory aided in the auditing procedure. Further details on specific sampling and analysis procedures are provided in the following sections.

Particulate samples were collected on Whatman Grade AH glass fiber filters. Prior to the initial weighing, the filters were equilibrated for 24 h at constant temperature and humidity in a special weighing room. During weighing, the balance was checked at frequent intervals with standard (Class S) weights to ensure accuracy. The filters remained in the same controlled environment for another 24 h, after which

a second analyst reweighed them as a precision check. Ten percent of the filters used in the field served as blanks. The QA guidelines pertaining to preparation of sample collection media and equipment operations are presented in Tables 1 and 2, respectively.

To prevent particulate losses, the exposed media were carefully transferred at the end of each run to protective containers for transportation. The interior surfaces of cyclone preseparators were washed with distilled water; particulate matter that collected on the interior surfaces of cyclone preseparators during sizing tests was rinsed into separate sample jars which were then capped and taped shut. In the field laboratory, exposed filters were placed in individual glassine envelopes and then into numbered file folders. When exposed filters and the associated blanks were returned to the MRI laboratory, they were equilibrated under the same conditions as the initial weighing. After reweighing, 10% were audited to check weighing accuracy.

To determine the sample weight of particulate collected on the interior surfaces of samplers, the entire wash solution was passed through a Büchner-type funnel holding an 11-cm glass fiber filter under suction. This ensured collection of all suspended material on the filter. (The 11-cm filters were substituted for standard 47-mm filters because of the large amount of material collected in the cyclone.)

All wash filters were weighed with a 100% audit of tared and a 10% audit of exposed filters. Blank values were determined by washing "clean" (unexposed) cyclone preseparators in the field and following the above procedures.

### 2.3.3 Emission Factor Calculation Procedures

To calculate emission rates from exposure profiling test data, a conservation of mass approach is used. The passage of airborne particulate (i.e., the quantity of emissions per unit of source activity) is obtained by spatial integration of distributed measurements of exposure (mass/area) over the effective cross-section of the plume. Exposure is the point value of the flux (mass/area-time) of airborne particulate integrated over the time of measurement, or equivalently, the net particulate mass passing through a unit area normal to the mean wind direction during the test.

TABLE 1. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES FOR SAMPLING MEDIA

| Activity                        | QA check/requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Preparation                     | Inspect and imprint glass fiber media with identification numbers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Conditioning                    | Equilibrate media for 24 h in clean controlled room with relative humidity of 45% (variation of less than $\pm 5\%$ RH) and with temperature of 23°C (variation of less than $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Weighing                        | Weigh hi-vol filters to nearest 0.1 mg.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Auditing of weights             | Independently verify final weights of 10% of filters (at least four from each batch). Reweigh batch if weights of any hi-vol filters deviate by more than $\pm 2.0$ mg. For tare weights, conduct a 100% audit. Reweigh tare weight of any filters that deviate by more than $\pm 1.0$ mg. Follow same procedures for impactor substrates used for sizing tests. Audit limits for impactor substrates are 1.0 and 0.5 mg for final and tare weights, respectively. |
| Correction for handling effects | Weigh and handle at least one blank for each 1 to 10 filters of each type used to test.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Calibration of balance          | Balance to be calibrated once per year by certified manufacturer's representative. Check prior to each use with laboratory Class S weights.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

TABLE 2. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES FOR SAMPLING EQUIPMENT

| Activity                               | QA check/requirement <sup>a</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Maintenance                            | Check motors, gaskets, timers, and flow measuring devices at each plant prior to testing.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| • All samplers                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Operation                              | Start and stop all downwind samplers during time span not exceeding 1 min.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| • Timing                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| • Isokinetic sampling (cyclones)       | Adjust sampling intake orientation whenever mean wind direction dictates.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                        | Change the cyclone intake nozzle whenever the mean wind speed approaching the sampler falls outside of the suggested bounds for that nozzle. This technique allocates no nozzle for wind speeds ranging from 0 to 10 mph, and unique nozzles for four wind speed ranges above 10 mph. |
| • Prevention of static mode deposition | Cover sampler inlets prior to and immediately after sampling.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

<sup>a</sup> "Mean" denotes a 3- to 15-min average.

The concentration of particulate matter measured by a sampler is given by:

$$C = \frac{m}{Qt}$$

where: C = particulate concentration (mass/volume)  
m = particulate sample weight (mass)  
Q = sampler flow rate (volume/time)  
t = duration of sampling (time)

The isokinetic flow rate (IFR) is the ratio of a directional sampler's intake air speed to the mean wind speed approaching the sampler. It is given by:

$$IFR = \frac{Q}{aU}$$

where: Q = sampler flow rate (volume/time)  
a = intake area of sampler (area)  
U = mean wind speed at height of sampler (length/time)

This ratio is of interest in the sampling of total particulate, since isokinetic sampling ensures that particles of all sizes are sampled without bias. The cyclone has an intake velocity of 880 ft/min (10 mph) when operated at 40 cfm. IFR values ranged from 0.70 to 0.92 for the left-hand sampler and 0.79 to 0.89 for the right-hand sampler. Note, however, that because the primary interest in this program was directed to PM-10 emissions, sampling under moderately nonisokinetic conditions posed no difficulty. PM-10 particles have weak inertial characteristics at normal wind speeds and therefore are relative unaffected by anisokinesis.<sup>3</sup>

The net particulate flux represents net passage of mass per unit area and is found by:

$$F = (C - C_b) \cdot U$$

where: F = net particulate flux (mass/area/time)  
C = average concentration measured by LH (left-hand) and RH (right-hand samplers (mass volume)  
C<sub>b</sub> = average "background" concentration from Run BC-15 (mass/volume)  
U = mean wind speed (length/time) through measurement plane (i.e., Section a-a of Figure 1) (measured as 10.2 mph)



The total mass flow rate M through the sampling plane is:

$$M = A \cdot F$$

where: M = mass flow rate (mass/time)  
F = particulate flux (mass/area/time)  
A = area of measurement plane  
=  $29 \text{ ft}^2 = 2.7 \text{ m}^2 = (7 \text{ ft } 0 \text{ in} \times 4 \text{ ft } 2 \text{ in})$

Dividing M by a 4,500 bu/h throughput and assuming each grain weighs 60 lb/bu yields the emission factor in lb/ton.

## SECTION 3

### TEST RESULTS

This section describes results obtained from the scoping study.

#### 3.1 EMISSION MEASUREMENTS

Table 3 presents the test site parameters associated with each run. Table 4 presents a spreadsheet that lists, for each run, individual filter catches and concentration values for the left- and right-hand samplers. Table 5 contains the PM-10 and TP emission factors calculated for each run, and Table 6 summarizes the findings by presenting the geometric mean emission factors for each grain/oil combination.

Note that results presented here lend credence to the notion that certain factors in Section 9.9.1 may overstate actual emissions. AP-42 Table 9.9.1-3 offers an uncontrolled PM emission factor of 0.11 lb/ton for gallery belt transfer of "various" grains at inland/export terminals.\* This value is 12 to 15 times greater than the uncontrolled emission factors found in this study, even though milo and corn are known as fairly "dusty" grains.

#### 3.2 CONTROL EFFECTIVENESS

The following control efficiency values can be calculated from results in Table 6:

| Grain | Control efficiency (%) |    |               |    |
|-------|------------------------|----|---------------|----|
|       | Oil at 25 psi          |    | Oil at 20 psi |    |
|       | PM-10                  | TP | PM-10         | TP |
| Milo  | 57                     | 56 | 33            | 21 |
| Corn  | 69                     | 48 | 79            | 57 |

\* Note that an early draft of Section 9.9.1 mistakenly contained "0.011" lb/ton for gallery belt transfer of Table 9.9.1-3.

TABLE 3. EXPOSURE PROFILING TEST PARAMETERS

| Run   | Date    | Test start | Duration (min) | Ambient air temp. |    | Sampler approach velocity (ft/min) |     |
|-------|---------|------------|----------------|-------------------|----|------------------------------------|-----|
|       |         |            |                | °C                | °F | LH                                 | RH  |
| BC-1  | 8/23/94 | 15:55      | 25             | 28                | 83 | NA                                 | NA  |
| BC-2  | 8/24/94 | 08:48      | 17             | 24                | 75 | 616                                | 704 |
| BC-3  | 8/24/94 | 09:18      | 30             | 24                | 76 | 760                                | 736 |
| BC-5  | 8/24/94 | 15:25      | 60             | 31                | 88 | 792                                | 772 |
| BC-6  | 8/24/94 | 16:43      | 62             | 32                | 89 | 712                                | 740 |
| BC-7  | 8/25/94 | 08:44      | 49             | 27                | 80 | 756                                | 752 |
| BC-8  | 8/25/94 | 09:43      | 46             | 27                | 81 | 768                                | 732 |
| BC-9  | 8/25/94 | 11:19      | 22             | 29                | 85 | 752                                | 776 |
| BC-10 | 8/25/94 | 11:51      | 21             | 29                | 85 | 768                                | 700 |
| BC-11 | 8/25/94 | 14:20      | 62             | 32                | 89 | 748                                | 712 |
| BC-12 | 8/25/94 | 15:32      | 64             | 32                | 90 | 732                                | 732 |
| BC-13 | 8/26/94 | 08:45      | 45             | 23                | 73 | 724                                | 692 |
| BC-14 | 8/26/94 | 09:47      | 46             | 24                | 75 | 812                                | 780 |

TABLE 4. PM-10 SAMPLING DATA AND RESULTS

| A     | B       | C                | D          | E                | F               | G                | H              | I             | J              | K                   | L                  | M                                           | N                                    |
|-------|---------|------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Run   | Date    | Sampler Location | Sampler ID | Grain Start Time | Grain Stop Time | Grain Time (min) | Run Start Time | Run Stop Time | Run Time (min) | Avg. Temp. (deg. F) | Avg. B.P. (in. Hg) | Avg. Filter Pressure (in. H <sub>2</sub> O) | Avg. Flowrate (ft <sup>3</sup> /min) |
| BC-1  | 8/23/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   | 15:50            | 16:25           | 35               | 15:55          | 16:20         | 25<br>25       | 83                  | 28.80              | 14.09<br>14.17                              | 41.31<br>42.05                       |
| BC-2  | 8/24/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   | 08:47            | 09:04           | 17               | 08:48          | 09:05         | 17<br>17       | 75                  | 29.05              | 13.85<br>13.88                              | 41.08<br>41.82                       |
| BC-3  | 8/24/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   | 09:16            | 09:48           | 32               | 09:18          | 09:48         | 30<br>30       | 76                  | 29.05              | 14.27<br>13.92                              | 41.07<br>41.85                       |
| BC-5  | 8/24/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   | 15:21            | 16:25           | 64               | 15:25          | 16:25         | 60<br>60       | 88                  | 28.90              | 14.15<br>14.52                              | 41.48<br>42.18                       |
| BC-6  | 8/24/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   | 16:42            | 17:44           | 62               | 16:43          | 17:45         | 62<br>62       | 89                  | 28.93              | 14.40<br>14.39                              | 41.47<br>42.21                       |
| BC-7  | 8/25/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   | 08:29            | 09:32           | 63               | 08:44          | 09:33         | 49<br>49       | 80                  | 28.90              | 13.75<br>14.06                              | 41.25<br>41.95                       |
| BC-8  | 8/25/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   | 09:42            | 10:29           | 47               | 09:43          | 10:29         | 46<br>46       | 81                  | 28.90              | 14.26<br>14.11                              | 41.24<br>41.98                       |
| BC-9  | 8/25/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   | 11:14            | 11:41           | 27               | 11:19          | 11:41         | 22<br>22       | 85                  | 28.95              | 13.94<br>14.03                              | 41.42<br>42.12                       |
| BC-10 | 8/25/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   | 11:50            | 12:12           | 22               | 11:51          | 12:12         | 21<br>21       | 85                  | 28.95              | 14.22<br>14.03                              | 41.38<br>42.12                       |
| BC-11 | 8/25/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   | 14:04            | 15:21           | 77               | 14:20          | 15:22         | 62<br>62       | 89                  | 28.95              | 13.97<br>14.27                              | 41.56<br>42.26                       |
| BC-12 | 8/25/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   | 15:31            | 16:36           | 65               | 15:32          | 16:36         | 64<br>64       | 90                  | 28.95              | 14.32<br>14.34                              | 41.55<br>42.29                       |
| BC-13 | 8/26/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   | 08:38            | 09:30           | 52               | 08:45          | 09:30         | 45<br>45       | 73                  | 28.80              | 14.02<br>13.67                              | 40.97<br>41.75                       |
| BC-14 | 8/26/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   | 09:46            | 10:33           | 47               | 09:47          | 10:33         | 46<br>46       | 75                  | 28.85              | 13.64<br>13.99                              | 41.08<br>41.78                       |
| BC-15 | 8/26/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   | 10:43            | 13:07           | 144              | 10:44          | 13:07         | 143<br>143     | 79                  | 28.90              | 14.04<br>13.83                              | 41.18<br>41.96                       |
| BC-17 | 8/26/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   |                  |                 |                  |                |               |                |                     |                    |                                             |                                      |
| BC-18 | 8/26/94 | LHS<br>RHS       | 78<br>69   |                  |                 |                  |                |               |                |                     |                    |                                             |                                      |

TABLE 4 (Continued)

| O  | P     | Q             | R             | S              | T            | U                          | V                                       | W                                            | X                                          |
|----|-------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|    | Run   | Filter Number | Tare Wt. (mg) | Final Wt. (mg) | Net Wt. (mg) | Wt. after Blank Correction | PM10 Concentration (ug/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Average Concentration (background corrected) | PM10 Emission Factor (lb PM10 / ton grain) |
| 8  | BC-1  | 9433001       | 3307.40       | 3404.05        | 96.65        | 95.51                      | 3266                                    | 2972                                         | 0.00211                                    |
| 9  |       | 9433002       | 3307.30       | 3400.35        | 93.05        | 91.91                      | 3087                                    |                                              |                                            |
| 10 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 11 | BC-2  | 9433003       | 3312.75       | 3351.25        | 38.50        | 37.36                      | 1889                                    | 1143                                         | 0.00081                                    |
| 12 |       | 9433004       | 3319.90       | 3337.25        | 17.35        | 16.21                      | 805                                     |                                              |                                            |
| 13 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 14 | BC-3  | 9433005       | 3314.85       | 3533.05        | 218.20       | 217.06                     | 6221                                    | 4624                                         | 0.00328                                    |
| 15 |       | 9433006       | 3305.85       | 3429.10        | 123.25       | 122.11                     | 3434                                    |                                              |                                            |
| 16 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 17 | BC-5  | 9433009       | 3320.10       | 3428.30        | 108.20       | 107.06                     | 1519                                    | 1124                                         | 0.00080                                    |
| 18 |       | 9433010       | 3295.20       | 3377.80        | 82.60        | 81.46                      | 1137                                    |                                              |                                            |
| 19 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 20 | BC-6  | 9433011       | 3310.05       | 3404.95        | 94.90        | 93.76                      | 1288                                    | 1011                                         | 0.00072                                    |
| 21 |       | 9433012       | 3301.55       | 3387.30        | 85.75        | 84.61                      | 1142                                    |                                              |                                            |
| 22 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 23 | BC-7  | 9433013       | 3293.75       | 3442.00        | 148.25       | 147.11                     | 2570                                    | 2042                                         | 0.00145                                    |
| 24 |       | 9433014       | 3301.40       | 3414.45        | 113.05       | 111.91                     | 1922                                    |                                              |                                            |
| 25 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 26 | BC-8  | 9433015       | 3302.25       | 3384.95        | 82.70        | 81.56                      | 1518                                    | 1361                                         | 0.00097                                    |
| 27 |       | 9433016       | 3291.90       | 3381.15        | 89.25        | 88.11                      | 1611                                    |                                              |                                            |
| 28 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 29 | BC-9  | 9433017       | 3280.60       | 3370.15        | 89.55        | 88.41                      | 3426                                    | 2836                                         | 0.00201                                    |
| 30 |       | 9433018       | 3262.75       | 3333.55        | 70.80        | 69.66                      | 2654                                    |                                              |                                            |
| 31 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 32 | BC-10 | 9433019       | 3278.00       | 3381.70        | 103.70       | 102.56                     | 4167                                    | 3671                                         | 0.00260                                    |
| 33 |       | 9433020       | 3272.65       | 3363.55        | 90.90        | 89.76                      | 3583                                    |                                              |                                            |
| 34 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 35 | BC-11 | 9433021       | 3273.55       | 3360.50        | 86.95        | 85.81                      | 1176                                    | 907                                          | 0.00064                                    |
| 36 |       | 9433022       | 3284.85       | 3363.60        | 78.75        | 77.61                      | 1046                                    |                                              |                                            |
| 37 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 38 | BC-12 | 9433023       | 3273.30       | 3362.70        | 89.40        | 88.26                      | 1172                                    | 1097                                         | 0.00078                                    |
| 39 |       | 9433024       | 3263.85       | 3374.60        | 110.75       | 109.61                     | 1430                                    |                                              |                                            |
| 40 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 41 | BC-13 | 9433025       | 3281.25       | 3324.60        | 43.35        | 42.21                      | 808                                     | 548                                          | 0.00039                                    |
| 42 |       | 9433026       | 3282.25       | 3320.45        | 38.20        | 37.06                      | 697                                     |                                              |                                            |
| 43 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 44 | BC-14 | 9433027       | 3284.10       | 3344.25        | 60.15        | 59.01                      | 1103                                    | 799                                          | 0.00057                                    |
| 45 |       | 9433028       | 3287.70       | 3338.00        | 50.30        | 49.16                      | 903                                     |                                              |                                            |
| 46 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 47 | BC-15 | 9433029       | 3272.10       | 3304.20        | 32.10        | 30.96                      | 186                                     |                                              |                                            |
| 48 |       | 9433030       | 3267.25       | 3306.25        | 39.00        | 37.86                      | 223                                     |                                              |                                            |
| 49 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 50 | BC-17 | 9433033       | 3272.90       | 3274.85        | 1.95         |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 51 |       | 9433034       | 3262.25       | 3264.30        | 2.05         |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 52 |       |               |               |                |              |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 53 | BC-18 | 9433035       | 3269.40       | 3269.40        | 0.00         |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |
| 54 |       | 9433036       | 3272.00       | 3272.55        | 0.55         |                            |                                         |                                              |                                            |

T8=S8-R8

U8=T8-1.14

V8=(U8\*1000)/(N8\*J\*0.02832)

W8=(V8+V9)/2-204

Y8=(724/(1000000\*453.6)\*W8\*J8)/(60\*4500/60\*J8/2000)

TABLE 4 (Continued)

| Y  | Z         | AA                       | AB               | AC                | AD              | AE                               | AF                                          | AG                                                    | AH                                           |
|----|-----------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|    | Run       | Wash<br>Filter<br>Number | Tare Wt.<br>(mg) | Final Wt.<br>(mg) | Net Wt.<br>(mg) | Wt. after<br>Blank<br>Correction | TP<br>Concentration<br>(ug/m <sup>3</sup> ) | Average<br>Concentration<br>(background<br>corrected) | TP<br>Emission Factor<br>(lb TP / ton grain) |
| 8  | BC-1      | 9436001                  | 346.69           | 748.27            | 401.58          | 395.93                           | 16803                                       | 13926                                                 | 0.00988                                      |
| 9  |           | 9430001                  | 854.20           | 1121.70           | 267.50          | 255.61                           | 11673                                       |                                                       |                                              |
| 10 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 11 | BC-2      | 9430021                  | 852.45           | 997.05            | 144.60          | 132.71                           | 8599                                        | 5843                                                  | 0.00415                                      |
| 12 |           | 9430018                  | 867.90           | 938.30            | 70.40           | 58.51                            | 3711                                        |                                                       |                                              |
| 13 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 14 | BC-3      | 9430002                  | 844.40           | 1232.75           | 388.35          | 376.46                           | 17010                                       | 12996                                                 | 0.00922                                      |
| 15 |           | 9430004                  | 863.30           | 1094.65           | 231.35          | 219.46                           | 9607                                        |                                                       |                                              |
| 16 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 17 | BC-5      | 9430005                  | 843.05           | 1198.35           | 355.30          | 343.41                           | 6391                                        | 4966                                                  | 0.00352                                      |
| 18 |           | 9430003                  | 831.70           | 1060.60           | 228.90          | 217.01                           | 4164                                        |                                                       |                                              |
| 19 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 20 | BC-6      | 9430014                  | 860.55           | 1146.65           | 286.10          | 274.21                           | 5054                                        | 3949                                                  | 0.00280                                      |
| 21 |           | 9430013                  | 864.50           | 1048.90           | 184.40          | 172.51                           | 3469                                        |                                                       |                                              |
| 22 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 23 | BC-7      | 9430017                  | 835.90           | 1543.45           | 707.55          | 695.66                           | 14723                                       | 11796                                                 | 0.00837                                      |
| 24 |           | 9430022                  | 848.80           | 1301.45           | 452.65          | 440.76                           | 9494                                        |                                                       |                                              |
| 25 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 26 | BC-8      | 9430015                  | 840.90           | 1122.65           | 281.75          | 269.86                           | 6541                                        | 5498                                                  | 0.00390                                      |
| 27 |           | 9430020                  | 829.15           | 1030.65           | 201.50          | 189.61                           | 5078                                        |                                                       |                                              |
| 28 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 29 | BC-9      | 9430019                  | 850.40           | 1094.45           | 244.05          | 232.16                           | 12422                                       | 10684                                                 | 0.00758                                      |
| 30 |           | 9430026                  | 815.95           | 1009.30           | 193.35          | 181.46                           | 9569                                        |                                                       |                                              |
| 31 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 32 | BC-10     | 9430016                  | 833.30           | 1188.30           | 355.00          | 343.11                           | 18110                                       | 15799                                                 | 0.01121                                      |
| 33 |           | 9430006                  | 829.35           | 1105.00           | 275.65          | 263.76                           | 14113                                       |                                                       |                                              |
| 34 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 35 | BC-11     | 9430010                  | 834.60           | 1394.50           | 559.90          | 548.01                           | 8686                                        | 6371                                                  | 0.00452                                      |
| 36 |           | 9430023                  | 827.50           | 1109.10           | 281.60          | 269.71                           | 4681                                        |                                                       |                                              |
| 37 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 38 | BC-12     | 9430008                  | 873.60           | 1470.50           | 596.90          | 585.01                           | 8940                                        | 7267                                                  | 0.00516                                      |
| 39 |           | 9430009                  | 840.25           | 1219.20           | 378.95          | 367.06                           | 6219                                        |                                                       |                                              |
| 40 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 41 | BC-13     | 9430012                  | 832.60           | 1157.95           | 325.35          | 313.46                           | 6812                                        | 4983                                                  | 0.00353                                      |
| 42 |           | 9430025                  | 849.75           | 1025.60           | 175.85          | 163.96                           | 3778                                        |                                                       |                                              |
| 43 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 44 | BC-14     | 9430011                  | 855.05           | 1210.55           | 355.50          | 343.61                           | 7523                                        | 6209                                                  | 0.00440                                      |
| 45 |           | 9430024                  | 865.50           | 1128.60           | 263.10          | 251.21                           | 5519                                        |                                                       |                                              |
| 46 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 47 | BC-15     | 9436005                  | 116.69           | 141.85            | 25.16           | 18.55                            | 297                                         |                                                       |                                              |
| 48 |           | 9436006                  | 110.92           | 135.12            | 24.20           | 17.59                            | 326                                         |                                                       |                                              |
| 49 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 50 | BC-17     | 9430007                  | 841.50           | 849.50            | 8.00            |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 51 |           | 9436009                  | 116.90           | 130.06            | 13.16           |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 52 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 53 | BC-18     | 9436007                  | 111.03           | 116.02            | 4.99            |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 54 |           | 9436008                  | 117.15           | 119.37            | 2.22            |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 55 |           |                          |                  |                   |                 |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 56 | Lab blank | 9436004                  | 110.35           | 109.81            | -0.54           |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 57 | Lab blank | 9430027                  | 874.45           | 879.40            | 4.95            |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 58 | Lab blank | 9430028                  | 840.30           | 844.95            | 4.65            |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |
| 59 | Lab blank | 9436010                  | 119.74           | 119.33            | -0.41           |                                  |                                             |                                                       |                                              |

AD8=AC8-AB8

AE8=AD-7.09-"lab blank value depending on filter type"

AF8=(AE8\*1000)/(N8\*J8\*0.02832)+V8

AG8=(AF8+AF9)/2-312

AH8=(724/(1000000\*453.6)\*AG8\*J8)/(60\*4500/60\*J8/2000)

TABLE 5. EXPOSURE PROFILING TEST RESULTS

| Run   | Grain type | Oil pressure (psi) | Grain transferred (tons) | Emission factor (lb/ton) |        |
|-------|------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
|       |            |                    |                          | PM-10                    | TP     |
| BC-1  | Milo       | No oil             | 56.3                     | 0.0021                   | 0.0099 |
| BC-2  | Milo       | No oil             | 38.3                     | 0.00081                  | 0.0042 |
| BC-3  | Milo       | No oil             | 67.5                     | 0.0033                   | 0.0092 |
| BC-5  | Milo       | 25                 | 135                      | 0.00080                  | 0.0035 |
| BC-6  | Milo       | 25                 | 140                      | 0.00072                  | 0.0028 |
| BC-7  | Milo       | 20                 | 110                      | 0.0015                   | 0.0084 |
| BC-8  | Milo       | 20                 | 104                      | 0.00097                  | 0.0039 |
| BC-9  | Corn       | No oil             | 49.5                     | 0.0020                   | 0.0076 |
| BC-10 | Corn       | No oil             | 47.3                     | 0.0026                   | 0.011  |
| BC-11 | Corn       | 25                 | 140                      | 0.00064                  | 0.0045 |
| BC-12 | Corn       | 25                 | 144                      | 0.00078                  | 0.0052 |
| BC-13 | Corn       | 20                 | 101                      | 0.00039                  | 0.0035 |
| BC-14 | Corn       | 20                 | 104                      | 0.00057                  | 0.0044 |

TABLE 6. MEAN EMISSION FACTORS

| Test condition  | Geometric mean (lb/ton) |        |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------|
|                 | PM-10                   | TP     |
| Milo—no oil     | 0.0018                  | 0.0073 |
| Milo—25 psi oil | 0.00076                 | 0.0031 |
| Milo—20 psi oil | 0.0012                  | 0.0057 |
| Corn—no oil     | 0.0023                  | 0.0091 |
| Corn—25 psi oil | 0.00071                 | 0.0048 |
| Corn—20 psi oil | 0.00047                 | 0.0039 |

It should be noted that the mineral oil control efficiency values obtained during this scoping study may be lower than that which can be achieved at other installations. This statement is based upon the fact that the Greenwood elevator applies the oil to grain in the leg. As a result, not all of the oil adheres to the grain and only a limited amount of mixing can occur before the grain hits the gallery belt. Other installations designed to spray oil during active grain tumbling are expected to exhibit higher control efficiency.<sup>4</sup>



## SECTION 4

### CONCLUSIONS

The following conclusions have been drawn from this scoping study:

1. Measured PM-10 emission factors ranged from 0.00081 to 0.0033 lb/ton for uncontrolled gallery belt transfers. The corresponding range for total particulate was 0.0042 to 0.011 lb/ton.
2. The TP measurements ranged from 10 to 26 times smaller than the AP-42 Section 9.9.1 factor for gallery belt transfer of "various" grains at inland/export terminals. This supports the commonly held view that factors based on testing upstream of control system may overstate emissions that occur at operations without control devices.
3. The mineral oil suppression system, as typically operated (i.e., 25 psi) at the Greenwood elevator, controlled, on average, approximately 60% of PM-10 and TP emissions from the gallery belt transfer of milo. For the transfer of corn, typical operation results in 69% and 48% control of PM-10 and TP emissions, respectively. 64 (62) 59
4. For the handling of corn, the oil suppression system functioned as well at 20 psi as at 25 psi. For milo, on the other hand, the lower oil pressure resulted in far less control. 69 47 (58)
5. The control efficiency values obtained during this scoping study may be lower than that which can be achieved at other installations which are designed to spray oil during active grain tumbling.
6. Future testing efforts should use a different means to measure the coarse particle size fraction. This could be accomplished by either (a) using standard high-volume air samplers to collect TSP (total suspended particulate) to capture coarser particulate on a filter or (b) recovering cyclone catches by brushing rather than washing.

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