A.1a. THERMAL INCINERATOR FOR VOC CONTROL–FACILITY A

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EXAMPLE COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE MONITORING

Thermal Incinerator for VOC Control: Facility A - Example 1

I. Background

A. Emissions Unit

Description:	Coater 1, Coater 2, and Coater 3
Identification:	Stack No. XXX/ Ct. YYYYY
Stack designation:	Incinerator
APC Plant ID No.	XXXXX
Facility:	Facility A Anytown, USA

B. Applicable Regulation, Emission Limit, and Monitoring Requirements

Regulation No.:	Permit
Regulated pollutant (PSEU):	VOC
Emission limit:	95 percent reduction
Monitoring requirements in permit:	Continuously monitor chamber temperature [NOTE 1]

C. Control Technology: Thermal oxidizer

II. Monitoring Approach

The key elements of the monitoring approach, including the indicators to be monitored, indicator ranges, and performance criteria are presented in Table A.1a-1.

Note that this CAM submittal is intended as an example of monitoring the operation of the incinerator and does not address capture efficiency. Capture efficiency is a critical component of the overall control efficiency of the air pollution control system, and indicators of the performance of the capture system should be incorporated into the monitoring approach. However, sufficient information was not available from this case study to include monitoring of the capture system performance.

III. Data Availability [NOTE 2]

The minimum data availability for each semiannual reporting period, defined as the number of hours for which monitoring data are available divided by the number of hours during which the process operated (times 100) will be:

Chamber temperature:	90 percent

The data availability determination will not include periods of control device start up and shut down. For an hour to be considered a valid hour of monitoring data, a minimum of 45 minutes of data must be available.

TABLE A.1a-1. MONITORING APPROACH

	Indicator No. 1	Indicator No. 2
I. Indicator	Chamber temperature	Work practice
Measurement Approach	The chamber temperature is monitored with a thermocouple.	Inspection and maintenance of the burner; observation of the burner flame.
II. Indicator Range	An excursion is defined as temperature readings less than 1500°F; excursions trigger an inspection, corrective action, and a reporting requirement.	An excursion is defined as failure to perform annual inspection or daily flame observation.
QIP Threshold[a]	No more than six excursions below the indicator range in any semi-annual reporting period.	Not applicable
III. Performance Criteria		
A. Data Representativeness[b]	The sensor is located in the incinerator chamber as an integral part of the incinerator design. The minimum tolerance of the thermocouple is ±4°F or ±0.75% (of temperature measured in degrees Celius), whichever is greater. The minimum chart recorder sensitivity (minor division) is 20°F.	Not applicable
B. Verification of Operational Status	Not applicable	Not applicable
C. QA/QC Practices and Criteria[b]	Accuracy of the thermocouple will be verified by a second, or redundant, thermocouple probe inserted into the incinerator chamber with a hand held meter. This validation check will be conducted at least annually. The acceptance criterion is ±30°F.	Not applicable
D. Monitoring Frequency	Measured continuously.	Annual inspection of the burner; daily observation of the burner flame.
Data Collection Procedure	Recorded continuously on a circular chart recorder.	Record results of annual inspections and daily observations.
Averaging Period	No average is taken.	Not applicable

[a]The QIP is an optional tool for States; QIP thresholds are not required in the CAM submittal.

[b]Values listed for accuracy specifications are specific to this example and are not intended to provide the criteria for this type of measurement device in general.

Note: Capture efficiency is a critical component of the overall control efficiency of the air pollution control system, and indicators of the performance of the capture system should be incorporated into the monitoring approach. However, sufficient information was not available from this case study to include monitoring of the capture system performance.

MONITORING APPROACH JUSTIFICATION

I. Background

This is a coating facility that performs polyester film coating and paper liner coating with solvent based coatings. Three coaters are operated at the facility. Emissions from the three coaters are vented to the thermal incinerator. Emissions from mixing, coating, and drying operations are vented to this incinerator; some mixing vessels can also be vented to other oxidizers. A total of 27 sources are connected to the thermal incinerator.

II. Rationale for Selection of Performance Indicators

The incinerator chamber temperature was selected because it is indicative of the thermal incinerator operation (combustion occurring within the chamber). If the chamber temperature decreases significantly, complete combustion may not occur.

It has been shown that the control efficiency achieved by a thermal incinerator is a function of its operating temperature, or outlet temperature. By maintaining the operating temperature at or above a minimum, a level of control efficiency can be expected to be achieved. Attachment 1 presents information from the literature on incinerator control efficiency as a function of temperature.

The work practice comprised of an annual inspection and tuning of the incinerator burner was selected because an inspection verifies equipment integrity and periodic tuning will maintain proper burner operation and efficiency. In addition, a daily observation of the burner flame selected to monitor proper operation of the burner (blue flame) is appropriate.

[Sufficient information regarding bypass of the control device is not available. The damper on the bypass line, or purge line, on each coater must be closed during coating process operation to ensure that the vent stream is routed to the thermal incinerator.]

III. Rationale for Selection of Indicator Ranges

The selected indicator range for the incinerator chamber temperature is "greater than 1500°F at all times." When an excursion occurs corrective action will be initiated, beginning with an evaluation of the occurrence to determine the action required to correct the situation. Furthermore, if the duration of a temperature excursion exceeds 10 minutes, the coating line operation will be curtailed. All excursions will be documented and reported. The selected QIP threshold level is six excursions per semiannual reporting period [see NOTE 3]. This level is less than 0.05 percent of the process operating time (based on 2,800 operating hours). If the QIP threshold is exceeded in a semiannual reporting period, a QIP will be developed and implemented. This QIP threshold is supported by 6-months of monitoring data following the performance test.

The air pollution control permit issued by the State agency specifies that the incinerator must be designed to operate with a minimum operating temperature of 1500°F measured at the center of the incinerator chamber. Attachment 1 indicates that a thermal incinerator is expected to achieve 95 percent or greater destruction efficiency (DRE) at this temperature. The permit requirement is 95 percent DRE. The incinerator employs a temperature controller that maintains the desired chamber temperature by using a natural gas-fired auxiliary burner; the temperature controller is set to maintain a temperature of at least 1500°F.

Review of historical monitoring data for a 6-month period (July-December 1993) indicates that 1500°F can be maintained on a routine basis with some excursions. The historical monitoring data for temperature indicate that normal loading to the incinerator will result in chamber temperatures of 1500°F and higher loadings to the device will result in periods of higher operating temperatures for short durations, such as during the performance test. The historical monitoring data indicate that the indicator range was exceeded seven times in the 6-month period; two of the excursions were momentary.

The performance test confirms acceptable performance of the incinerator; the incinerator achieved the required DRE of 95 percent. During the performance test, the incinerator was operating with a temperature of at least 1500°F (in the range of 1540° to 1800°F). During the performance tests the incinerator temperature was generally nearer 1700°F than 1500°F. The higher temperatures during the performance test occurred because the facility was operated near the maximum production rate with higher VOC loadings to challenge the incinerator with maximum VOC loading. The higher operating temperatures during the performance test are not the result of a change in operation of the incinerator (i.e., changing the burner set point temperature).

The performance test of the thermal incinerator was conducted in October 1993 using EPA Reference Method 25. Three test runs (1 hour each) were conducted with 11 out of 27 sources operating and venting to the incinerator; this number of operating sources is considered normal. During the performance test, the chamber temperature was measured continuously and recorded on a circular chart (Attachment 2).

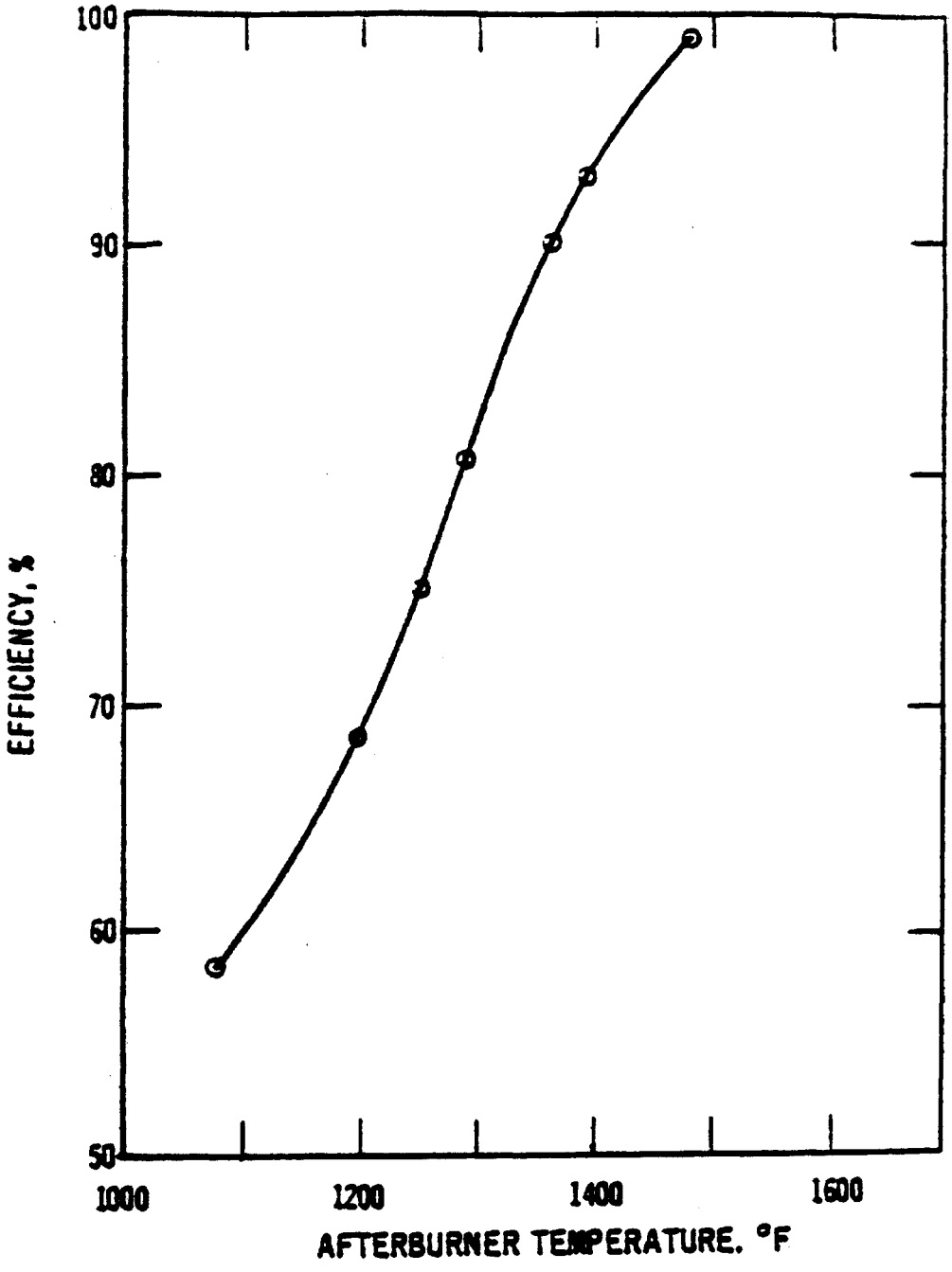
The total hydrocarbon (THC) emission limit is 154 pounds per hour (lb/hr); this limit was met. The facility's operating permit requires 95 percent reduction from the thermal incinerator. During the performance test, the thermal incinerator achieved a destruction efficiency of greater than 95 percent for all three runs (95.4, 95.5, and 97.8); average DRE for the three test runs is 96.2 percent).

The production rate during the performance test was representative of highest VOC loading to the incinerator. During the performance test, the VOC input calculated from coating usage and content was XXX lb/hr [facility requested coating usage not be presented]. By comparison, for the 6 month period for which monitoring data were reviewed, the average VOC loading to the system when all three coaters were operating (calculated as the sum of the average VOC input rate, lb/hr, of each coater) was 80 percent of the amount during the performance test.

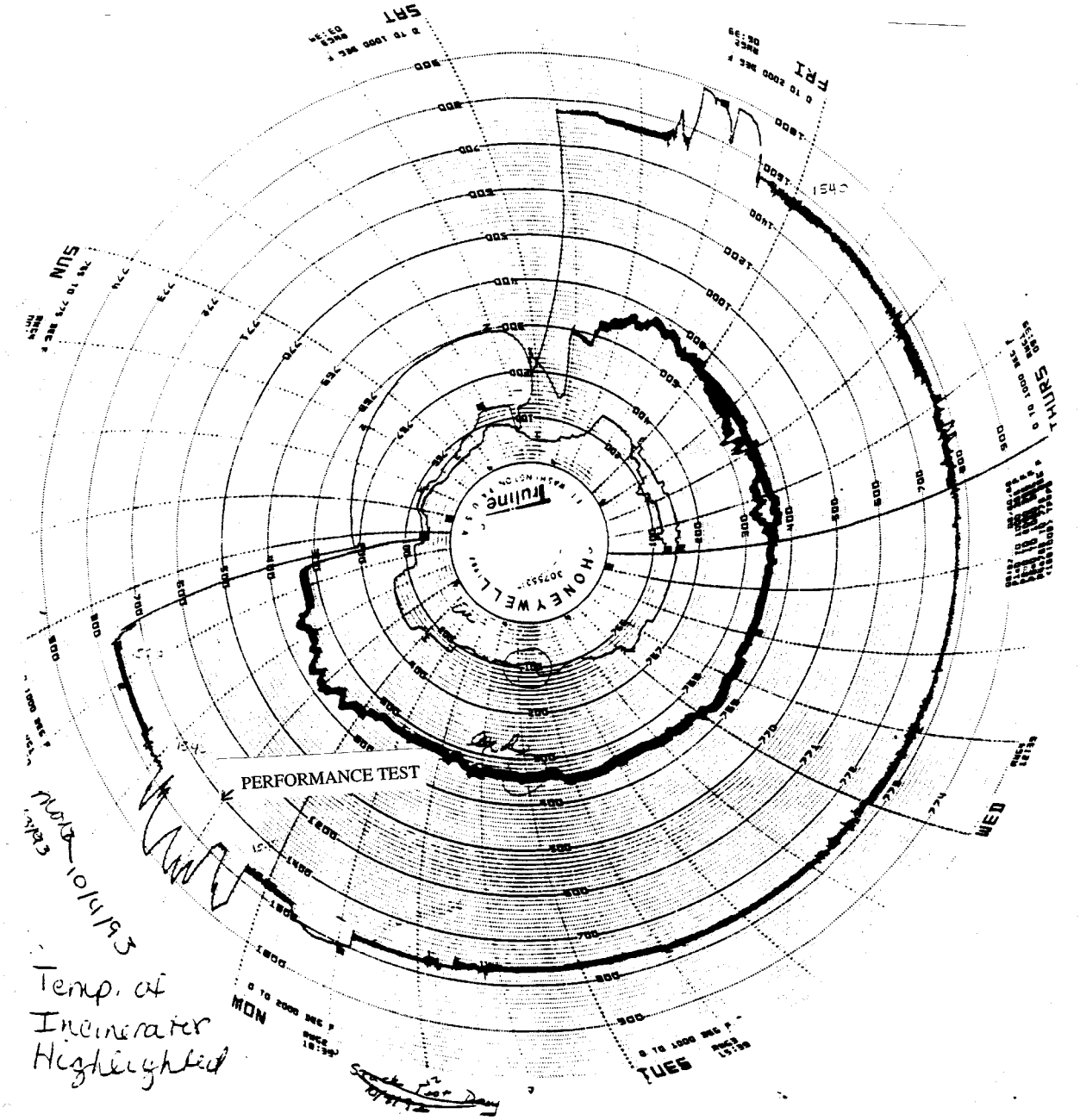
NOTE 1: CO monitoring also is a requirement in the facility's permit; however, for the purposes of this example CAM Plan, CO monitoring was not selected as an indicator. See CAM plan No. A.1b.

NOTE 2: Submittal of proposed data availability is optional; it is not a requirement of a CAM submittal.

NOTE 3: Submittal of a QIP threshold is optional; it is not a requirement of a CAM submittal.



Attachment 1. Direct-flame afterburner efficiency as a function of temperature.
Air Pollution Engineering Manual, Chapter 5 - Control Equipment for Gases and Vapors.



Attachment 2. Temperature chart during October 1993 performance test.

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A.1b. THERMAL INCINERATOR FOR VOC CONTROL–FACILITY A

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EXAMPLE COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE MONITORING

Thermal Incinerator for VOC Control: Facility A - Example 1b

I. Background

A. Emissions Unit

Description:	Coater 1, Coater 2, and Coater 3
Identification:	Stack No. XXX/ Ct. YYYYY
Stack designation:	Incinerator
APC Plant ID No.	XXXXX
Facility:	Facility A Anytown, USA

B. Applicable Regulation, Emission Limit, and Monitoring Requirements

Regulation No.:	Permit
Regulated pollutant (PSEU):	VOC
Emission limit:	95 percent reduction
Monitoring requirements in permit:	Continuously monitor chamber temperature Continuously monitor CO concentration

C. Control Technology: Thermal oxidizer

II. Monitoring Approach

The key elements of the monitoring approach, including the indicators to be monitored, indicator ranges, and performance criteria are presented in Table A.1b-1.

Note that this CAM submittal is intended as an example of monitoring the operation of the incinerator and does not address capture efficiency. Capture efficiency is a critical component of the overall control efficiency of the air pollution control system, and indicators of the performance of the capture system should be incorporated into the monitoring approach. However, sufficient information was not available from this case study to include monitoring of the capture system performance.

III. Data Availability [NOTE 1]

The minimum data availability for each semiannual reporting period, defined as the number of hours for which monitoring data are available divided by the number of hours during which the process operated (times 100) will be:

Chamber temperature:	90 percent
Outlet CO concentration:	95 percent

The data availability determination does not include periods of control device start up and shut down. For an hour to be considered a valid hour of monitoring data, a minimum of 45 minutes of data must be available.

TABLE A.1b-1. MONITORING APPROACH

	Indicator No. 1	Indicator No. 2
I. Indicator	Chamber temperature	Outlet CO concentration
Measurement Approach	The chamber temperature is monitored with a thermocouple.	The CO concentration is measured with a CEMS meeting 40 CFR 60 Appendix B, Performance Specifications.
II. Indicator Range	An excursion is defined as temperature readings less than 1500°F; excursions trigger an inspection, corrective action, and a reporting requirement.	An excursion is defined as a 1-hr average greater than 50 ppm (emission limit); excursions trigger an inspection, corrective action, and a reporting requirement.
QIP Threshold[a]	No more than six excursions below the indicator range in any semiannual reporting period.	No more than 14 excursions above the indicator range in any semiannual reporting period.
III. Performance Criteria A. Data Representativeness[b]	The sensor is located in the incinerator chamber as an integral part of the incinerator design. The minimum tolerance of the thermocouple is ±4°F or ±0.75% (of temperature measured in degrees Celius), whichever is greater. The minimum chart recorder sensitivity (minor division) is 20°F.	The system meets 40 CFR 60 Appendix B, Performance Specification 4 criteria.
B. Verification of Operational Status	Not applicable	Not applicable
C. QA/QC Practices and Criteria[b]	Accuracy of the thermocouple will be verified by a second, or redundant, thermocouple probe inserted into the incinerator chamber with a hand held meter. This validation check will be conducted at least annually. The acceptance criterion is ±30°F.	Calibration drift will be automatically checked every 24 hours by zero air and span gas.
D. Monitoring Frequency	Measured continuously.	CO concentration is measured continuously.
Data Collection Procedure	Recorded continuously on a circular chart recorder.	The average of six 10-second readings are recorded once per minute by the DAS (electronic record).
Averaging Period	No average is taken.	1-hour average of 60 1-minute readings.

[a]The QIP is an optional tool for States; QIP thresholds are not required in the CAM submittal.

[b]Values listed for accuracy specifications are specific to this example and are not intended to provide the criteria for this type of measurement device in general.

Note: Capture efficiency is a critical component of the overall control efficiency of the air pollution control system, and indicators of the performance of the capture system should be incorporated into the monitoring approach. However, sufficient information was not available from this case study to include monitoring of the capture system performance.

MONITORING APPROACH JUSTIFICATION

I. Background

This facility performs polyester film coating and paper liner coating with solvent based coatings. Three coaters are operated. Emissions from the three coaters are vented to the thermal incinerator. Emissions from mixing, coating, and drying operations are vented to this incinerator; some mixing vessels can also be vented to other oxidizers. A total of 27 sources are connected to the thermal incinerator.

II. Rationale for Selection of Performance Indicators

The incinerator chamber temperature was selected because it is indicative of the thermal incinerator operation (combustion occurring within the chamber). If the chamber temperature decreases significantly, complete combustion may not occur.

It has been shown that the control efficiency achieved by a thermal incinerator is a function of its operating temperature, or outlet temperature. By maintaining the operating temperature at or above a minimum, a level of control efficiency can be expected to be achieved. Attachment 1 presents information from the literature on incinerator control efficiency as a function of temperature.

The CO concentration at the outlet of the thermal incinerator is an indicator of incomplete combustion. Significant increases in CO indicate that combustion efficiency has decreased and corrective action should be taken.

[Sufficient information regarding bypass of the control device is not available. The damper on the bypass line, or purge line, on each coater must be closed during coating process operation to ensure that the vent stream is routed to the thermal incinerator.]

III. Rationale for Selection of Indicator Ranges

A. Thermal Incinerator Temperature

The selected indicator range for the incinerator chamber temperature is "greater than 1500°F at all times." When an excursion occurs corrective action will be initiated, beginning with an evaluation of the occurrence to determine the action required to correct the situation. Furthermore, if the duration of a temperature excursion exceeds 10 minutes, the coating line operation will be curtailed. All excursions will be documented and reported. The selected QIP threshold level is six excursions per semiannual reporting period (see NOTE 2). This level is less than 0.05 percent of the process operating time (based on 2,800 operating hours). If the QIP threshold is exceeded in a semiannual reporting period, a QIP will be developed and implemented. This QIP is supported by 6 months of monitoring data following the performance test.

The air pollution control permit issued by the State agency specifies that the incinerator must be designed to operate with a minimum operating temperature of 1500°F measured at the center of the incinerator chamber. Attachment 1 indicates that a thermal incinerator is expected to achieve 95 percent or greater destruction efficiency (DRE) at this temperature. The permit requirement is 95 percent DRE. The incinerator employs a temperature controller that maintains the desired chamber temperature by

using a natural gas-fired auxiliary burner; the temperature controller is set to maintain a temperature of at least 1500°F.

Review of historical monitoring data for a 6-month period (July to December 1993) indicates that 1500°F can be maintained on a routine basis with some excursions. The historical monitoring data for temperature indicate that normal loading to the incinerator will result in chamber temperatures of 1500°F and higher loadings to the device will result in periods of higher operating temperatures for short durations, such as during the performance test. The historical monitoring data indicate that the indicator range was exceeded seven times in the 6-month period; two of the excursions were momentary.

The performance test confirms acceptable performance of the incinerator; the incinerator achieved the required DRE of 95 percent. During the performance test, the incinerator was operating with a temperature of at least 1500°F (in the range of 1540° to 1800°F). During the performance tests the incinerator temperature was generally nearer 1700°F than 1500°F. The higher temperatures during the performance test occurred because the facility was operated near the maximum production rate with higher VOC loadings to challenge the incinerator with maximum VOC loading. The higher operating temperatures during the performance test are not the result of a change in operation of the incinerator (i.e., changing the burner set point temperature).

The performance test of the thermal incinerator was conducted in October 1993 using EPA Reference Method 25. Three test runs (1 hour each) were conducted with 11 out of 27 sources operating and venting to the incinerator; this number of operating sources is considered normal. During the performance test, the chamber temperature was measured continuously and recorded on a circular chart (Attachment 2).

The THC emission limit is 154 pounds per hour (lb/hr); this limit was met during the test. The facility's operating permit requires 95 percent reduction from the thermal incinerator. During the performance test, the thermal incinerator achieved a destruction efficiency of greater than 95 percent for all three runs (95.4, 95.5, and 97.8); the average DRE for the three test runs is 96.2 percent. The average outlet CO concentration for each of the three performance test runs was 2.3, 10.2, and 1.6 ppmvd.

The production rate during the performance test was representative of highest VOC loading to the incinerator. During the performance test, the VOC input calculated from coating usage and content was XXX lb/hr [facility requested coating usage not be presented]. By comparison, for the 6-month period for which monitoring data were reviewed, the average VOC loading to the system when all three coaters were operating (calculated as the sum of the average VOC input rate, lb/hr, of each coater) was 80 percent of the amount during the performance test.

B. Outlet CO Concentrations

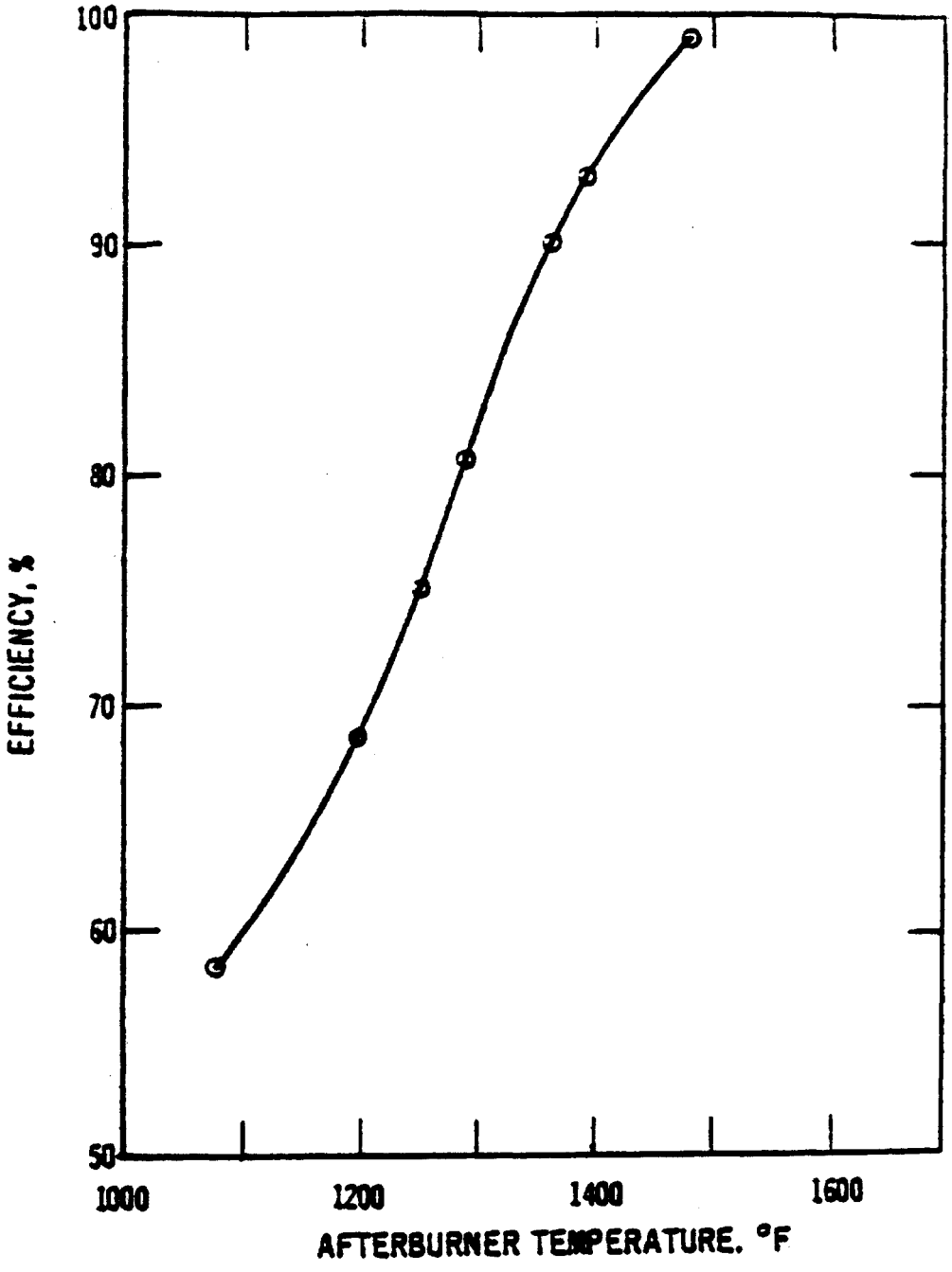
The selected indicator range for the 1-hour average CO concentration is “less than 50 ppmvd, as measured.” When an excursion occurs corrective action will be initiated, beginning with an evaluation of the occurrence to determine the action required to correct the situation. All excursions will be documented and reported. The selected QIP threshold level is 14 excursions per semiannual reporting period. This level is less than 0.5 percent of the process operating time (based on 2,800 operating hours). If the QIP threshold is exceeded in a semiannual reporting period, a QIP will be developed and implemented. This QIP is supported by 3 months of monitoring data following the performance test.

Review of historical monitoring data for a 3-month period (September through December 1993) indicates that the 50 ppmvd CO concentration limit can be maintained on a routine basis with some excursions. The historical monitoring data indicate that the indicator range was exceeded eight times in the 3-month period. Based upon these historical data, the threshold for excursions is no more than 14 excursions above 50 ppmvd in a 6-month period (i.e., 7 excursions per quarter).

The performance test conducted in October 1993 is discussed above in section III.A. The CO concentrations were well under the 50 ppmvd limit (measured CO) for all three runs during the test.

NOTE 1: Submittal of proposed data availability is optional; it is not a requirement of a CAM submittal.

NOTE 2: Submittal of a QIP Threshold is optional; it is not a requirement of a CAM submittal.



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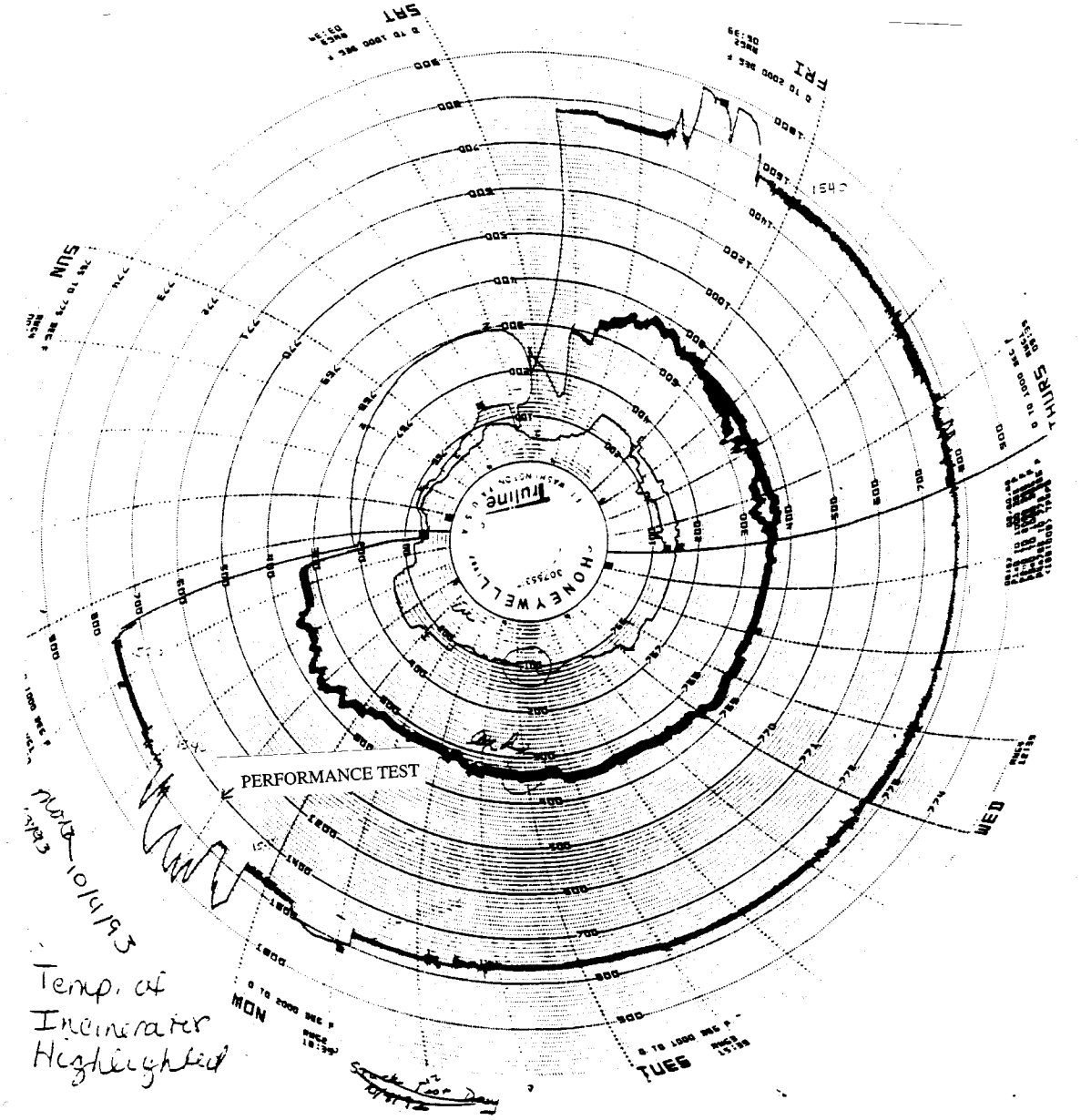

Attachment 2. Temperature chart during October 1993 performance test.