## APPENDIX 1

## Examples of Oxbow's Actions to Conceal or Avoid Detection of its SO<sub>2</sub> Emissions at the TCEQ Monitor

**DESCRIPTION AND OVERVIEW**: The data and information PASE compiled and provided as examples herein show Oxbow's development, implementation, and use of protocols to circumvent detection of its SO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the nearby TCEQ Monitor and to conceal from the TCEQ and public its emissions in excess of the NAAQS One Hour ground level standard cometimes referred to herein as Oxbow's "SO<sub>2</sub> Monitor-Detection Warning and Concealment Protocol" or Oxbow's "Pollution Concealment Tactics").

As detailed more fully in PASE's Supp. MTV, in response to the TCEQ placing a SO<sub>2</sub> Monitor near Oxbow's Port Arthur facility to monitor and measure the amount of SO<sub>2</sub> pollution in the ambient air beginning in late 2016 (sometimes referred to herein as the "TCEQ SO<sub>2</sub> Monitor"), Oxbow immediately began developing and implementing its sometimes and effective system of SO<sub>2</sub> Monitor-Detection Warning and Concealment Protocol Oxbow's Pollution Concealment Tactics generally included (i) Oxbow's automated warning system notifying it of the specific and limited times when the TCEQ SO<sub>2</sub> Monitor is predicted to detect or actually is detecting and measuring Oxbow's emissions in increasing quantities (sometimes referred to herein as a "monitor detection window")<sup>1</sup> and of elevated TCEQ SO<sub>2</sub> Monitor readings, and (ii) Oxbow implementing temporary changes to its normal calcining operations to reduce its ordinary SO<sub>2</sub> emissions and increase the dispersion of such emissions in advance of and during those monitor detection windows and instances of elevated SO<sub>2</sub> readings so that monitor readings are likely to be reduced.

The primary and most consistent temporary change Oxbow makes to its normal calcining operations during monitor detection windows and in response to elevated TCEQ SO<sub>2</sub> Monitor readings is to simply reduce its normal calcining operations/output (i.e. its operations which produce its SO<sub>2</sub> emissions) during those times. Oxbow does this by reducing its kiln feed rates and sometimes even shutting its kilns down entirely. One of the ways Oxbow temporarily increases dispersion of its SO<sub>2</sub> emissions during monitor detection windows is by using large industrial fans (referred to as an "excess air fan" or "EAF") in advance of and during monitor detection windows which allows Oxbow to (i) temporarily dilute the concentration of SO<sub>2</sub> pollutants in its emissions, and (ii) increase the exit velocity of its emissions, thereby altering the trajectory of its pollution plume in an effort to avoid detection by the TCEQ SO<sub>2</sub> Monitor.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Oxbow's environmental scientists learned that sustained wind speeds blowing in a directional cone of approximately 170-200 degrees were required for the TCEQ SO<sub>2</sub> Monitor to detect and measure Oxbow's emissions at levels that were problematic under the NAAQS standard. *See* Ex. 6 (Tr., V. 4 at p. 859). Thus, Oxbow incorporated predicted wind forecasts, combined with 5-minute monitor data, to predict and take corrective action during times of likely monitor exceedances.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Oxbow's environmental personnel, Doug Landwehr, confirmed at the arbitration hearing that the Excess Air Fan "affects the flow of the plume itself" and admitted that Oxbow "experimented with increasing the excess air fan." *See* Ex. 6 to PASE's MTV (Vol. 4, p. 879).

The following examples reveal how Oxbow implements its Pollution Concealment Tactics. These examples are substantiated by Oxbow's own documents which have been provided to the Court as supporting evidence.<sup>3</sup> The examples reflect Oxbow engaging in this conduct while recording that it was operating in its all-hot stack mode before and after Oxbow completely and permanently shut PASE down on June 25, 2018 – which Oxbow claims to have done after concluding that its hot stacks supposedly complied with the required limit of 75 ppb; thereby making the installation of SO<sub>2</sub> pollution controls unnecessary and/or unreasonable.<sup>4</sup>

Pre-June 25, 2018 Examples of Oxbow's Implementation and Use of Its Pollution Concealment Tactics:

Date	Overview of Oxbow's Actions	Detailed Timeline of Pertinent Events	Wind Conditions	Citations
April 25, 2017		<ul> <li>10:00: 78.7 SO2 ppb monitor reading</li> <li>10:10: 76.7 SO2 ppb monitor reading</li> <li>10:30: Oxbow shuts kilm down entirely</li> </ul>	10:00:  • Wind Direction ("WD"): 189.7 (inside monitor detection window) • Wind Speed ("WS"): 15.1  16:55: • WD: 163.8 (outside monitor detection window) • WS: 16.1	Ex. 16 to PASE's MTV at p. 642-644 (Arb. Ex. C- 236, Oxbow 0028101);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For the Court sease of reference, for each example below, PASE has provided specific citations to the exact source of the data and information detailed herein along with the specific location within such document that the information described can be located.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> All of the following examples are from dates when Oxbow's records show that it was operating in an all-hot stack mode (either by bypassing PASE's boilers and the cold stacks by diverting its flue gas to be emitted directly through its hot stacks or by operating exclusively through its hot stacks after Oxbow forced PASE to completely cease operating its steam plant).

May 3, 2017	During monitor detection window and period of elevated SO <sub>2</sub> readings triggering Oxbow's SO <sub>2</sub> monitor- detection warning and concealment protocol while recording that it was in an all hot stack mode, Oxbow significantly reduced the rate of its sulfur dioxide emissions	• WD: 181.0 (inside monitor detection window) • WS 17.0  14:05  WD: 169.9 (outside monitor detection window) • WS: 14.3	Ex. 16 to  PASE's MTV at p. 687-88 (Arb. Ex. C-236, Oxbow 0028101);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Ex. 16 to PASE's MTV at p. 688 (Arb. Ex. C-236, Oxbow 0028101) (showing kiln 3 "feed back into system" at 13:05 (meaning 1:05 p.m.));

June 30, 2017	During monitor detection window and period of elevated SO <sub>2</sub> readings triggering Oxbow's SO <sub>2</sub> monitor-detection warning and concealment protocol while recording that it was in an all hot stack mode, Oxbow temporarily and significantly reduced its SO <sub>2</sub> emissions by reducing the feed rates to all of its kilns.	<ul> <li>6:10: Oxbow reduced feed rate on kiln 2 from 10 tph to 9 tph, kiln 3 from 18 tph to 17 tph, and kiln 4 from 20 tph to 18 tph</li> <li>9:05: 45.0 SO2 ppb</li> <li>9:30: 46.1 SO2 ppb</li> <li>9:40: Oxbow reduced feed rate on kiln 5 from 25 tph to 24 tph and kiln 4 from 18 tph to 17 tph</li> <li>10:10: 45.7 SO2 ppb</li> <li>10:25: 59.6 SO2 ppb</li> <li>11:00: Oxbow reduced kiln 2 feed rate from 9 tph to 8 tph</li> </ul>	6:00:  WD: 1964 (within monitor detection window) WS: 12.1  1:00  WD: 179.5 (within monitor detection window) WS: 13.4	Ex. 16 to PASE's MTV at p. 1013-15 (Arb. Ex. C- 236, Oxbow 0028101);
April 6, 2018		• 12:30 39.9 SO2 ppb • 14:00: 76.8 SO2 ppb • 14:10: 97.5 SO2 ppb • 14:30: 103.6 SO2 ppb	• WD: 180.6 (within monitor detection window) • WS: 18.6  16:00 • WD: 194.5 (within monitor detection window) • WS: 17.1	Ex. 16 to PASE's MTV at p. 2537-8 (Arb. Ex. C- 236, Oxbow 0028101);

Oxbow continued these practices after shutting PASE down completely on June 25, 2018. The following are examples of Oxbow's continuing use of its Monitor-Detection Warning and Concealment Protocol after Oxbow shut down PASE's business on June 25, 2018 -- for the purported reason that Oxbow was compliant with the NAAQS 75 ppb SO<sub>2</sub> limit when it operated in an all hot stack mode and was not compliant when it emitted flue gas through its cold stacks after delivering heat to PASE's steam plant under the terms of its Heat Energy Agreement with PASE.<sup>8</sup>

Post-June 25, 2018 Examples of Oxbow's Pollution Concealment Tactics:

Date	Overview of Oxbow's Actions	Detailed Timeline of Pertinent Events	Wind Conditions	Citations
Nov. 5, 2018	During monitor detection window and period of elevated SO2 readings triggering Oxbow's SO2	Kiln status: Oxbow only operating kilns 2, 3, and 5 in hot	8:00	Ex. 16 to PASE's MTV at p.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Oxbow developed similar systems for each of its three U.S. calcining facilities. *See* Ex. 86 to PASE's MTV (Oxbow 0017613).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Oxbow's experiments, if legitimate, should have resulted in across the board changes in its operations to control SO2 emissions because Oxbow's Monitor-Detection Warning and Concealment Protocols demonstrably "worked." By implementing them, Oxbow decreased the SO<sub>2</sub> readings at the Monitor and could avoid exceedances when readings escalated. If Oxbow wanted to actually operate on a full-time basis within the NAAQS limit, it would have implemented the operational controls suggested from those "experiments" that resulted in reducing its SO<sub>2</sub> or preventing exceedances. Sometimes Oxbow made operational moves to decrease the monitor reading when no experiment was taking place. Oxbow representative Doug Landwehr recognized that on March 7, 2017 when the monitor reading went to 112.3 ppb and multiple moves were made, there was no "experiment" taking place. (MTV Ex. 6 at p. 922-25).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Because the Panel denied PASE's requests for discovery concerning Oxbow's activities involving the TCEQ SO<sub>2</sub> Monitor after it shut PASE down, PASE not obtain any writeups of those 75 or so experiments after PASE was shut down. Thus, PASE is unable to present the full extent of Oxbow's actions affecting the monitor after June 25, 2018. However, the evidence discussed below, based upon records that PASE received, establishes that Oxbow continued its same practices that it developed and implemented before it shut PASE down.

	monitor-detection warning and concealment protocol (and with just 3 of its 4 kilns operating), Oxbow (i) significantly reduced its SO2 emissions by reducing the feed rates on 2 of its 3 active kilns, (ii) altered the trajectory of its pollution plume by significantly turning up its excess air fans ("EAF") on 2 of its 3 active kilns (which increases the velocity of Oxbow's pollution plume as it exits into the atmosphere, thereby changing the trajectory of the plume), and (iii) diluted the concentration of its SO2 pollution in the ambient air through its increased use of EAF fans on 2 of Oxbow's 3 active kilns.  This example of Oxbow temporarily changing its operations to conceal its actual SO2 emissions occurred over four months after Oxbow completely shut PASE down and while Oxbow was only operating three of its four kilns.		stack mode with kiln 4 off  10:00: Oxbow significantly increased its EAF fans for kilns 2 and 3, turning both of them up to 15-20% greater than normal  11:45: 61.3 SO2 ppb  12:45: 62.9 SO2 ppb  13:55: Oxbow reduced feed rates for kilns 2 and 3 by 2 tph each	9:15 • 13:45 •	WD: 91.6 (outside monitor detection window) WS: 4.0 WD: 174.9 (within monitor detection window) WS: 11.1 WD: 204.4 (outside monitor detection window) WS: 19.6	3716-17 (Arb. Ex. C-236, Oxbow 0028101)
January 18, 2019		•	Kiln status: Oxbow operating all kilns (2, 3, 4, and 5) in hot stack mode 11:55: Oxbow significantly increased its EAF fan for kiln 2 to 15-20% more than normal 18:35: 45.6 SO2 ppb 18:40: 65.1 SO2 ppb 18:50: 78.7 SO2 ppb	11:55 • 18:30:		Ex. 16 to PASE's MTV at p. 4134-36 (Arb. Ex. C-236, Oxbow 0028101)

	This example of Oxbow continuing its Pollution Concealment Tactics occurred approximately seven months after Oxbow completely shut PASE down.	•	19:30: Oxbow reduced kiln 2 feed rate by 2 tph 19:35: 67.4 SO2 ppb 19:40: 68.8 SO2 ppb 19:50: Oxbow reduced kiln 5 feed rate by 2 tph	•	detection window) WS: 21.7	
March 7-8, 2019	In advance of and during monitor detection window and period of elevated SO2 readings triggering Oxbow's SO2 monitor-detection warning and concealment protocol (and with Oxbow only operating 3 of its 4 kilns (kilns 2, 3, and 4)), Oxbow took drastic steps to conceal its SO2 pollution from the TCEQ SO2 Monitor and the TCEQ. This includes Oxbow shutting kiln 3 down entirely at the start of the monitor detection window and then even though operating just 2 of its 4 kilns - further reducing its already significantly reduced operations and artificially deflating its SO2 emissions even more by significantly reducing the feed rates on both kilns 2 and 4.  On March 8, 2019 Oxbow temporarily cut back its normal operations and SO2 emissions in response to the monitor detection window and elevated SO2 monitor readings to approximately 25% of its normal production rate. (for instance, at 12:45, Oxbow was only processing a total of 21 tons per hour, which is 25.6% of Oxbow's average rate of 82 tons per hour for its Port Arthur. See Ex. 103 (C-11 [Oxbow-0022119 at Capacity Utilization sheet])). Despite this,		Kiln status: Oxbow only operating kilns 2, 3, and 4 in hot stack mode 3/7/2019 at 18:00 Oxbow completely shut down feed to kiln 3 in advance of upcoming monitor detection window 3/8/2019 at 0:00: only kilns 2 and 4 active 1:25: 21.0 SO2 ppb 1:35: 28.0 SO2 ppb 1:40: 31.4 SO2 ppb 2:55: Oxbow decreased kiln 4 feed rate by 2 tph to 13 tph 3:55: Oxbow decreased kiln 2 feed rate by 2 tph to 7 tph 9:30: 28.0 SO2 ppb 9:40: 48.3 SO2 ppb 9:55: 61.6 SO2 ppb 11:30: 64.2 SO2 ppb (while Oxbow was	3/8/201 3/8/201 • 3/8/201 16:50	WD: 171.1 (within monitor detection window) WS: 9.7 WD: 181.3 (within monitor detection window) WS: 10.8	Ex. 16 to PASE's MTV at p. 4407- 4412 (Arb. Ex. C-236, Oxbow 0028101); Ex. 103 (C-11, Oxbow- 0022119 at Capacity Utilization sheet).

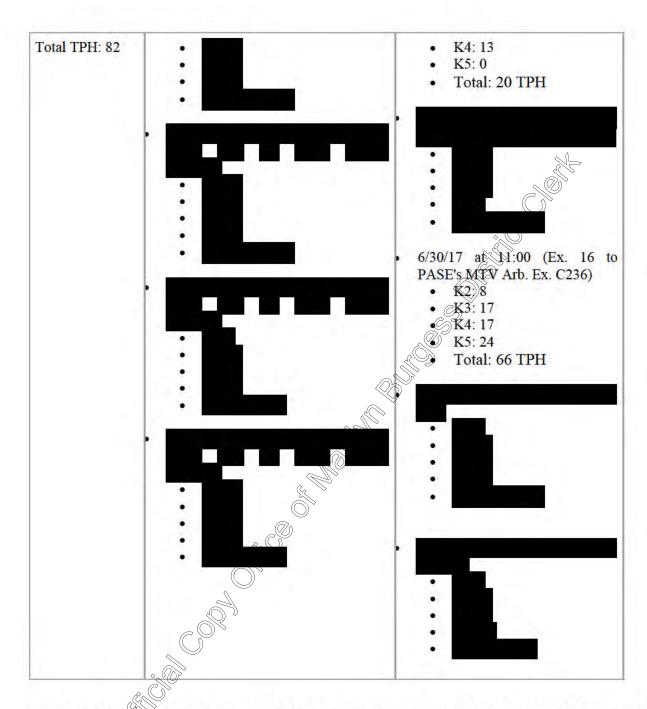
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	even having temporarily and	operating only 2	• WS:	
	artificially reduced its regular	kilns at significantly	12.3	
	operations and SO2 emissions by	reduced rates (kiln 2		
	75% in an effort to conceal the	at 7 tph and kiln 4 at		
	actual amount of SO2 pollution it	13 tph) and		
	regularly emits – <u>25.6%</u> of	processing a total of		
	Oxbow's normal calcining	20 tons per hour,		
	operations and emissions still	which is <i>less than</i>		<u> </u>
	resulted in Oxbow's emission of	25% of Oxbow's		
	SO2 pollution of 77.5 SO2 ppb. Put	average feed rate for	. 0	
	differently, Oxbow exceeds 75 SO2	its Port Arthur		
	ppb even when it is conducting its	facility of 82 tons		
	SO2-pollution causing calcining	per hour.)		
	operations at less than 26% of its			
	normal rate.	• 12:45: 77.5 SO2 ppb		
		(kiln 3 and 5 off;	1	
		kiln 2 at 8 tph and		
		kiln 4 at 11 tph; and		
		operating at less		
		than 25% of		
		Oxbow's normal		
		production rate)		
		• 12:00-14:00:		
		Oxbow increased		
		feed rates when the		
		weather conditions		
		1		
		indicated the		
		monitor detection		
		window was ending		
		and then decreased		
		feed rates again		
		when it looked like		
		the monitor		
		detection window		
		would continue		
		longer than expected		
April	During monitor detection window	• Oxbow operating all	12:05	Ex. 16 to
11,	and period of elevated SO <sub>2</sub> readings	kilns (2, 3, 4, and 5)	, TUD	PASE's
2019	triggering Oxbow's SO2 monitor-	in hot stack mode	• WD:	MTV at p.
	detection warning and concealment	12.05.25.25.22	182.9	4604 (Arb.
	protocol, Oxbow temporarily	• 12:05: 25.3 SO2 ppb	(within	Ex. C-236,
	significantly reduced its normal	• 12:10: 33.8 SO2 ppb	monitor	Oxbow
	SO2 emissions by reducing the	12.10. 33.0 BO2 pp0	detection	0028101)
	feed rate on each one of its kilns.	• 12:25: 40.4 SO2 ppb	window)	,

		•	12:55: Oxbow reduced the feed rate on all of its kilns by 2 tph each	•	WS: 15.9	
June 23, 2019	During monitor detection window and period of elevated SO <sub>2</sub> readings triggering Oxbow's SO2 monitor-detection warning and concealment protocol, Oxbow temporarily and significantly reduced its normal SO2 emissions by reducing the feed rate on each one of its kilns.  This last example and the one prior are merely included to show that Oxbow's pollution and concealment activities continued for the entire period that records were made available to PASE, more than a year after PASE had been shut down.9	•	Oxbow operating all kilns (2, 3, 4, and 5) in hot stack mode 9:05: 40.1 SO2 ppb 9:55: Oxbow reduced the feed rate on all of its kilns by 2 tons per hour each	9:05	WD 182.0 (within monitor detection window) WS: 15.7	Ex. 16 to PASE's MTV at p. 5015-16 (Arb. Ex. C-236, Oxbow 0028101)

As previously referenced, after Oxbow significantly reduces its SO2 emissions by reducing its feed rates during monitor detection windows, and once the monitor detection window passes, Oxbow resumes calcining coke and emitting SO2 pollution at its normal higher rates as seen from the below chart with Oxbow's average feed rate and specific examples of Oxbow's feed rates when the wind is blowing towards, and when the wind is blowing away from, the monitor (feed rates below are in tons per hour of TPH"):

Avg. Feed Rate (Ex. 103, Arb. Ex. C11)	Feed Rates When Wind Blowing Away From Monitor	Feed Rates When Wind Blowing Towards Monitor
K2: 14 K3:21 K4: 21 K5: 26		<ul> <li>3/8/19 at 4:00 (Ex. 16 to PASE's MTV, Arb. Ex. C236)</li> <li>K2: 7</li> <li>K3: 0</li> </ul>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Because PASE was denied discovery of Oxbow's continuing SO2 operations and the source of this evidence only goes through July 8, 2019, PASE cannot provide the Court with additional and more recent examples. However, the evidence described herein establishes that Oxbow continued its practices well after shutting PASE down on June 25, 2018.



Similarly, Oxbow's detailed daily production records from 2017 (the only year PASE was able to obtain discovery of such records) show that during monitor detection windows, Oxbow's kilns are often subject to "unscheduled down time," as seen from the following examples:

Unscheduled kiln down times when wind blowing towards monitor (see ); Ex. 16 to PASE's MTV (Arb. Ex. C-236, Oxbow 0028101)):
 3/1/2017



The preceding evidence has been largely hidden from the TCEQ and the public by Oxbow. Oxbow representative, Doug Landwehr, who testified that he interfaced with the TCEQ, confirmed that Oxbow did not give any of its "experiments" or experiment reports to the TCEQ, nor did the TCEQ receive the 5-minute data attached as Exhibit 16 to PASE's MTV which is the primary source of actions detailed herein. (MTV Ex. 6, Vol. 4, p. 900, 902). Excewise, Landwehr testified about doing extensive modeling of its SO2 emissions at Port Arthur when Oxbow was seeking bids for scrubbers in 2016, but that information was not provided to the TCEQ either. (MTV Ex. 6, Vol. 4, p. 905).

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