

## **COLD BOX FOULING : NOV -15.**



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# Event and finding-Reactor effluent drier (RED)'s event

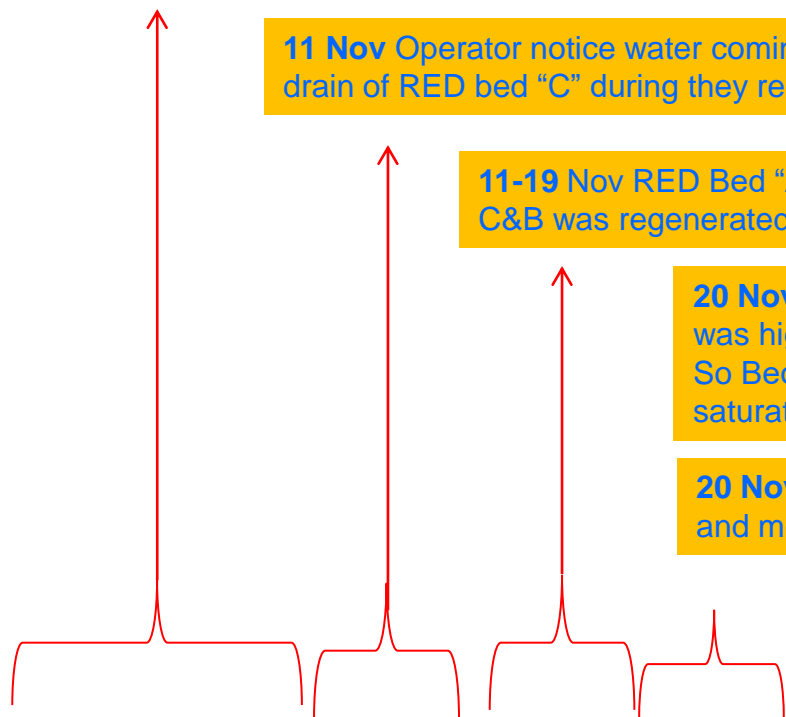
**7-9 Nov.** During reactor dry out, process flow was passed through empty drum RED "B".

**11 Nov** Operator notice water coming out from low point drain of RED bed "C" during they removed temporary spool

**11-19 Nov** RED Bed "A" was used in service. And bed C&B was regenerated by propane.

**20 Nov 00:00 AM** RED Bed "C" was used to service but moisture analyzer was high alarm **immediately** and found water at low point drain of bed C. So Bed "C" is not ready to use and Bed "A" was continue service until saturated.

**20 Nov 7:30 PM** RED Bed "B" was manual service and no H<sub>2</sub>S and moisture breakthrough anymore .



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**November-2015**

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# Event and finding-RED and Cold box's event

**20 Nov 00:00 AM** when RED Bed "C" was used to service ,  
Moisture's analyzer was immediately high alarm.

 = RED's event

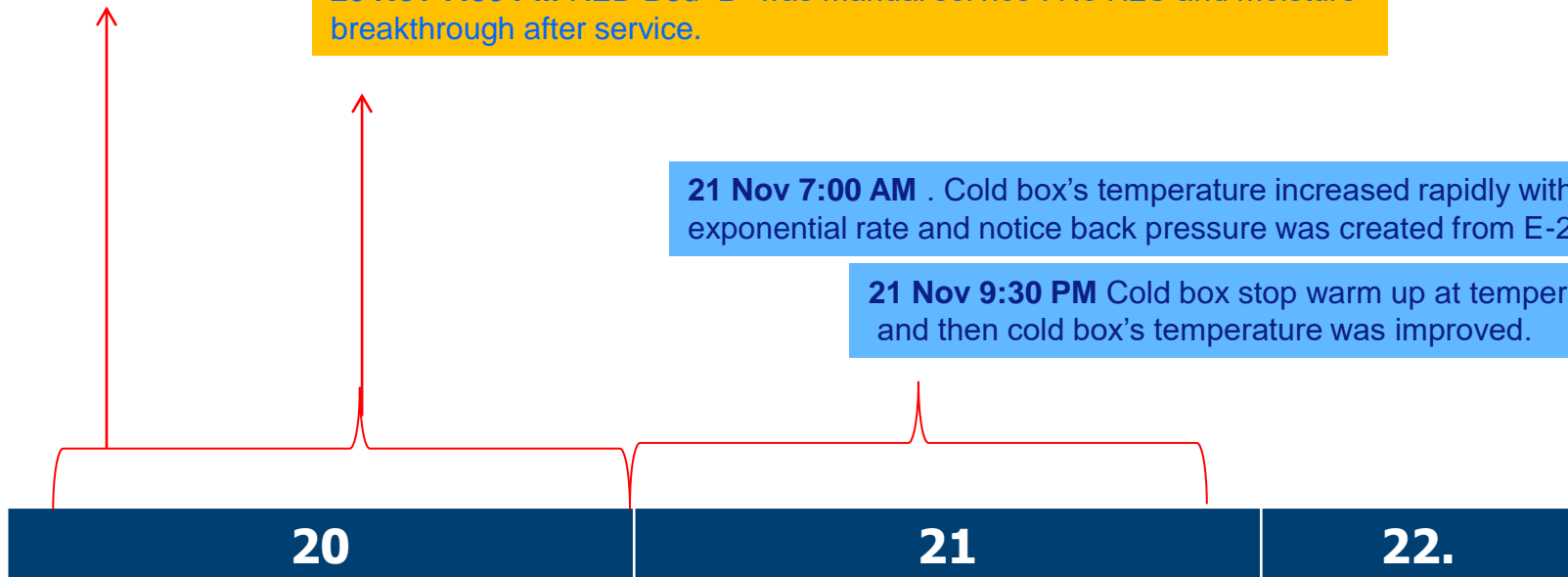
 = Cold box's event

**20 Nov 00:00 AM** . diff pressure across E-2020A suddenly increased .  
Cold box begin warm up slowly

**20 Nov 7:30 PM** RED Bed "B" was manual service . No H<sub>2</sub>S and moisture  
breakthrough after service.

**21 Nov 7:00 AM** . Cold box's temperature increased rapidly with  
exponential rate and notice back pressure was created from E-2021

**21 Nov 9:30 PM** Cold box stop warm up at temperature -46 °C  
and then cold box's temperature was improved.

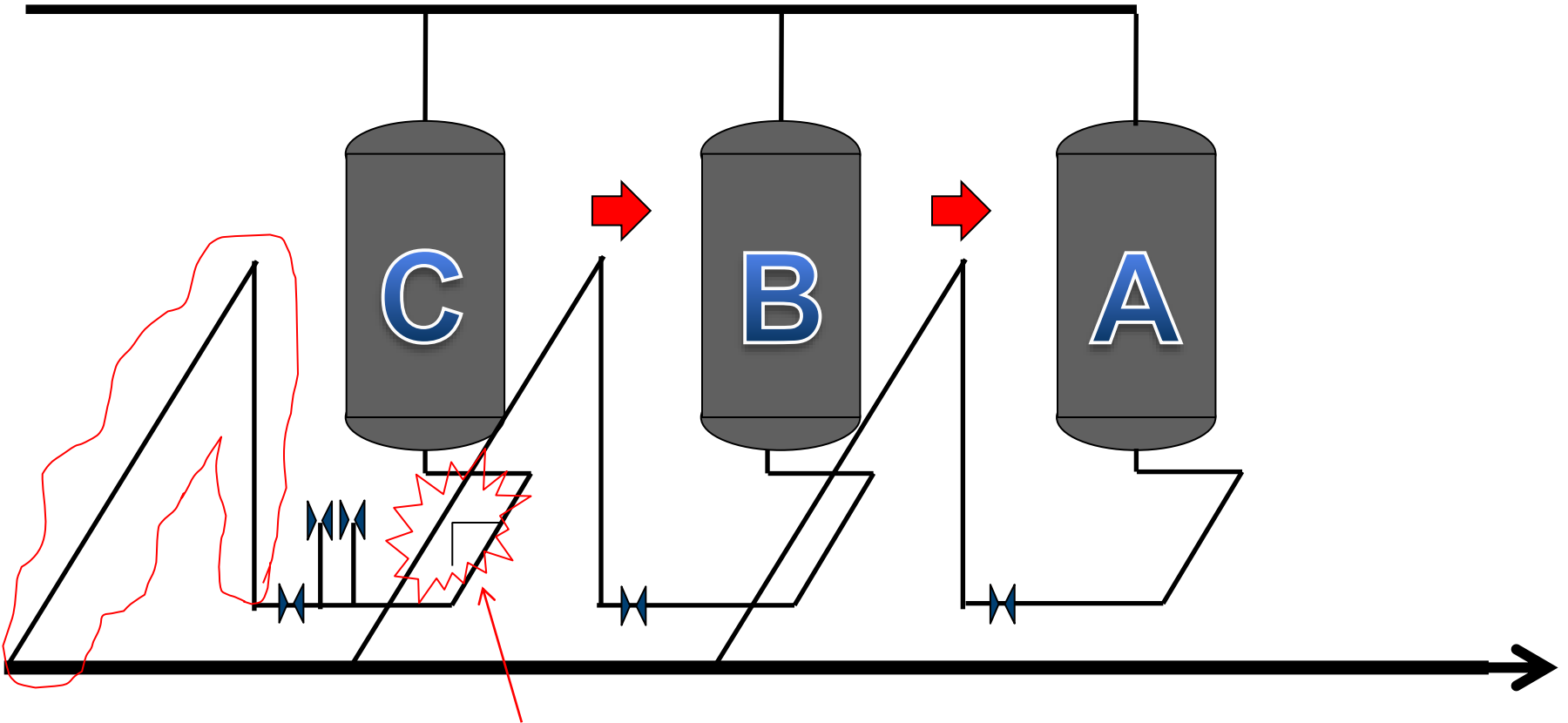


## November-2015

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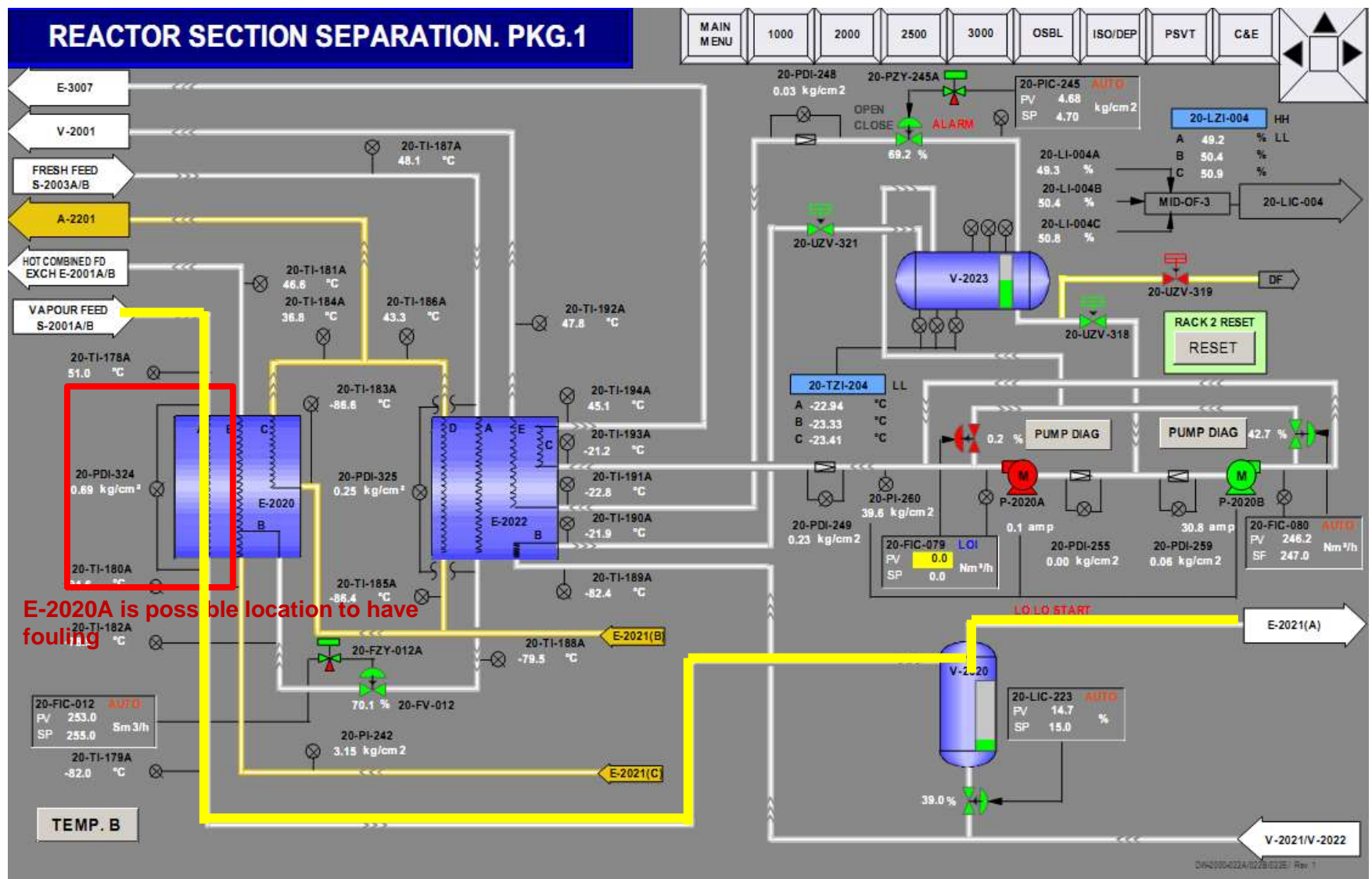
# Event and finding : RED Diagram



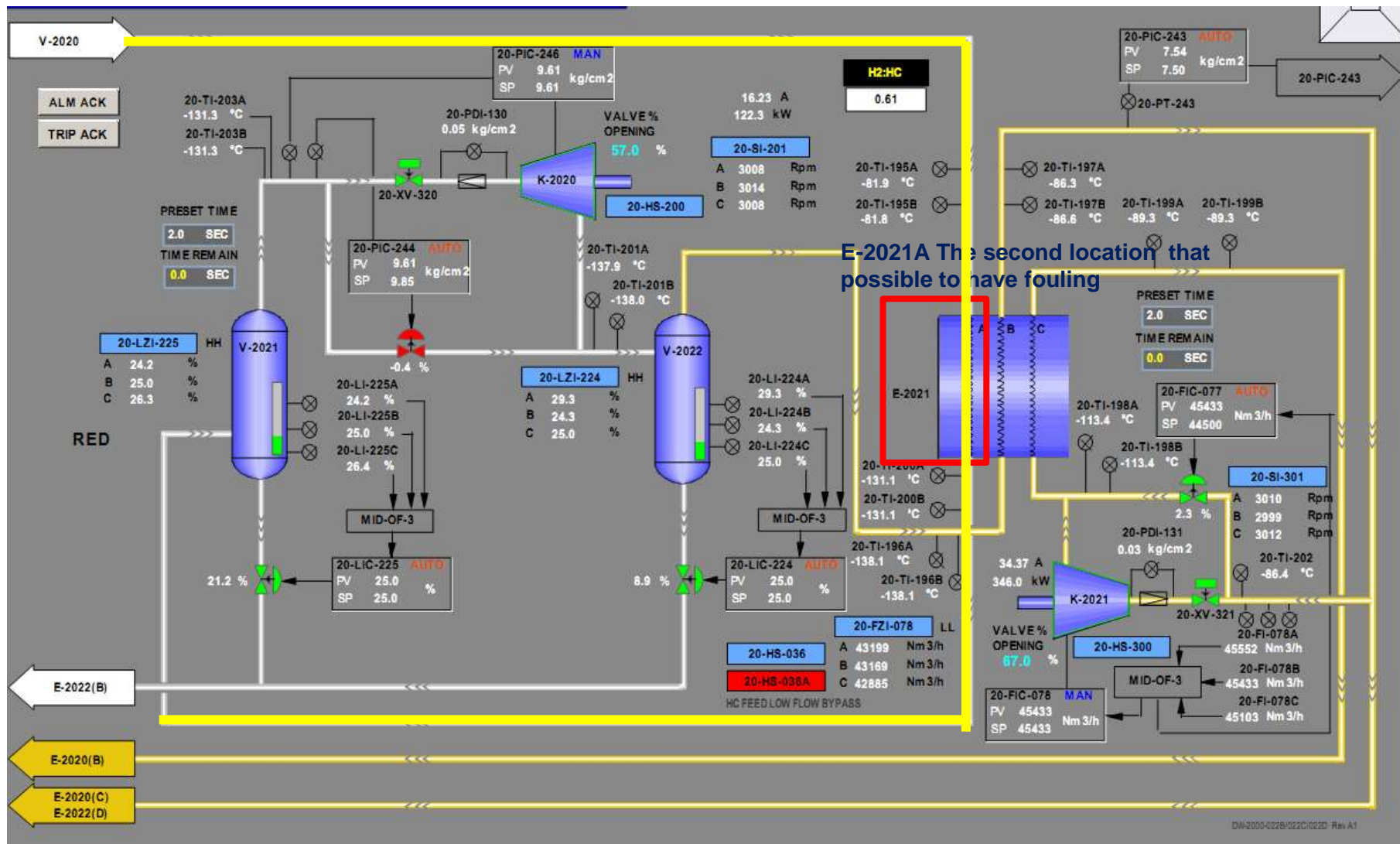
Free water was found here

S-2001A and Cold box

## Event and finding : Possible fouling location.

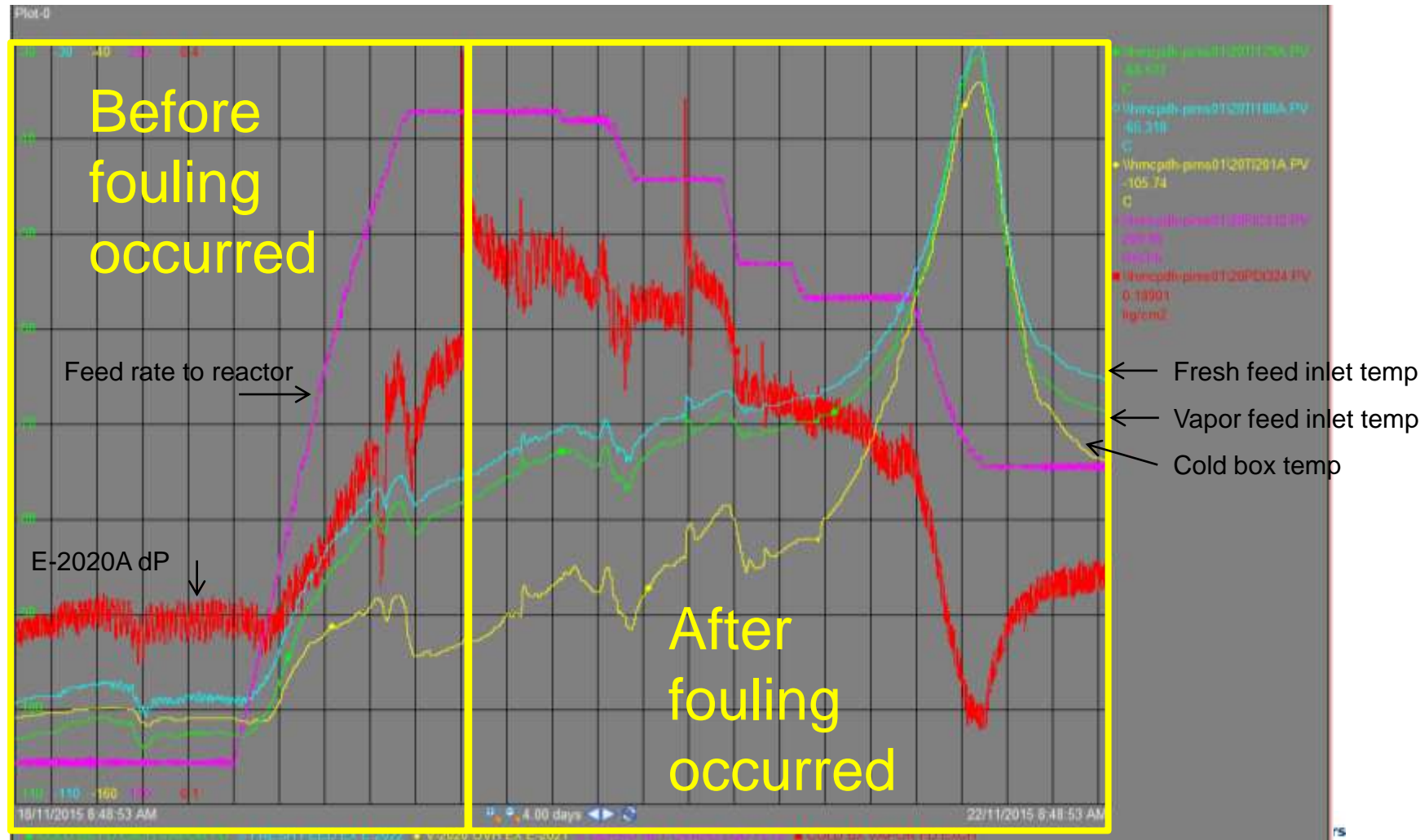


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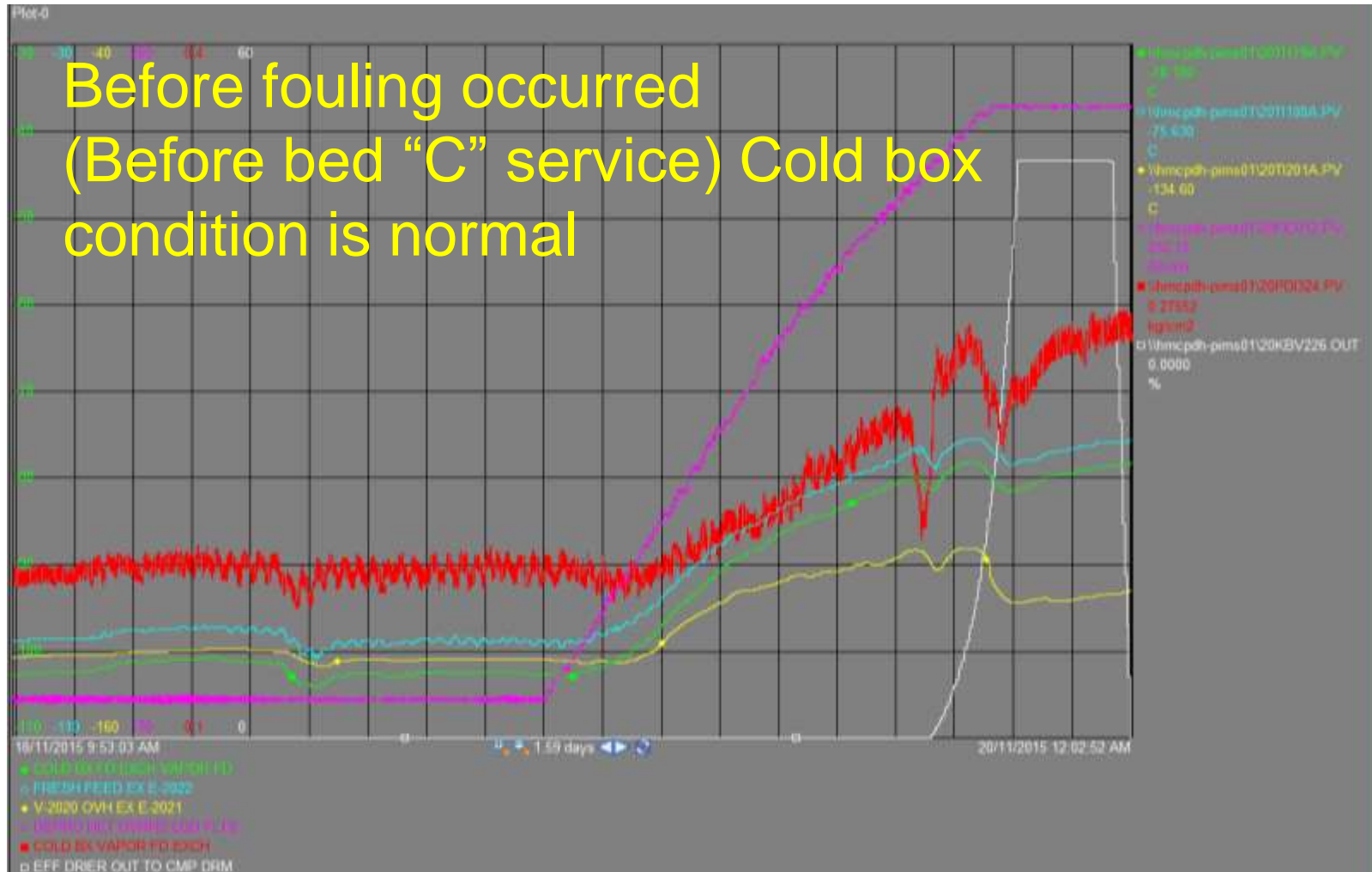


# Event and finding-Overall condition

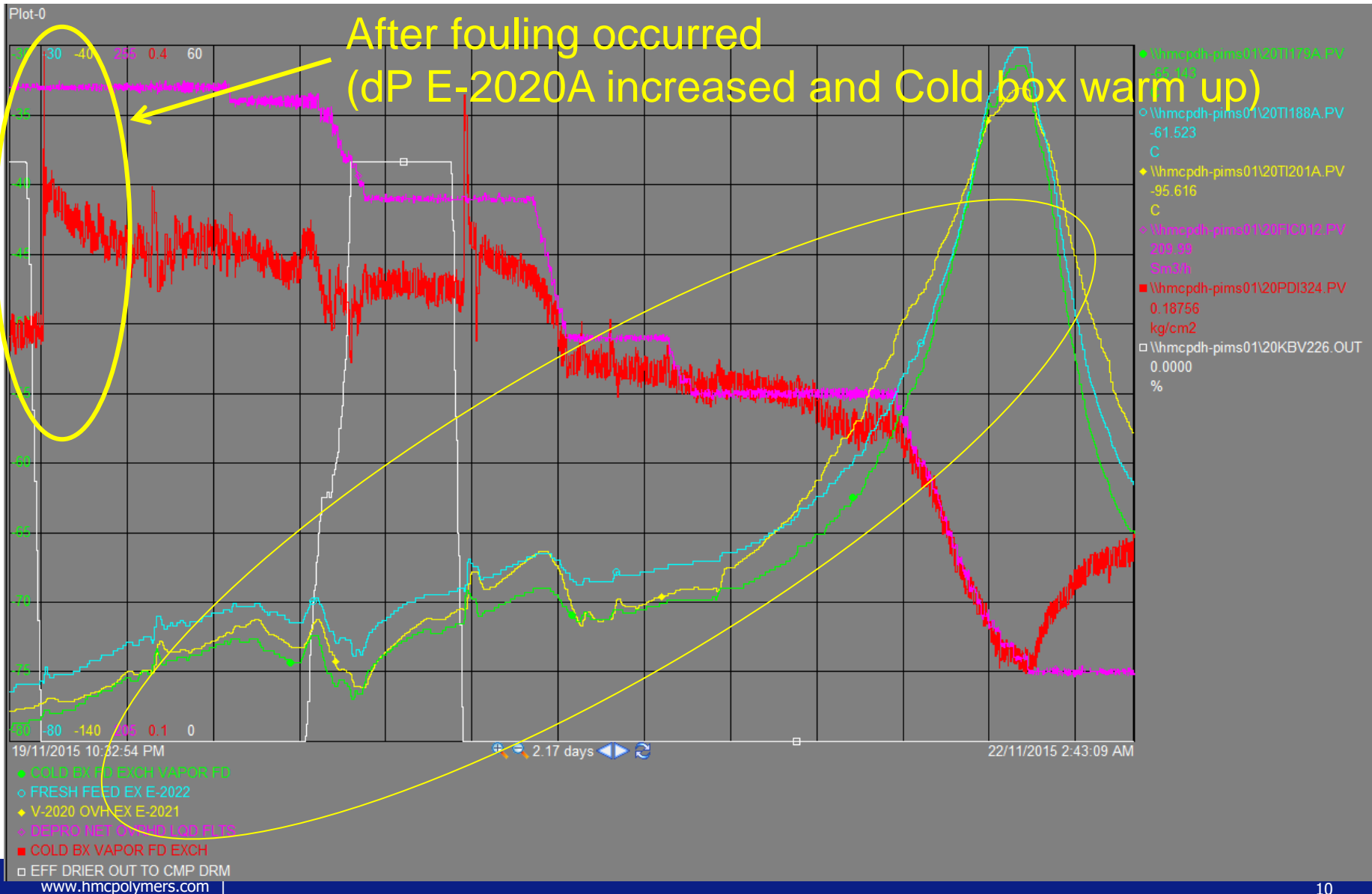




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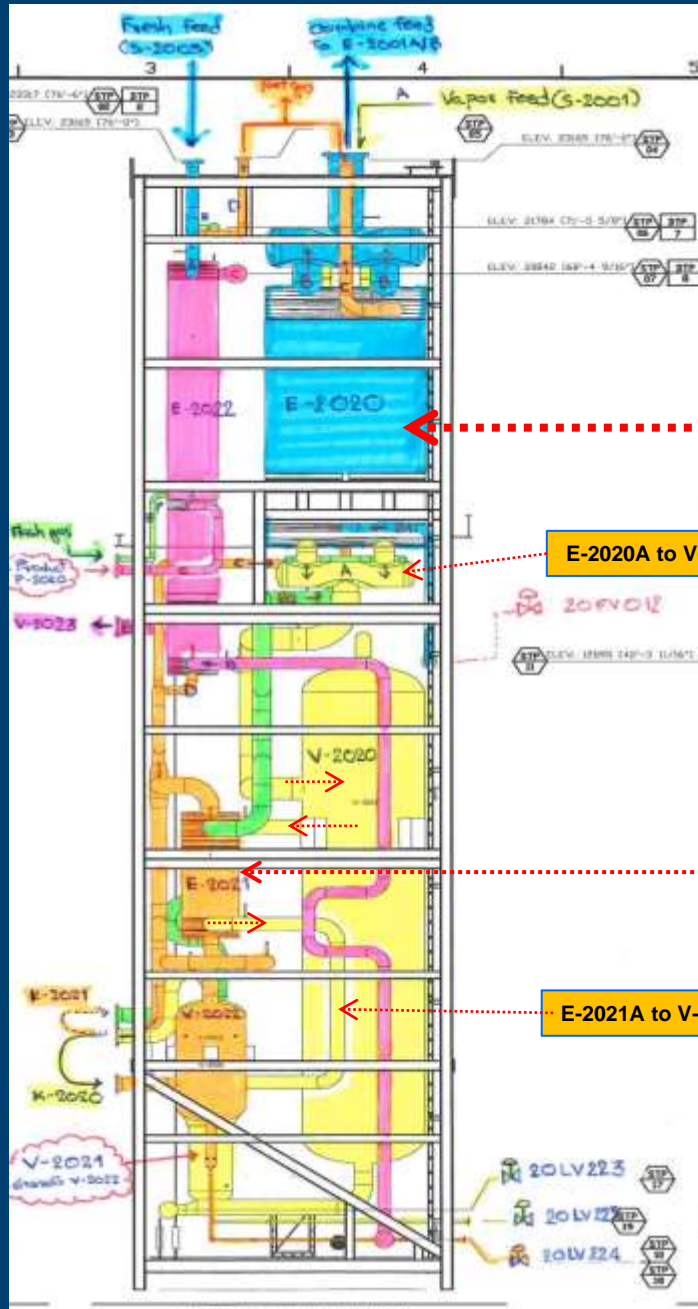
# Event and finding-Possible root cause

Table 1 showing percentage of heat transfer loss.

	Path A	Path B	Path C	Path D	Path E
E-2020	-40.7%	-58.3%	-57.7%		
E-2021	-81.8%	-62.8%	88.8%		
E-2022	-47.7%	-58.2%	-36.6%	-49.9%	-19.1%

**E-2021A is less heat transfer area during cold box warm up.**

# Cold box diagram



**First fouling at E-2020A  
(vapor feed line)**

**Then move to  
fouling at E-2021A**

# Possible root cause

No	Possible root cause	Information	Likelihood
1	<b>Free water from pipe line of RED bed "C" (Dead pocket)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fouling in Cold box is occurred at E-2020A and E-2021A, Their upstream line is from vapor feed stream(Reactor and RED side).</li> <li>2. Fouling occurred after RED Bed"C" put on service.</li> <li>3. Operator observe free water come out from low point drain at RED"C".</li> <li>4. Main pipeline of RED"C" was define to be dead pocket because "No flow pass through" during reactor dry out.</li> </ol>	Most possible

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2	<b>Chemical (Dispersant &amp; Solvent).</b>	Freezing point of chemical does not close to cold box temperature.	Less possible
3	<b>Heavy polymers.</b>	Bed "C" is new adsorbent bed and never used before, there is impossible to have any heavy hydrocarbon.	Less possible

# GAP-CLOSING

GAP	Corrective Action	By	When
Free water from RED (Dead pocket) cause fouling in cold box	Push more dry feed to cold box to remove the residual foulant.	Operation	22-30 Nov 2015
	Drain Low point drain of all RED bed to flare before put in service.	Operation	Daily basis

GAP	Preventive Action	By	When
Free water from RED (Dead pocket zone) cause fouling in cold box	1. Created WI to recognize operator to flushing and drain dead pocket line of RED after turnaround.	Nitikom	30 Nov 2015
	2. Feasibility study to add drain line and bypass line of RED piping system.	Nitikom/Engineering	Feb-2016
	3. Feasibility study to add methanol injection unit to both vapor and combine feeds.	Nitikom/Engineering	Feb-2016





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**Thank you**



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