



DTE Energy[®]

Transmission and Storage Operations

Natural Gas Infrastructure R&D and Methane Mitigation Workshop

Mary Savalle, PMP, LSSGB
Compression Reliability Engineer
November 12, 2014

Agenda

- DTE Gas Snapshot
- NOx & CO
 - Combustion stability
- Methane
 - Packing
 - Blowdowns
 - Capture vs Flare



- DTE Gas
 - 41 Units
 - Age Range: 8-59yrs (Average 45yrs)
 - 118,200HP
 - 1,000-15,000HP
 - 7 different manufacturers
 - Cooper-Bessemer, Solar, Waukesha, DeLaval, IR, CAT, Ariel
 - Complete Mixture
 - Integral, Separable, 2-Cycle, 4-Cycle, Reciprocating, Centrifugal, High Speed, Mid Speed, Low Speed, Rich Burn, Lean Burn, Air Start, Gas Start

Combustion Stability!!

- Combustion Stability Initiatives
 - Pre-combustion Chambers
 - Trapped Equivalency Ratio (Air/Fuel Curve Modification)
 - Catalysts
 - 98% Reduction in CO
 - NO Reduction in NOx
 - Ignition system upgrade
 - 81% Reduction in NOx
 - 15% Increase in CO
- Challenges
 - Technology resulting in less than 2g NOx emissions
 - Emission regulations dropping
 - Stability control with combining technologies
 - Cost

- Sealing Technology Limitations
 - Compressor rod seals require designed clearances to allow for independent rod and piston motion
 - Best industry standards sit around 10scfh, but range drastically
 - They are often shut down, but required to remain in operational, pressurized condition
 - Static vs Dynamic
 - Rod seals utilize cylinder pressure to activate the packing rings
 - DTE operational variations range between 230psi to 1250psi suction pressure
- Compressor Configuration
 - Leakage is inherent in all reciprocating compressors
 - Standard Packing (Currently seeing up to 60scfh in dynamic mode with new packing)
 - Low Emission Packing (Expecting to see less than 30scfh in dynamic mode)
 - Zero Emission Packing (Expecting to see minimal to none in static or dynamic mode)
 - Rates are dependent on size, mechanical wear and operating pressures
 - PM
 - PdM

Can the gas be captured or repurposed??

- Release Levels
 - Station
 - Unit
 - Component
- Capture Technology
- Flare Technology
 - Conversion of methane to CO₂
 - Reduction of 95% methane emissions

- DTE Gas TSO Operations is continually looking for ways to upgrade our system and all equipment within
- We look forward to input, feedback and recommendations on all items mentioned
- Any follow up inquiries:
 - Mary Savalle
 - savallem@dteenergy.com
 - 586-707-4652

QUESTIONS??