

**San Joaquin Valley  
Unified Air Pollution Control District  
Best Performance Standard (BPS) x.x.xx**

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<b>Class</b>	<b>Process Heaters</b>
<b>Category</b>	<b>All Industries</b>
<b>Best Performance Standard</b>	<p>1. The process heater shall be either:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A. Designed as a forced draft process heater equipped with an O<sub>2</sub> trim control system and burner designed to operate at an O<sub>2</sub> exhaust percentage of no greater than 4.5%, or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">B. Continuously operated at no greater than 4.5% by Volume O<sub>2</sub> exhaust percentage</p> <p style="text-align: center;">And</p> <p>2. Electric motors driving combustion air fans or induced draft fans shall have an efficiency meeting the standards of the National Electrical Manufacturer's Association (NEMA) for "premium efficiency" motors and shall each be operated with a variable speed control or equivalent for control of flow through the fan.</p>
<b>Percentage Achieved GHG Emission Reduction Relative to Baseline Emissions</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

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## **I. Best Performance Standard (BPS) Determination Introduction**

### **A. Purpose**

To assist permit applicants, project proponents, and interested parties in assessing and reducing the impacts of project specific greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) on global climate change from stationary source projects, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) has adopted the policy: *District Policy – Addressing GHG Emission Impacts for Stationary Source Projects Under CEQA When Serving as the Lead Agency*. This policy applies to projects for which the District has discretionary approval authority over the project and the District serves as the lead agency for CEQA purposes. Nonetheless, land use agencies can refer to it as guidance for projects that include stationary sources of emissions. The policy relies on the use of performance based standards, otherwise known as Best Performance Standards (BPS) to assess significance of project specific greenhouse gas emissions on global climate change during the environmental review process, as required by CEQA. Use of BPS is a method of streamlining the CEQA process of determining significance and is not a required emission reduction measure. Projects implementing BPS would be determined to have a less than cumulatively significant impact. Otherwise, demonstration of a 29 percent reduction in GHG emissions, from business-as-usual, is required to determine that a project would have a less than cumulatively significant impact.

### **B. Definitions**

Best Performance Standard for Stationary Source Projects for a specific Class and Category is the most effective, District approved, Achieved-in-Practice means of reducing or limiting GHG emissions from a GHG emissions source, that is also economically feasible per the definition of Achieved-in-Practice. BPS includes equipment type, equipment design, and operational and maintenance practices for the identified service, operation, or emissions unit class and category.

Business-as-Usual is - the emissions for a type of equipment or operation within an identified class and category projected for the year 2020, assuming no change in GHG emissions per unit of activity as established for the baseline period, 2002-2004. To relate BAU to an emissions generating activity, the District proposes to establish emission factors per unit of activity, for each class and category, using the 2002-2004 baseline period as the reference.

Category is - a District approved subdivision within a “class” as identified by unique operational or technical aspects.

Class is - the broadest District approved division of stationary GHG sources based on fundamental type of equipment or industrial classification of the source operation.

**C. Determining Project Significance Using BPS**

Use of BPS is a method of determining significance of project specific GHG emission impacts using established specifications. BPS is not a required mitigation of project related impacts. Use of BPS would streamline the significance determination process by pre-quantifying the emission reductions that would be achieved by a specific GHG emission reduction measure and pre-approving the use of such a measure to reduce project-related GHG emissions.

GHG emissions can be directly emitted from stationary sources of air pollution requiring operating permits from the District, or they may be emitted indirectly, as a result of increased electrical power usage, for instance. For traditional stationary source projects, BPS includes equipment type, equipment design, and operational and maintenance practices for the identified service, operation, or emissions unit class and category.

**II. Summary of BPS Determination Process**

The District has established Process Heaters – All Industries as a separate class and category which requires implementation of a Best Performance Standard (BPS) pursuant to the District’s Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP). The District’s determination of the BPS for this class and category has been made using the BPS development process established in the District’s Final Staff Report, *Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions under the California Environmental Quality Act*. A summary of the specific implementation of the phased BPS development process for this specific determination is as follows:

<b>Table 1 BPS Development Process Phases for Process heaters</b>			
<b>Phase</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Public Notice of Intent	09/28/2010	The District’s intent notice is attached as Appendix 1
2	BPS Development	12/20/2011	See evaluation document.
3	Public Participation: Public Notice Start Date	12/23/2011	A Draft BPS evaluation was provided for public comment. The District’s notification will be attached as Appendix 3

### III. Class and Category

**Process Heaters** are recognized as a distinct class based on the following:

- A process heater is defined as any fuel fired combustion equipment which transfers heat from combustion gases to fluid or process streams.

Process heaters are a distinct class with respect to the District's prohibitory rules for criteria pollutant emissions (Rules 4306, 4307, 4308 and 4320).

Process heaters differ from boilers and steam generators as process heaters are not limited to boiling or raising the temperature of fluid.

Process heaters differ from dryers as process heaters do not dry or cure material by direct contact with the products of combustion.

Process heaters differ from dehydrators as process heaters do not drive free fluid from products like fruits, vegetables, and nuts, at an accelerated rate without damage to the product.

There are no other subcategories of process heaters identified; therefore, this BPS determination applies to process heaters used in all industries.

### IV Public Notice of Intent

Prior to developing the development of BPS for this class and category, the District published a Notice of Intent. Public notification of the District's intent to develop BPS for this class and category was sent on September 28, 2010 to individuals registered with the CCAP list server. The District's notification is attached as Appendix 1.

The District received the following comments:

1. It is inappropriate to apply a thermal efficiency standard to thermal fluid heaters based on the Higher Heating Value (HHV) of fuels.
2. Fluid heater thermal efficiency is process dependent and should not be regulated generically.
3. The thermal efficiency of thermal fluid heater systems have not been measured with a degree of accuracy required for a policy establishment.
4. Convection sections are not practical on thermal fluid heaters as the return fluid temperature is very high.
5. Testing emission per unit of Btu output delivered to the process would be extremely costly.
6. BTU input size and operating temperature would affect performance.

Comments received during the initial public outreach were considered during this determination and are presented in Appendix 2. A summary of the comments and the District Response can be found in Appendix 3.

## V. BPS Development

### STEP 1. Establish Baseline Emissions Factor for Class and Category

The Baseline Emission Factor (BEF) is defined as the three-year average (2002-2004) of GHG emissions for a particular class and category of equipment in the San Joaquin Valley (SJV), expressed as annual GHG emissions per unit of activity. The Baseline Emission Factor was calculated by determining facilities within the SJVAPCD that operated natural design process heaters in 2002 through 2004. Source tests for these units were examined to determine the median O<sub>2</sub> levels of process heaters. These process heaters were exclusively of natural draft design. The mean of these facilities medians was used to determine the Baseline emissions factor.

#### A. Representative Baseline Operation

For all industries, the representative baseline operation has been determined to be a natural draft design process heater. This determination is based on a review of District permitted process heaters in use during 2002-2004.

#### B. Basis and Assumptions

- All direct GHG emissions are the result of the combustion of natural gas in the process heater.
- Unit of Activity is 1 MMBtu of heat **delivered** to the process (absorbed duty of the heater)
- Natural draft heaters operate with 6.4% O<sub>2</sub>
- Stack temperature is 800 F (most are in range of 600-1000 depending upon the feed temperature and the convective surface area)
- Air contains 20.75% O<sub>2</sub>
- For purposes of analysis, air and flue gas are assumed to have the same molecular weight = 28.0 (actually air = 28.8, flue gas = approx. 27.8 for natural gas)
- For natural gas, net heating value (NHV) = 90%\* higher heating value (HHV)
- F factor for natural gas is 8,578 scf/MMBtu (HHV) at 60 F.
- Heat capacity (c<sub>p</sub>) of air and flue gas is 0.26 Btu/lb-F (= 0.011 Btu/scf-F)
- The GHG emission factor for natural gas combustion is 117 lb-CO<sub>2</sub>e per MMBtu of natural gas fired (per CCAR document)<sup>1</sup>
- Indirect emissions are produced due to operation of the electric air blower motor

$$\begin{aligned} {}^1\text{EF CO}_2\text{e} &= 52.92 \text{ kg/MMBtu} \times 2.2046 \text{ kg/lb} \\ &= 116.67 \rightarrow 117 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{CO}_2\text{e/MMBtu (natural gas fired)} \end{aligned}$$

### C. Unit of Activity

To relate Business-as-Usual to an emissions generating activity, it is necessary to establish an emission factor per unit of activity, for the established class and category, using the 2002-2004 baseline period as the reference. The resulting emission factor is a combination of direct emissions from fuel consumption and indirect emissions from electricity consumption.

The useful output of the process heaters cannot be correlated to product produced, because the amount of heat and its impact on each system is difficult to determine on an individual basis, and varies considerably due to the varying purposes for the system and industries. Therefore, Unit of Activity is 1 MMBtu of heat delivered to the process (absorbed duty of the heater).

### D. Calculations

#### 1. Direct GHG Emissions (Natural draft design efficiency calculated based on excess air)

Actual SCF (Q) of flue gas is dependent on excess O<sub>2</sub> and is given by:

$$Q = E * F * (20.75\% / (20.75\% - O_2))$$

Where:

Q = SCF flue gas per MMBtu fired (HHV)<sub>n</sub>

E = Fuel fired MMBtu (HHV)

F = F factor = 8,578 scf/MMBtu

O<sub>2</sub> = percentage O<sub>2</sub> in flue gas

An energy balance for a process heater, with a zero energy reference of 60 F for products of combustion with water in the vapor state is represented by the following:

$$S + A + L = 90\% * E$$

Where:

S = thermal energy loss to the stack (MMBtu)

E = Fuel fired MMBtu (HHV)

A = Energy absorbed by the process (MMBtu)

L = radiation and convective losses from the heater shell (assumed to be zero for purposes of this analysis)

$$90\% * E = \text{net heat value of fuel fired MMBtu}$$

For a stack temperature of 800 F, stack loss is:

$$S = (Q * c_p * (800 - 60)) / 1,000,000 \text{ in MMBtu}$$

$$S = (E * F * (20.75\% / (20.75\% - O_2)) * c_p * (800 - 60)) / 1,000,000$$
$$S = (E * 8,578 * (20.75\% / (20.75\% - O_2)) * 0.011 * (800 - 60)) / 1,000,000$$

$$\text{Setting } B = (8,578 * 0.011 * (800 - 60)) / 1,000,000 = 0.0698$$

$$\text{Then } S = E * (20.75\% / (20.75\% - O_2)) * B$$

Substituting into the energy balance,

$$(E * (20.75\% / (20.75\% - O_2)) * B) + A = 90\% * E$$

Rearranging to solve for the heater thermal efficiency (absorbed duty/fired duty-NHV)

$$\eta = A / (90\% * E) = 1 - ((20.75\% / (20.75\% - O_2)) * B) / 90\%$$

**For a heater with 800 F stack operating with 6.4% O<sub>2</sub>.**

$$\eta = A / (90\% * E) = 1 - ((20.75\% / (20.75\% - O_2)) * B) / 90\%$$

$$\eta = 1 - ((20.75\% / (20.75\% - 6.4)) * 0.0698) / 90\% = 88.8\%$$

$$\eta = 88.8\% * 90\% = 79.9\% \text{ (HHV)}$$

Given an absorbed duty of 1.0 MMBtu, the required fired duty is

$$E = 1.0 / 79.9\% = 1.25 \text{ MMBtu fired per MMBtu absorbed}$$

$$\text{GHG}_{\text{emissions}} = 117 \text{ lb/MMBtu} * 1.25 = 146.3 \text{ lb CO}_2\text{e/MMBtu}$$

$$\text{GHG}_{\text{emissions}} = \mathbf{146.3 \text{ lb CO}_2\text{e/MMBtu}} * 1 \text{ metric ton}/2,205 \text{ lb}$$

$$\text{GHG}_{\text{emissions}} = \mathbf{0.0664 \text{ metric tons} \cdot \text{CO}_2\text{e/MMBtu absorbed duty}}$$

**2. Total Baseline Emissions (Direct emissions)**

$$\text{BEF} = 146.3 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{CO}_2\text{e/MMBtu}$$

$$\text{BEF} = 146.3 \text{ lb} \cdot \text{CO}_2\text{e/MMBtu} \div 2,205 \text{ lb/metric ton}$$

$$\text{BEF} = 0.0664 \text{ metric ton} \cdot \text{CO}_2\text{e/MMBtu (heat output)}$$

$$\mathbf{\text{BEF} = 0.0664 \text{ metric tons} \cdot \text{CO}_2\text{e/MMBtu (of heat output)}}$$



## **STEP 2. List Technologically Feasible GHG Emission Control Measures**

### Convection Section

Additional waste-heat can be transferred from the exhaust gasses to the process stream by installing convective heat transfer surface in the stack, further increasing the thermal efficiency. A convection section is essentially additional heat transfer surface which serves to recover heat from the unit's exhaust by transferring heat to the incoming process stream or to other low temperature heat utilization in the facility.

Convection sections are useful in steam generators/boilers in that the boiler feedwater is generally at a low temperature. However, process heaters are used in many industries and in a multitude of processes. Some applications may require the return fluid temperature to be higher than steam generators or boilers. In other applications heat sinks may not be available at a particular facility. Because, process heaters handle multiple transfer fluids, have multiple applications, and are used in a multitude of industries, process heaters, unlike boilers or steam generators, may not be practical in many applications. Therefore, convection sections are not technologically feasible at this time.

### Forced Draft Design Process Heater

The combustion process generally requires an excess of air (air in excess of the stoichiometric requirement for combustion of the fuel) to ensure efficient combustion and safe operation. Operations which exceed the minimum amount of excess air required for clean and safe operation, i.e. natural draft design heaters, result in a loss of efficiency as a result of the increased stack losses.

Additionally, natural draft design units may require operation with greater than 6% excess oxygen due to the uncontrolled air flow into the heater. From an efficiency standpoint, the excess O<sub>2</sub> means that there are energy losses incurred to heat the excess air up to the stack temperature.

Forced draft design units control combustion at the burner by supplying the burner with a more controllable air flow. When combined with an O<sub>2</sub> trim control, the system allows operation of the heater at an optimum (minimum required) level of excess air over the full range of heater operation. From an efficiency standpoint, reduction in the excess air means not only a reduction in the energy losses which are incurred to heat the excess air up to the stack temperature but, in addition, electrical energy consumption required by the combustion air blower to handle higher excess air is eliminated. This design is currently available from manufactures and in operation throughout the District. This technology will be considered technologically feasible for process heaters.

### Use of Premium Efficiency Motors with Speed Control

An electric motor efficiency standard is published by the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) which is identified as the "NEMA Premium Efficiency Electric Motors Program". For large motors, the NEMA premium

efficiency motor provides a gain of approximately 5-8 percentage points in motor efficiency when compared to a standard efficiency motor. The NEMA specification covers motors up to 500 horsepower and motors meeting this specification are in common use and are available from most major electric motor manufacturers.

Control of the combustion air fan operation by use of a variable speed electric motor will provide substantial energy savings when compared to operation at a fixed speed and controlled by throttling the discharge flow. The most common and economical variable speed drive is the variable frequency drive (VFD) which has become commonly available in the last decade and is typical for new fan applications. The VFD provides especially significant energy savings when operated at substantial turndown ratios which can result in throttling away more than half the rated energy output of the motor. Premium Efficiency motors with speed controls are technologically feasible.

#### Use of High Efficiency Combustion Air Fans

The peak efficiency of centrifugal fans may vary from 60 to 80% depending upon fan design and application. Use of a higher efficiency fan provides either savings in indirect GHG emissions due to the significant reduction in electric motor horsepower for motor-driven fans or savings in direct GHG emissions when the fan is driven by a steam turbine. However, the absolute value of efficiency which can be achieved is highly dependent upon the specific operating conditions including flow, pressure, and temperature, all of which may vary significantly for any specific process heater. Process heaters vary greatly in operation, it is not possible to specify a minimum combustion air efficiency that would be applicable to all process heaters. Given this variability as well as the absence of any effective industry standard for fan efficiency, specification of combustion air fan efficiency cannot be included as a technologically feasible reduction measure at this time.

### **B. Listing of Technologically Feasible Control Measures**

For the specific equipment or operation being proposed, all technologically feasible GHG emissions reduction measures are listed, including equipment selection, design elements and best management practices, that do not result in an increase in criteria pollutant emissions compared to the proposed equipment or operation.

<b>Table 2 Technologically Feasible GHG Reduction Measures for Process Heaters</b>	
<b>Reduction Measure</b>	<b>Qualifications</b>
1. The process heater shall be either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Designed as a forced draft process heater equipped with an O<sub>2</sub> trim control system and burner designed to operate at an O<sub>2</sub> exhaust percentage of no greater than 4.5%, or</li> <li>B. Continuously operated at no greater than 4.5% by Volume O<sub>2</sub> exhaust percentage</li> </ul>	Increased combustion efficiency
2. Electric motors driving combustion air fans or induced draft fans shall have an efficiency meeting the standards of the National Electrical Manufacturer’s Association (NEMA) for “premium efficiency” motors and shall each be operated with a variable speed control or equivalent for control of flow through the fan.	Ability to adjust airflow through the process Heater without the need to use restrictive louvers and maximum efficiency for conversion of electrical energy to mechanical energy.

All of the control measures identified above are consistent with control equipment for criteria pollutants which meets current regulatory requirements. None of the identified control measures would result in an increase in emissions of criteria pollutants.

**STEP 3. Identify all Achieved-in-Practice GHG Emission Control Measures**

For all technologically feasible GHG emission reduction measures, all GHG reduction measures determined to be Achieved-in-Practice are identified. Achieved-in-Practice is defined as any equipment, technology, practice or operation available in the United States that has been installed and operated or used at a commercial or stationary source site for a reasonable period of time sufficient to demonstrate that the equipment, the technology, the practice or the operation is reliable when operated in a manner that is typical for the process. In determining whether equipment, technology, practice or operation is Achieved-in-Practice, the District will consider the extent to which grants, incentives or other financial subsidies influence the economic feasibility of its use.

All technologically feasible GHG reduction measures listed in Table 2 above meet the following criteria:

All technology listed is in current commercial use.

All technologically feasible GHG reduction measures listed in Table above are based on technology (forced draft process heater and burner/O<sub>2</sub> trim control designed to operate below 4.5 % O<sub>2</sub> and high efficiency motors with variable speed drives) which is currently in commercial use. This technology has been in place for a significant number of years and was developed and implemented without benefit of grants, incentives or other financial subsidies.

Implementation of all listed technology does not result in an increase in criteria pollutant emissions.

In general, since all proposed measures do not affect the criteria pollutant emission factors and generally result in a reduction in the firing of fuel, criteria pollutant emissions will generally be reduced with implementation of BPS.

Therefore, all items are deemed to be Achieved-in-Practice. Since all of the achieved-in-practice measures identified are independent of each other, a concurrent implementation of all measures results in a strictly additive benefit (none of the measures are mutually exclusive). Therefore, all identified reduction measures are considered to be a single measure in effect. Since there are no other mutually exclusive measures identified, in effect there is a single achieved-in-practice reduction measure identified and District proposes to deem the concurrent implementation of all identified achieved-in-practice reduction measures as BPS for this class and category.

<b>Table 3 Achieved-in-Practice GHG Control Measures for Process Heaters</b>	
<b>GHG Control Measures</b>	<b>Achieved-Qualifications</b>
1. The process heater shall be either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Designed as a forced draft process heater equipped with an O<sub>2</sub> trim control system and burner designed to operate at an O<sub>2</sub> exhaust percentage of no greater than 4.5%, or</li> <li>B. Continuously operated at no greater than 4.5% by Volume O<sub>2</sub> exhaust percentage</li> </ul>	Ability to increase combustion efficiency by minimizing exhaust O <sub>2</sub> and ability to vary airflow through the process Heater without the need to use restrictive louvers and maximum efficiency for conversion of electrical energy to mechanical energy
2. Electric motors driving combustion air fans or induced draft fans shall have an efficiency meeting the standards of the National Electrical Manufacturer’s Association (NEMA) for “premium efficiency” motors and shall each be operated with a variable speed control or equivalent for control of flow through the fan.	Ability to adjust airflow through the process Heater without the need to use restrictive louvers and maximum efficiency for conversion of electrical energy to mechanical energy.

**STEP 4. Quantify the Potential GHG Emission and Percent Reduction for Each Identified Achieved-in-Practice GHG Emission Control Measure**

**A. Basis and Assumptions:**

- All direct GHG emissions are the result of the combustion of natural gas in the process heater.
- Unit of Activity is 1 MMBtu of heat **delivered** to the process (absorbed duty of the heater)
- Forced draft heaters operate with 4.5% O<sub>2</sub>
- Stack temperature is 800 F (most are in range of 600-1000 depending upon the feed temperature and the convective surface area)
- Air contains 20.75% O<sub>2</sub>
- For purposes of analysis, air and flue gas are assumed to have the same molecular weight = 28.0 (actually air = 28.8, flue gas = approx. 27.8 for natural gas)
- For natural gas, net heating value (NHV) = 90%\* higher heating value (HHV)
- F factor for natural gas is 8,578 scf/MMBtu (HHV) at 60 F.

- Heat capacity ( $c_p$ ) of air and flue gas is 0.26 Btu/lb-F (= 0.011 Btu/scf-F)
- The GHG emission factor for natural gas combustion is 117 lb-CO<sub>2</sub>e per MMBtu of natural gas fired (per CCAR document)<sup>1</sup>
- Indirect emissions are produced due to operation of the electric air blower motor.
- For purposes of analysis, combustion air flow rate in scf is assumed equal to the flue gas rate in scf.
- Since most units operate with significant turndown from rated capacity, use of a variable speed drive is assumed to result in a 30% reduction in energy consumption by the blower.
- Static head requirement for the blower is assumed to be 20 "WC
- Blower static efficiency is assumed to be 60%
- Blower motor electrical efficiency is 94.5%
- Indirect emissions from electric power consumption are calculated based on the current PG&E electric power generation factor of 0.524 lb-CO<sub>2</sub>e per kWh  
(<http://www.pge.com/about/environment/calculator/assumptions.shtml>)

$$\begin{aligned} {}^1\text{EF CO}_2\text{e} &= 52.92 \text{ kg/MMBtu} \times 2.2046 \text{ kg/lb} \\ &= 116.67 \rightarrow 117 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{CO}_2\text{e/MMBtu natural gas fired} \end{aligned}$$

## B. Calculation of Potential GHG Emissions per Unit of Activity ( $G_a$ ):

### 1. Direct GHG Emissions: (Forced draft design efficiency based on excess air)

Actual SCF (Q) of flue gas is dependent on excess O<sub>2</sub> and is given by:

$$Q = E \cdot F \cdot (20.75\% / (20.75\% - O_2))$$

Where:

Q = SCF flue gas per MMBtu fired (HHV)<sub>n</sub>

E = Fuel fired MMBtu (HHV)

F = F factor = 8,578 scf/MMBtu

O<sub>2</sub> = percentage O<sub>2</sub> in flue gas

An energy balance for a process heater, with a zero energy reference of 60 F for products of combustion with water in the vapor state is represented by the following:

$$S + A + L = 90\% \cdot E$$

Where:

S = thermal energy loss to the stack (MMBtu)

E = Fuel fired MMBtu (HHV)

A = Energy absorbed by the process (MMBtu)

L = radiation and convective losses from the heater shell (assumed to be zero for purposes of this analysis)

$$90\% * E = \text{net heat value of fuel fired MMBtu}$$

For a stack temperature of 800 F, stack loss is:

$$S = (Q * c_p * (800 - 60))/1,000,000 \text{ in MMBtu}$$

$$S = (E * F * (20.75\% / (20.75\% - O_2)) * c_p * (800 - 60))/1,000,000$$

$$S = (E * 8,578 * (20.75\% / (20.75\% - O_2)) * 0.011 * (800 - 60))/1,000,000$$

$$\text{Setting } B = (8,578 * 0.011 * (800 - 60))/1,000,000 = 0.0698$$

$$\text{Then } S = E * (20.75\% / (20.75\% - O_2)) * B$$

Substituting into the energy balance,

$$(E * (20.75\% / (20.75\% - O_2)) * B) + A = 90\% * E$$

Rearranging to solve for the heater thermal efficiency (absorbed duty/fired duty-NHV)

$$\eta = A / (90\% * E) = 1 - ((20.75\% / (20.75\% - O_2)) * B) / 90\%$$

**For a heater with 800 F stack operating with 4.5% O<sub>2</sub>,**

$$\eta = 1 - (20.75\% / (20.75\% - 4.5\%) * 0.0698) / 90\% = 90.1\% \text{ (NHV)}$$

$$\eta = 90.1\% * 90\% = 81.1\% \text{ (HHV)}$$

Given an absorbed duty of 1.0 MMBtu, the required fired duty is

$$E = 1.0 / 81.1\% = 1.23 \text{ MMBtu fired per MMBtu absorbed}$$

$$\text{GHG}_{\text{emissions}} = 117 \text{ lb/MMbtu} * 1.23 = 143.9 \text{ lb CO}_2(\text{eq})$$

$$\text{GHG}_{\text{emissions}} = \mathbf{143.9 \text{ lb CO}_2\text{e/MMbtu}} * 1 \text{ metric ton}/2,205 \text{ lb}$$

$$\text{GHG}_{\text{emissions}} = \mathbf{0.0653 \text{ metric tons} \cdot \text{CO}_2\text{e/MMBtu absorbed}}$$

**2. Indirect GHG Emissions:** (Variable frequency drive high efficiency electrical motor driving the blower)

**Blower**

Specific electricity consumption and GHG emissions for the high efficiency blower motor

For a fuel consumption of 1.23 MMBtu, flue gas produced is:

$$Q = E * F * (20.75\% / (20.75\% - O_2))$$

$$Q = 1.23 * 8,578 * (20.75\% / (20.75\% - 4.5\%))$$

$$Q = 13,472 \text{ scf}$$

Assuming the combustion air rate is equal to the flue gas rate, the blower must deliver 13,472 scf of air at a differential head of 20" WC

For ambient air at 60 F and neglecting the compressibility of the gas, it can be demonstrated that the horsepower requirement may be calculated as:

$$\text{Bhp/scf} = \text{static head (" WC)} \div (381,360 \times \text{static efficiency \%})$$

$$\text{Bhp-hr/scf} = 20" \text{ WC} \div (381,360 \times 60\%) = 8.74 \times 10^{-5}$$

And therefore the power consumption for providing combustion air for 1.23 MMBtu of natural gas is:

$$\text{Bhp-hr} = 8.74 \times 10^{-5} * 13,472 = 1.18 \text{ bhp-hr}$$

Assuming a 30% reduction for use of a variable speed drive, the net energy required is:

$$1.18 \text{ bhp-hr} * (1-30\%) = 0.83 \text{ bhp-hr}$$

Energy draw by the motor is:

$$0.83 \text{ bhp-hr} * 0.746 \text{ kWh/hp-hr}/94.5\% = 0.66 \text{ kWh per MMBtu of absorbed duty}$$

Indirect emissions:

$$0.66 * 0.524 = 0.35 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{CO}_2\text{e}$$

### **3. Total GHG Emissions (Direct emissions + Indirect emissions)**

$$G_a = (143.9 + 0.4) \text{ lb}\cdot\text{CO}_2\text{e/MMBtu} = 144.3 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{CO}_2\text{e/MMBtu (heat output)}$$

$$G_a = 144.3 \text{ lb}\cdot\text{CO}_2\text{e/MMBtu} \times 1 \text{ metric ton}/2,205 \text{ lb} \\ = 0.0654 \text{ metric tons}\cdot\text{CO}_2\text{e/MMBtu (heat output)}$$

### **C. Calculation of Potential GHG Emission Reduction as a Percentage of the Baseline Emission Factor ( $G_p$ )**

$$G_p = (\text{BEF}_{\text{total}} - G_{a \text{ Total}}) \div \text{BEF}_{\text{Total}} \text{ metric tons/MMBtu}$$

$$G_p = (0.0664 - 0.0654) \div 0.0664 = 0.015 = 1.5 \%$$



**STEP 5. Rank all Achieved-in-Practice GHG emission reduction measures by order of % GHG emissions reduction**

Based on the calculations presented in Section II.4 above, the Achieved-in-Practice GHG emission reduction measures are ranked in the table below:

<b>Table 4 Ranking of Achieved-in-Practice GHG Emission Control Measures</b>			
<b>Rank</b>	<b>GHG Control Measures</b>	<b>Potential GHG Emission per Unit of Activity (G<sub>a</sub>) (Metric Ton-CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMBtu)</b>	<b>Potential GHG Emission Reduction as a Percentage of the Baseline Emission Factor (G<sub>p</sub>)</b>
1	1. The process heater shall be either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Designed as a forced draft process heater equipped with an O<sub>2</sub> trim control system and burner designed to operate at an O<sub>2</sub> exhaust percentage of no greater than 4.5%, or</li> <li>B. Continuously operated at no greater than 4.5% by Volume O<sub>2</sub> exhaust percentage</li> </ul> And <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Electric motors driving combustion air fans or induced draft fans shall have an efficiency meeting the standards of the National Electrical Manufacturer’s Association (NEMA) for “premium efficiency” motors and shall each be operated with a variable speed control or equivalent for control of flow through the fan.</li> </ul>	<b>0.0654</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

## **STEP 6. Establish the Best Performance Standard (BPS) for this Class and Category**

For Stationary Source Projects for which the District must issue permits, Best Performance Standard is – “For a specific Class and Category, the most effective, District approved, Achieved-In-Practice means of reducing or limiting GHG emissions from a GHG emissions source, that is also economically feasible per the definition of achieved-in-practice. BPS includes equipment type, equipment design, and operational and maintenance practices for the identified service, operation, or emissions unit class and category”.

Based on the definition above and the ranking of evaluated technologies, Best Performance Standard (BPS) for this class and category is determined as:

### **Best Performance Standard for Process Heaters**

1. *The process heater shall be either:*
  - A. *Designed as a forced draft process heater equipped with an O<sub>2</sub> trim control system and burner designed to operate at an O<sub>2</sub> exhaust percentage of no greater than 4.5%, or*
  - B. *Continuously operated at no greater than 4.5% by Volume O<sub>2</sub> exhaust percentage*

*And*

2. *Electric motors driving combustion air fans or induced draft fans shall have an efficiency meeting the standards of the National Electrical Manufacturer’s Association (NEMA) for “premium efficiency” motors and shall each be operated with a variable speed control or equivalent for control of flow through the fan.*

## **STEP 7. Eliminate All Other Achieved-in-Practice Options from Consideration as Best Performance Standard**

*No other Achieved-in-Practice options were identified.*

## **VI. Public Participation**

A Draft BPS evaluation is provided for public comment. Public notification will be sent on December 23, 2011 to individuals registered with the CCAP list server. The District’s notification is attached as Appendix 4

## **VII. Appendices**

- Appendix 1: Public Notice of Intent
- Appendix 2: Comments received during the initial public outreach
- Appendix 3: District Response to Comments
- Appendix 4: Notice of Public Participation: Posting of Draft BPS

## **Appendix 1**

### **Public Notice of Intent**

## **Appendix 2**

### **Comments received during the initial public outreach**

## **Appendix 3**

### **District Response to Comments**

**Email Comments from Rick Martin of Martin Thermal Engineering:**

Comment Summary:

It is inappropriate to apply a thermal efficiency standard to thermal fluid heaters.

District Response:

The District has created a design standard for BPS not a thermal efficiency standard.

Comment Summary:

Fluid heater thermal efficiency is process dependent and should not be regulated generically.

District Response:

BPS is one method of streamlining the Districts CEQA process. A permittee may request the District perform a project specific GHG emissions evaluation demonstrating that project's specific GHG emissions would be reduced or mitigated by at least 29%. Projects achieving at least a 29% GHG emission reduction compared to BAU would be determined to have a less than significant individual and cumulative impact for GHG.

**Email Comments from Greg Danenhauer of Parker Boiler:**

Comment Summary:

Thermal efficiency of thermal fluid heaters has not been measured with a degree of accuracy to establish policy.

District Response:

The District has created a design standard for BPS.

Comment Summary:

Economizers are not practical on thermal fluid heaters

District Response:

Economizers will not be required to satisfy BPS.

Comment Summary:

Emissions per unit of BTUH output delivered to the process should be carefully measured for any Policy.

District Response:

BPS is based on design criteria and not emissions per unit of BTUH output delivered.



## **Appendix 4**

### **Notice of Public Participation: Posting of Draft BPS**