

Methane Savings from Natural Gas Compressors

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Leading North American energy company



- Competitively positioned in natural gas transmission & power services
- \$24.1 billion of premium pipe and power assets (\$Cdn at Dec. 31, 2005)
- Skilled, expert people with strong technical knowledge
- Strong financial position







Natural Gas Transmission Assets







Power Assets







Transportation Pipeline Compressor Station







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Emissions Management









A Three Tier Approach to Methane Emissions Management





Blowdown Emissions Management





Fugitive Emissions Management







Fugitive emissions management program



- Reduce fugitive emissions by implementing an effective leak detection and repair (LDAR) program
- **Measure** fugitive emissions from our facilities
 - use of high flow sampler (HFS)
 - annual measurement program of 10% of all facilities
- Reduce engineered fugitive emissions through research and development programs in place



Fugitive emissions management

(LDAR vs measurement)

- High flow sampler measurement
 - Accuracy: +/- 10%
 - Identification of most "cost effective fixes"
- Bacharach HFS







Measurement program

- Complete measurement of 10% of facilities per annum with High Flow Sampler
 - conventional bagging is 10 times slower
- Develop annual leak rates for different types of facilities to calculate system emissions
- Measurement data allows derivation of our GHG inventories.







Methane emissions management



Methane emissions from pipeline system by type of facility.



Leaking Component Inventory







Methane emissions management



Sample field measurement data analysis





Fugitive emissions management - opportunities



Priority repairs...



LDAR program achievement



Fugitive Emissions in million ft3 CH4



LDAR program savings









- The Management System along with the data collected allows us to focus on issues which present an opportunity to improve the program and reduce overall costs.
- Reducing the frequency of the Leak Detection and Repair Task (LDAR)
- Have a better understanding of larger leaks and develop plans to address them.



O&M investment in LDAR...



Emissions Reducation and Field operations manhours (PM and CM)





The Wildrose example...



Emissions Reducation and Field operations manhours



What can we do about leaking valves?



Build a leak priority model based on HFS reports.

- Ownership would be Regional Integrity
- Better understanding of large leaks and the source of the problem.
- Investigate suspected washed out valves.
- Determine the viability of repairs and build projects.

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Benefits of a team developing the system...



- Reduction in emissions by focusing on the larger "more complicated" leaks
- Increase the value of the task by removing redundancy
- Spend less time repairing leaks that account to very little of the total volume lost.
- Improve shipping reliability benefits producers.
- Using the HFS gives us a better understanding of gas loss and value.
- Would help employees determine what leaks they should concentrate their efforts on based the volume being lost.



Methane Emissions Management (research and development project)



Gas-Gas Ejector for low press. Gas

- Gas-gas ejector for dry gas seal leak capture
- Use of gas-gas ejector to recompress seal gas emissions
- Designing a gas-gas ejector to capture seal gas emissions
- Re-injecting to high pressure system
- Negligible operating cost



Gas-gas ejector for dry gas seal compressors leak capture - (research and development project)



Compressor dry gas seal emissions mitigation research project



Process Flow Diagram (continuos process)





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Conclusions



Multi stakeholder team to manage emissions:

- source identification
- quantification
- tracking systems to analyze
- monitoring progress
- setting targets
- mitigative actions
- pilot programs
- continuous improvement (r&d)



Methane emissions management at TransCanada



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