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# AN ASSESSMENT OF EMISSIONS TO ATMOSPHERE FROM A DISCHARGE STACK DURING A POLYURETHANE MOULDING PROCESS

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

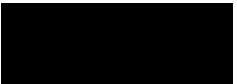
Emissions of total isocyanate and volatile organic compounds (VOC) to atmosphere were monitored on 9 December 2015 during a polyurethane moulding process. The monitoring was required to comply with the requirements stated in Local Authority Permit PPC 194. The results and information obtained during the visit indicated that:

- Levels of Isocyanates as methylene diphenyl diisocyanate (MDI) were under the LOD (Limit of Detection) and also under all pollution prevention control limits.
- Levels of VOC were all well under the PPC 194 limits given as 100mg/nm<sup>3</sup>
- The average concentration of total carbon from the moulding line exhaust stack was 11.6 mg.m<sup>-3</sup> equating to 0.0116 kg/hr

Stack ID	Conc. mg.Nm <sup>-3</sup>	Conc. mg.Nm <sup>-3</sup>	Average Conc.	Mass Emission
	Run 1	Run 2	mg.Nm <sup>-3</sup>	kg/hr
Polyurethane moulding	17.39	5.80	11.6	0.0116

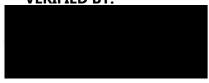
- Concentrations of isocyanate were below the limits of detection
- The results were therefore under the authorised limits for Trelleborg PPL as stated within PPC 194

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The survey described in this report was carried out on 9 December 2015 by Geoff Waggett at the request of Chris Harris of TPPL Coventry, in accordance with our work specifications outlined in quotation reference ISS00195r1, in order to determine emissions to atmosphere to comply with the company's Local Authority authorisation.

The exhaust stack serves 3 moulding stations, ovens and a mould spraying process.

#### 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROCESS

The TPPL facility in Coventry specialises in moulding components using a polyurethane compound based on MDI and a polyol. The process tested was the moulding of surface covers onto ticket hall paddles inside an extracted moulding unit. The hood above the process is ducted off to a common external duct, to a fan and then to a stack.

#### 3. MONITORING

#### **Isocyanate Monitoring**

A sampling pump was connected to an impinger tube containing a solution of 1-(2 methoxyphenyl) piperizine in dry toluene, the method based on MDHS 25. Sampling is performed by extracting air from the stack or vent, and bubbling through the impinger solution at 1 litre per minute for 30 minutes. The process was repeated over a one hour period.

The sampling solution was sealed in glass jars and sent for analysis using High Performance Liquid Chromatography.

#### **Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Monitoring**

The sampling system comprises of a sampling head containing a SKC Sorbent sample tube (226-01), connected to a portable precision pump, capable of running continuously for 8 hours at the recommended flow rate. The pump flow rate is stable to within 5% and the total volume of air sampled by the pump over the recommended sampling period is within 10% of the calculated volume.

The location, duration of sampling and flow rate are recorded. Following monitoring the 226-01 sorbent tube is capped and placed in a sealed inert container until analysis can be carried out. Analysis is by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry using specified procedures for the instrumentation.

### 4. RESULTS

The detailed results are attached as Appendix 2. The results for the monitoring period are summarised below:-

### Isocyanate

Stack ID	Conc. mg.Nm <sup>-3</sup>	Conc. mg.Nm <sup>-3</sup>	Average Conc.	Mass Emission
	Run 1	Run 2	mg.Nm <sup>-3</sup>	kg/hr
Moulding Exhaust Stack	<0.0067	<0.0067	<0.0067	-

# Volatile organic compounds

Stack ID	Conc. mg.Nm <sup>-3</sup>	Conc. mg.Nm <sup>-3</sup>	Average Conc.	Mass Emission
	Run 1	Run 2	mg.Nm <sup>-3</sup>	kg/hr
Moulding Exhaust Stack	17.39	5.80	11.6	0.0116

# APPENDIX 1 IMAGE OF STACK



Fig 1. Stack

# APPENDIX II RESULTS TABLES

# **NCO Emission Calculations run 1**

Location: Main stack Sampling Start: 11:34

Date of

Sample: 09/12/15 Sampling Stop: 12:04

Absolute temperature in duct (Td) 294 K

Total pressure in duct = barometric + static (Pd) 101.38

Flow rate for NCO sampling (f) 1000 ml/min

Total period of sampling (t) = T1-T0 30 mins

Total quantity of air samples = f x t (Q nco) 0.03 m<sup>3</sup>

Weight of NCO collected expressed as (W) < 0.0002 ug

Concentration NCO =  $\underline{W}$  < 0.007 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Q nco

Correction to STP =  $\underbrace{W \times Td \times 101.3}_{Q \text{ nco } \times 273 \times Pd}$  < 0.0067 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Code:- NCO = PMDI Isocyanate

Process at time of sampling

Moulding paddles

Note limit of detection is 0.0002 ug

# **NCO Emission Calculations run 2**

Location: Main stack Sampling Start: 12:07

Date of

Sample: 09/12/15 Sampling Stop: 12:37

Absolute temperature in duct (Td) 294 K

Total pressure in duct = barometric + static (Pd) 101.38

Flow rate for NCO sampling (f) 1000 ml/min

Total period of sampling (t) = T1-T0 30 mins

Total quantity of air samples =  $f \times t (Q)$  nco) 0.03  $m^3$ 

Weight of NCO collected expressed as (W) < 0.0002 ug

Concentration 0.007

NCO =  $\frac{W}{Q}$  nco  $< \frac{0.007}{M}$  mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Correction to STP =  $W \times Td \times 101.3$  < 0.067 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Q nco x 273 x Pd

Code:- NCO = PMDI Isocyanate

Process at time of sampling

Moulding paddles

Note limit of detection is 0.0002 ug

# **VOC Emission Calculations run 1**

Location:	Main stack	Sampling Start:	11:34
Date of Sample:	09/12/15	Sampling Stop:	12:04
Absolute temperatur	e in duct (Td)	294	К
Total pressure in duc	t = barometric + static (Pd)	101.38	
Flow rate for NCO sa	mpling (f)	100	ml/min
Total period of samp	ling (t) = T1-T0	30	mins
Total quantity of air s	amples = $f x t (Q voc)$	0.003	m³
Weight of VOC collect (Wc)	ted expressed as Carbon	0.049	mg
Concentration VOC	= <u>W</u> Q voc	16.00	mg/m³
Correction to STP =	W x Td x 101.3 Q voc x 273 x Pd	17.39	mg/m³

Code:- VOC is volatile organic compounds

Process at time of sampling Moulding paddles

# **VOC Emission Calculations run 2**

Location:	Main stack	Sampling Start:	12:07
Date of Sample:	09/12/15	Sampling Stop:	12:37
Absolute temperatur	e in duct (Td)	294	К
Total pressure in duc	t = barometric + static (Pd)	101.38	
Flow rate for NCO sa	mpling (f)	100	ml/min
Total period of samp	ling (t) = T1-T0	30	mins
Total quantity of air s	samples = $f x t (Q voc)$	0.003	m³
•	cted expressed as Carbon	0.016	
(Wc)		510.10	mg
Concentration VOC	= <u>W</u> Q voc	5.33	mg/m³
	Q VOC		
Correction to STP =	<u> </u>	5.80	mg/m³
	Q voc x 273 x Pd		

Code:- VOC is volatile organic compounds

Process at time of sampling Moulding paddles