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1 Introduction

Background

Part of the plan to modernize the central energy plant (CEP) at Fort Stewart, GA is focused on the installation's wood-fired boiler, which provides steam for heating, cooling, and domestic hot water. The Keeler boiler (E. Keeler Co., Williamsport, PA) is equipped with a Detroit Stoker traveling grate system. Its rated steam output is 94,900 lb/hr. The water tube boiler is operated at 385 °F at 200 psig. The boiler burns waste wood consisting of a combination of bark, saw dust, and chips. The average moisture content is approximately 45 to 50 percent. Wood fuel is delivered in standard 40-45 ft trailers, which are emptied using a hydraulic truck dump. The wood yard conveyor system (a combination of drag chains and belts) is used to transfer the wood around the yard. An electric magnet is used to remove metal. After metal removal, the wood is delivered to the hammer mill where large pieces are reduced in size. The wood is stored on the ground, uncovered. A front-end loader is used to move the wood around the storage yard and to load the feed bin. Drag chains are used to move the wood to belts that supply the boiler. The wood is emptied into a feed hopper, the level of which is controlled manually.

The steam produced by the wood boiler is connected to a common steam header that is also fed by three natural gas/fuel oil boilers. The steam enters a cascade system to produce high temperature water for the installation. During the cooling season, the steam is also used as the heat source for two absorption chillers with a combined capacity of 2700 tons. Steam production of the boiler is approximately 85,000 lb/hr for 9 months of the year. The CEP burns approximately 55,000 to 65,000 tons of wood per year. The boiler has planned shut-downs twice a year (in April and October) for preventive maintenance and necessary repairs.

The U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (ERDC/CERL) was tasked with supporting Fort Stewart in planning its CEP modernization. Modernization alternatives included repair of leaking hot water distribution systems and partial decentralization of the heating system.

Objectives

The objectives of this study were to evaluate the Fort Stewart Wood-Fired Heat Plant equipment and operations to determine the remaining life of the system and to recommend alternatives to extend the system's life for 20 years.

Approach

1. CERL researchers made site visits 1-3 November 2000 and 5-6 December 2000 to inspect the equipment at the CEP and evaluate its condition.
2. During the visits, CERL and its contractor, Schmidt Associates Inc. (SAI) conducted operational tests, made "cold iron" inspections, and reviewed plant logs.
3. Researchers recorded and analyzed the results of the inspections and tests, and outlined two alternative options, which specify the improvements and repairs needed to extend the system life.

Units of Weight and Measure

U.S. standard units of measure are used throughout this report. A table of conversion factors for Standard International (SI) units is provided below.

SI conversion factors		
1 in.	=	2.54 cm
1 ft	=	0.305 m
1 lb	=	0.453 kg
1 psi	=	6.89 kPa
1 ton	=	907.18 kg
°F	=	(°C x 1.8) + 32

2 CEP Assessment

During the site visit on 1-3 November 2000, CERL and SAI inspected the furnace, furnace tubes, generation bank, generator outlet duct, mechanical dust collectors, and air heater. Appendix A contains the inspection data.

During the site visit 5-6 December 2000, CERL and SAI conducted a flue gas analysis to determine boiler efficiency and inspected the wood- and ash-handling system.

CHP Assessment Observations

The following sections summarize condition descriptions recorded during the site visits.

Wood-Handling System

The wood-handling system was evaluated in operation to determine the modifications that would be required to improve efficiency, reduce equipment wear, and improve safety and reliability.

The wood-handling system currently requires one person to constantly start and stop the system to minimize bridging of wood into the surge hopper directly above the two drag chain fuel feeders to the boiler. The plant personnel constantly monitor the depth of wood in the surge hopper because:

- Too much wood depth results in bridging.
- Too little wood short fuels the boiler.

The condition of the wood-handling system is:

- *Scale* – The scale is adequate, however the system requires attendance.
- *Truck Dumper* – The dumper is adequate, however it also requires attendance.
- *Receiving Hopper* – This unit was not designed to handle wood waste. The knuckle boom was added to deal with bridging. However, the placement of the boom inside the hopper reduces the usable volume of the hopper, which increases the time required to dump a truck, and which requires attendance.

- *Unhogged Conveyor* – This unit is adequate. The discharge hood cover and the plugged chute switch needs to be replaced.
- *Disc Screen* – The disc screen needs to be rebuilt and the discs at the inlet should be spaced closer to prevent spears from passing straight through.
- *Wood Hog* – This unit is adequate.
- *Fixed Stacker* – This unit is adequate.
- *Reclaim Conveyor* – This unit is adequate. The belt scale should be moved and re-calibrated and the discharge hood should be covered. If the small inlet hopper is to remain, the skirting should be continuous back to the original load hopper. A magnetic separator should be added to this conveyor.
- *Reclaim Hopper* – This unit is too narrow. The narrow width causes the hopper to bridge frequently and prevents the unit from holding a sufficient surge volume. This unit should be replaced.
- *Transfer Conveyor from Reclaim Hopper* – This unit is too high above the ground, and is too short for the new underpile reclaimer arrangement. This unit should be replaced.
- *Metering Bin* – The unit operates fairly well, but requires continuous monitoring to ensure that the unit is not bridging. The operator empties the bin every cycle. This allows tramp air to enter the boiler and provides no surge capacity if a problem should occur when the bin is near empty. The chain conveyors have an open area at the back to allow the return chains to clean out. There are also large openings at the screw take-up. Both openings allow tramp air to enter the boiler. Additionally, the covers and poke holes have many areas that should be sealed up.

General Observations

- All belt cleaners should be serviced and adjusted.
- All speed switches should be tested and/or replaced.
- Some return idlers show excessive wear and should be replaced.
- This study did not check the condition of the belts.
- The Fuel Yard should be paved.

Summary

The existing system is very manpower dependent. It requires extensive use of mobile equipment, and cannot supply the boiler with consistent fuel on a continuous basis for a prolonged period of time. The system does not provide an adequate air seal at the boiler.

Steam Boiler

Traveling grate stoker

Some damage to the front area of the boiler and grate from excessive temperatures is apparent (Figure B1)*. The rear tubes are burnt and need replacing (Figure B2). The damaged areas of the boiler are the insulating trays and the guide supports on the grate. The damage appears to be caused by air entering the boiler through the ash removal system.

The original water seal and drag chain has been removed and replaced with an open duct with a metal door that dumps directly onto the ground. A slide gate above the door has been damaged by excessive heat and is not used. The operating procedure is to open the metal door if there is piling in the front of the grate to burn it off. The grate temperature thermocouples were not connected. (Most wiring and junctions are missing.) The rails and all supporting steel look good. The grate bars and chains are also good. The air seals were replaced around May 2000 and look good. The bark chutes have been repaired and patched several times, but appear operational. Plant personnel should check the rotary air dampers and minimum flow dampers for stability and proper operation when the boiler is operational. A pressure gauge should be installed on each damper to check minimum and maximum flows and adjusted on-line.

Furnace tubes

The furnace has 122 tubes, specified to have an outside diameter of 3.25 in. and a wall thickness of 0.165 in. There are 39 tubes on each of the left and right walls and 22 tubes on each of the front and rear walls. Ultrasonic thickness testing was conducted on 18 of the left wall tubes and 18 of the right wall tubes at both 6 and 12 ft above the grate. Testing was conducted on 11 of the front wall tubes at 7 ft above the grate and on 11 of the rear wall tubes at both 6 and 12 ft above the grate. Figure A1 (in Appendix A to this report) contain these test results. The left wall tubes had a minimum thickness of 0.166 in. and a maximum thickness of 0.171 in., the right wall tubes had a minimum thickness of 0.168 in. and a maximum thickness of 0.172 in. The front wall tubes had a thickness of 0.169 to 0.173 in. and the rear wall tubes had a thickness of 0.170 to 0.174 in.

* All photographic figures are included in Appendix B to this document.

All of the tubes tested are within manufacturing tolerances and appear to be new. Based upon the ASME code for tubes designated as SA-178 Grade A, the allowable working pressure is over 1000 psig.

Casing and refractory

While tube thickness does not appear to be a problem, tube alignment and refractory condition are major problems (Figures B3 to B14). The left and right wall tubes are both bowed approximately 1 to 2 in. towards the middle of the furnace. The bowing starts about 3 ft above the grate and extends up to the top of the bridgewall. The tube misalignment is caused by the condition of the refractory. There are numerous places where the refractory behind the furnace tubes has cracked, moved, and/or fallen out. It is very likely that the tube ties have broken due to deterioration of the refractory, which has allowed the tube ties to be exposed to radiant heat in the furnace. The refractory has fallen out with the opening almost to the outside casing in several places.

Air heater

The air heater, located between the boiler outlet and mechanical collector inlet is used to preheat the combustion air and increase boiler efficiency. The air heater is a tubular type, in which the hot flue gas travels through the inside of the tube and transfers heat to the combustion air moving around the outside of the tubes. Because the flue gas side of the air heater is under negative pressure and the combustion air side is under positive pressure, any holes in the tubes or the sheets will allow combustion air to travel into the flue gas stream. The air infiltration will decrease the flue gas temperature and increase the flue gas oxygen content. The cooler flue gas increases the chance of acid condensation at lower boiler loads, which causes corrosion of the air heater tubes and scale buildup as the load is increased and the acids evaporated.

The air heater (diagrammed in Figure A2) contains a total of 999 tubes, arranged with 54 rows of tubes across the width of the boiler (from left to right) and 19 tubes per row in the odd numbered rows and 18 tubes per row in the even numbered rows. Tube corrosion is a problem as evidenced by the condition of the tubes. Ninety-nine of the tubes have been mechanically plugged due to holes in the tubes. Another four tubes at the inlet end and twelve at the outlet end are plugged with flyash. There are also three tubes that were found to have holes in them. Leakage in the air heater was confirmed during the on-line boiler evaluation. At the boiler outlet the flue gas oxygen content was measured to average 11.1 percent by volume on a dry basis. At the air heater outlet the flue gas oxygen content had increased to 13.3 percent on a dry volume basis. This was at a

boiler load of 70,000 to 78,000 lb/hr. At lower boiler loads, the oxygen will be even higher. High oxygen levels will cause the carbon in the flyash to begin to glow and eventually burn causing warpage of metal. The hoppers of the mechanical dust collector were replaced due to fires and warpage of the walls. All of the tubes should be replaced.

Mechanical dust collector

The mechanical dust collector is a multi-clone type manufactured by Zurn Industries (Figure B15). The unit has a total of 40 tubes arranged 8 rows across the width of the boiler and 5 rows deep. The ash is collected in two hoppers.

The inlet guide vanes are in excellent condition with no scale buildup or broken vanes. The collecting tubes are also in excellent condition with no signs of flyash erosion patterns or holes. The gaskets between the bottom tube sheet and the collecting tube are in good condition with no evidence of leakage. The dust discharge boots at the bottom of the collecting tubes are tight to the tubes but are warped, probably due to fires in the hoppers. These boots should be replaced to ensure optimal collection efficiency. The hoppers have been recently replaced and do not exhibit any signs of leakage. The only other problem found was on the right section of the clean gas tube sheet where there was a $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. hole in the sheet allowing some of the dirty flue gas to bypass the mechanical collector. This hole should be patched.

Breeching

The only area of the breeching that was found to be in need of repair was at the boiler outlet. The vertical refractory on the right side of the boiler between the boiler outlet and the air heater transition piece had a 2-in. wide opening that exposed the blanket insulation.

Boiler efficiency test

During the evaluation site visit 05–06 Dec 2000, a boiler efficiency test was conducted to determine the current operation of the boiler. The test was conducted at a boiler steam flow of 68,000 to 78,000 lb/hr or 72 to 82 percent of capacity. The flue gas was sampled at the boiler outlet and air heater outlet using an Enerac 2000E for flue gas analysis and thermocouples for flue gas temperature. Figure A3 shows the test results.

The flue gas at the boiler outlet averaged 11.1 percent O₂ on a dry volume basis, which compares very well with the plant oxygen analyzer of 9.6 percent O₂ on a

wet volume basis. The flue gas temperature using the portable thermocouple was 493 °F versus the plant temperature of 478 °F. The CO averaged 1868 ppm and NO_x averaged 73 ppm, both on an uncorrected oxygen basis.

The flue gas at the air heater outlet averaged 13.3 percent O₂ on a dry volume basis with 672 ppm of CO and 55 ppm of NO_x. The flue gas temperature was 346 °F.

The boiler efficiency was calculated according to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Power Test Code PTC 4.1, "Abbreviated Efficiency Test, Heat Loss Method." Using the boiler outlet flue gas oxygen of 11.1 percent and the air heater outlet flue gas temperature of 346 °F, the efficiency was calculated to be 64.57 percent. This efficiency includes a carbon loss (unburned carbon) of 2.00 percent and a radiation loss (heat loss through the boiler casing) of 0.71 percent.

The boiler outlet oxygen content of 11.1 percent dry volume or 9.6 percent wet volume means the boiler is operating at over 110 percent excess air. This is much too high for efficient operation. Typical operation should normally be around 50 percent excess air. The excess oxygen is most likely entering the furnace through the misaligned or missing refractory previously mentioned. By reducing the excess air from 110 to 50 percent, the boiler efficiency will increase by 2.6 percent which will reduce the fuel input by the same amount.

The flue gas oxygen content increased from 11.1 percent at the boiler outlet to 13.3 percent at the air heater outlet. This is due to the poor condition of the air heater tubes, which allows some of the forced draft combustion air to mix with the flue gas. This increases the mass flue gas flow by 25 percent.

By increasing the excess air from 50 to 110 percent, the mass flue gas flow will increase by 34 percent. This will cause higher flue gas velocities through the generation section of the boiler resulting in reduced heat transfer from the flue gas to the water in the tubes and increase tube erosion by the flyash.

3 CEP Improvements

The results of the site investigation indicate several areas where design, repair, and maintenance improvements are needed to modernize the CEP for continued operation for the next 20 years.

Wood-Handling System

The two options for improvement of the wood-handling system described in the following sections have different manpower and implementation costs.

System A

Table 1 lists the components and total cost for System A.

Table 1. Components and total cost for System A.

No.	Component	Total Cost
1	8 ft, 0 in. wide x 33 ft, 0 in. centers, 4-chain underpile reclaimer with 2-spike roll discharger. The unit shall be powered by a 15 HP variable speed drive and the spike rolls shall be powered by a 10 HP drive.	
1	36 in. wide x 57ft, 0 in. $\pm$ long, 35 degree troughed, collection conveyor with channel frame, belt scale and 10 HP drive.	
1	36 in. wide x 78 ft, 0 in. $\pm$ long, 35 degree troughed, transfer conveyor with channel frame and 10 HP drive.	
1	Electromagnet with support structure and mono-rail.	
1	Relocate and recalibrate existing scale on the existing reclaim conveyor.	
1	Extend the existing reclaim conveyor to the center of the boiler.	
1	Double discharge, six screw, live bottom metering bin, mounted on load cells and complete with high/high level indication. The unit shall be powered by two 15 HP VFD drives which shall be controlled by the existing boiler controller.	
2	Chutes with thermal expansion joints to the existing solid fuel stoker chutes.	
1	Lot existing conveyor belt cleaners, and zero speed switches, repair/replacement and adjustment.	
1	Rebuild of existing disc screen (primarily new rotors).	
1	Discharge hood cover and plugged chute switch for the existing unhogged belt conveyor.	
1	Lot civil, mechanical and electrical construction of the above described equipment.	
	Total Estimated Budget Price for Wood-Handling System A Equipment/Construction as Described	\$1,328,000

System A will provide fuel continuously to the boiler for a prolonged period of time and will provide an adequate air seal at the boiler. The system will not significantly reduce manpower. However, it will reduce the demands on the operating personnel. The new reclaim hopper can be heaped and left unattended for an hour. This metering bin will operate automatically, requiring attention only if there is a malfunction. The magnetic separator will keep tramp metal out of the metering bin and out of the ash stream. Keeping tramp iron out of the ash becomes even more important if the ash system is automated.

Paving the fuel yard helps prevent dirt and rocks from entering the fuel supply, shortens mobile equipment cycle time, reduces wear on mobile equipment, is less prone to cause personal back injuries, and reduces fugitive dust problems.

System B

Table 2 lists the components and total cost for System B.

Table 2. Components and total cost for System B.

No.	Component	Total Cost
1	Six chain, 4,800 cu ft truck receiving hopper with single spike roll discharger and adjustable strike-off gate. The unit shall be powered by a 60 HP variable speed drive and a 7-1/2 HP spike roll drive.	
1	Lot automation of the truck scale/dumper to allow truck drivers to dump their own trucks and to automatically print tickets.	
1	Discharge hood cover and plugged chute switch for existing unhogged belt conveyor.	
1	Rebuild of existing disc screen (primarily new rotors).	
1	48-in. wide x 144 ft, 0 in. $\pm$ long, 35 degree troughed, inclined stacker feed conveyor with truss, frame and walkway. The unit shall be powered by a 20 HP drive.	
1	1,300 ton capacity, twin pile, stacker reclaimer with independent PLC controls. The unit shall be capable of automatically stacking wood waste (20 lb/cu ft) at the rate of 75 tons per hour, designed to provide complete reclaiming to grade automatically, at the rate of 4 to 24 tons per hour. The unit shall not require underground pits and shall be capable of stacking and reclaiming simultaneously without attendance, in winds up to 45 miles per hour. The reclaimer shall be powered by 7½ HP, 40 HP, and 30 HP motors and the stacker shall be powered by a 10 HP motor.	
1	30 in. wide x 60 ft, 0 in. $\pm$ long, 35 degree troughed, stacker/reclaimer collection conveyor with channel frame, belt scale and 10 HP drive.	
1	8 ft, 0 in. wide x 33 ft, 0 in. centers, 4-chain underpile reclaimer with 2-spike roll discharger. The unit shall be powered by a 15 HP variable speed drive and the spike rolls shall be powered by a 10 HP drive.	
1	36 in. wide x 51 ft, 0 in. $\pm$ long, 35 degree troughed underpile reclaimer collection conveyor with channel frame, belt scale and 10 HP drive.	
1	36 in. wide x 78 ft, 0 in. $\pm$ long, inclined transfer conveyor with channel frame and 10 HP drive.	

No.	Component	Total Cost
1	Electromagnet with support structure and monorail.	
1	Relocate and recalibrate existing scale on the existing reclaim conveyor.	
1	Extend the existing reclaim conveyor to the center of the boiler.	
1	Double discharge, six screw, live bottom metering bin, mounted on load cells and complete with high/high level indication. The unit shall be powered by two 15 HP VFD drives which shall be controlled by the existing boiler controller.	
2	Chutes with thermal expansion joints to the existing solid fuel stoker chutes.	
1	Lot existing conveyor belt cleaners and zero speed switches, re-pair/replacement and adjustment.	
1	PLC with operating program for the entire fuel handling system, capable of interfacing with the existing boiler control system.	
1	Lot civil, mechanical and electrical construction of the above described equipment.	
	Total Estimated Budget Price For Wood-Handling System B Equipment/Construction as Described	\$4,525,000

System B will also provide fuel continuously to the boiler for a prolonged period of time and will provide an adequate air seal at the boiler. Additionally, this system will allow manpower to be reduced. The minimum operating personnel could be as few as two on the first shift and one on each of the night shifts. This will in turn reduce the number of front-end loaders required.

The system will automatically blend the fuel when it is sent to the stacker reclaimer and allows the fuel from long-term storage to be blended through the underpile reclaimer. The truck dump/weighing system would be automated allowing the truck drivers to dump their own trucks. The only operator intervention required is to select the destination for the fuel. The only fuel that will be handled by front-end loader is the fuel to and from long-term storage. Fuel in long-term storage can be sent to the boiler through the underpile reclaimer or through a man-made pile at the stacker reclaimer. The new underpile reclaimer can be heaped and left unattended for an hour. The stacker/reclaimer can be loaded by front-end loader or automatically and may be left unattended for 3 to 4 days.

The metering bin will operate automatically, requiring attention only if there is a malfunction. The magnetic separator will keep tramp metal out of the metering bin and out of the ash stream. Keeping tramp iron out of the ash becomes even more important if the ash system is automated.

Paving the fuel yard will help prevent dirt and rocks from entering the fuel supply, increase mobile equipment cycle time, reduce wear on mobile equipment, reduce fugitive dust problems, and be less prone to cause personal back injuries.

Steam Boiler and Air Heater

The steam boiler and air heater require major repairs to extend the operating life another 20 years. The furnace section of the boiler will require complete removal of the outside casing for complete replacement of the existing firebrick tile, high-temp block insulation, blanket insulation, and tube ties. The standard square edge tile should be replaced with shiplap design tile in an attempt to eliminate the tile movement condition that now exists. Table 3 lists recommended additional boiler and air heater repairs. The total estimated budget price for steam boiler and air heater equipment/construction as described in this paragraph (and Table 3) is \$917,000.

Table 3. Recommended additional boiler repairs.

Component
Complete replacement of the first pass baffle tile and corner seals
Complete replacement of the lower front wall castable insulation and anchors
Complete replacement of the front ash hopper castable insulation and anchors
Complete replacement of the drum end insulation and aluminum lagging
The air heater requires complete replacement of all 999 tubes

4 Conclusions

This study evaluated the Fort Stewart Wood-Fired Heat Plant equipment and operations to determine the remaining life and alternatives for extending the system's life for 20 years.

The evaluation showed that the existing system is very manpower dependent. The system requires extensive use of mobile equipment and yet cannot supply the boiler with consistent fuel on a continuous basis for a prolonged period of time. The system also does not provide an adequate air seal at the boiler (Chapter 2).

Design, repair, and maintenance changes are needed in several areas to modernize the CEP for continued operation for the next 20 years, including two available options for improving the wood-handling system (pp 7, 14) and major repairs to the steam boiler and air heater system (p 16).

Appendix A: Fort Stewart Field Data

Utility Modernization Analysis				Boiler NDT Data Sheet			
Boiler Test Data (Wood Boiler) - Fort Stewart, GA							
Boiler Furnace Tube Thickness Testing							
		Left Wall		Right Wall			
		6' Above Grate	12' Above Grate	6' Above Grate	12' Above Grate		
Tube # from Front Wall						Left Wall	
						Minimum	0.166
						Ave.	0.171
						Maximum	0.175
2		0.170	0.170		0.171		
4		0.170	0.174		0.174		
6		0.172	0.171		0.178		
8		0.171	0.174		0.172		
10		0.172	0.175		0.174		
12		0.166	0.172		0.170		
14		0.172	0.172		0.171		
16		0.170	0.172		0.170		
18		0.169	0.171		0.173		
20		0.170	0.171		0.172		
22		0.170	0.172		0.173		
24		0.168	0.168		0.172		
26		0.174	0.174		0.170		
28		0.170	0.169		0.170		
30		0.172	0.172		0.174		
32		0.173	0.175		0.172		
34		0.174	0.174		0.175		
36		0.172	0.170		0.174		
		Front Wall		Rear Wall			
		7' Above Grate		6' Above Grate	12' Above Grate		
Tube # from Left Facing Feeders						Front Wall	
						Minimum	0.169
						Ave.	0.173
						Maximum	0.175
2		0.172			0.175		
4		0.169			0.175		
6		0.174			0.174		
8		0.173			0.172		
10		0.174			0.172		
12		0.172			0.172		
14		0.174			0.176		
16		0.170			0.175		
18		0.175			0.173		
20		0.175			0.174		
22		0.173			0.174		
		Rear Wall		Front Wall			
				6' Above Grate	12' Above Grate		
						Minimum	0.170
						Ave.	0.174
						Maximum	0.178

Figure A1. Furnace tube thickness.

Utility Modernization Analysis				Boiler NDT Calc Sheet																																																	
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Figure A2. Air-heater inspection data.

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Utility Modernization Analysis

Boiler Data Sheet

Boiler Test Data (Wood Boiler) - FT. STEWART, GA 05 Dec 2000

Plant/Gage Readings

Time	15:47	16:04	16:05	16:08	16:11	16:12
Flue Gas Temp (F)		514	514	514		478
Oxygen %	9.1	9.9	11.3	9.4	8.1	9.5
Steam Flow (Klbs/hr)	70	70	70	70	70	68

Boiler Outlet Data (Enerac)

Oxygen %	10.9	11.2	12.7	11.0	10.4	10.2
Combustibles %	0.31	0.34	0.40	0.31	0.36	0.35
CO(ppm)	1248	1598	2200	1952	2200	2008
NO (ppm)	51	69	68	66	59	58
NO2 (ppm)	0	12	13	15	15	16
NOx (ppm)	51	80	80	81	73	73
SOx (ppm)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flue Gas Temperature (F)						493
Ambient Temperature (F)	93	87	86	83	82	82

Plant/Gage Readings

Time	16:47	16:49	16:58	17:03	17:03	
Flue Gas Temp (F)						
Oxygen %	9.0					
Steam Flow (Klbs/hr)	78					

Air Heater Outlet Data (Enerac)

Oxygen %	14.1	13.4	13.7	11.6	13.6	
Combustibles %	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.19	0.17	
CO(ppm)	892	654	1115	415	282	
NO (ppm)	28	35	32	67	61	
NO2 (ppm)	16	18	21		9	
NOx (ppm)	43	53	52		70	
SOx (ppm)	0	0	0		0	
Flue Gas Temperature (F)	352				340	
Ambient Temperature (F)	73	73	73	73	73	

Figure A3. Boiler efficiency test data.

Utility Modernization Analysis		Boiler Calc. Sheet I	
Boiler Test Data 05 Dec 2000		Fuel (Btu/lb) <input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="4250"/>	
Plant/Gage Readings		Calculated	
Time	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="Average"/>	Excess Air	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="110.22%"/>
Flue Gas Temp (F)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="505"/>	Gross Efficiency	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="67.29%"/>
Oxygen %	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="9.6"/>	Radiation Loss	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="0.71%"/>
Steam Flow (Klbs/hr)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="70"/>	Carbon Loss	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="2.00%"/>
		Net Efficiency	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="64.58%"/>
Boiler Outlet Data (Enerac)		Fuel Curve	
Oxygen %	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="11.1"/>	Btu/lb	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="4250"/>
Combustibles %	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="0.35"/>	Excess Air	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="112.00%"/>
CO (ppm)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="1868"/>	Gross Efficiency	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="67.28%"/>
NO (ppm)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="62"/>	Radiation Loss	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="0.71%"/>
NO ₂ (ppm)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="12"/>	Carbon Loss	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="2.00%"/>
NO _x (ppm)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="73"/>	Net Efficiency	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="64.57%"/>
SO _x (ppm)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="0"/>		
Flue Gas Temperature (F)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="493"/>		
Ambient Temperature (F)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="86"/>		
		<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="80"/>	Average
Plant/Gage Readings			
Time	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="Average"/>		
Flue Gas Temp (F)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value=""/>		
Oxygen %	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="9.0"/>		
Steam Flow (Klbs/hr)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="78"/>		
Air Heater Outlet Data (Enerac)			
Oxygen %	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="13.3"/>		
Combustibles %	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="0.20"/>		
CO (ppm)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="672"/>		
NO (ppm)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="45"/>		
NO ₂ (ppm)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="16"/>		
NO _x (ppm)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="55"/>		
SO _x (ppm)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="0"/>		
Flue Gas Temperature (F)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="346"/>		
Ambient Temperature (F)	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="73"/>		

Figure A4. Boiler efficiency calculations.

Utility Modernization Analysis

Boiler Calc. Sheet II

Wood Boilers

	Btu/lb	Flue gas (F)	T amb (F)	Flue Gas Losses					
HHV	4250	346.0	80	Dry Gas	Water Vapor	Unacctd.	Total Loss		
Combustion Eff		67.29%		0.12106	0.19099	0.01500	32.71%		
Fuel	% lb/lb AF	lb/lbmol	lbmol/lb AF	lbmol/lb AF	lbmole/lb AF				
C	25.12%	12	0.02093	Balance C, H2 and S for stocimetric conditions. Balance O2, N2 at excess air conditions.		Dry gas loss includes sensible heat in water vapor. Water vapor loss include fuel moisture and H2 formation. 1.5% unaccounted in wood.			
H2	3.10%	2	0.01550						
O2	21.55%	32	0.00673						
N2	0.03%	28	0.00001						
S	0.00%	32	0.00000						
H2O (liq)	50.00%	18	0.02778						
Ash	0.20%	MW	Mole Fract						
Total	100.00%								
Air				0.10248419	Solution balances the combustion equation for stoichiometric conditions and then calculates excess air and recalculates flue gas products and properties				
N2	79.00%			0.08099491					
O2	21.00%			0.02153029					
Incremental Excess Air				0.02373					
Excess Air %					110%				

Flue Gas	% Gas Vol (d Dry Gas Frac: LbMoles/lb fuel				
O2	11.07%	11.07%	0.11067		
CO (ppm)	1867.67	0.19%	0.00187		
CO2	not meas			0.02051	Assume 2% carbon loss to ash (98% C forms CO2)
Combustibles	0.35%	0.35%	0.00345		
NOx (ppm)		0.00%	0.00000		
SOx (ppm)		0.00%	0.00000		
H2O				0.04328	
N2				0.08096	
SO2				0.00000	
				0.26074	

	Polynomial Coeff		deg F	deg K	296.0		
Gas	a	b	c	cp	cp ave (Btu/lb lbmole/lb fuel	Btu/lb fuel	deg F
CO2	10.34	0.00274	-195500	10.3811866	10.3811866	0.02051	0.21296658
SO2	7.7	0.0053	0.00000083	10.0714125	10.0714125	0.00000	0
H2O	8.22	0.00015	0.00000134	8.51916344	8.51916344	0.04328	0.36869046
N2	6.5	0.001		6.91983333	6.91983333	0.17019501	1.1777211
O2	8.27	0.000258	-187700	7.31341305	7.31341305	0.02373	0.17355818
						Sum	1.93293632

Polynomial equations from Perry's Chemical Handbook Table 3-181, Originally from US Bureau of Mines Bull 371, 1934 and USBM Bull 477, 1948.

Figure A4. (Cont'd).

Utility Modernization Analysis		Combustion Analysis	
Plant: Ft Stewart			
Date: December 5, 2000			
Boiler No.: Wood			
Test No.: Current Operation			
	Unit	Data	
As Received Fuel Ultimate Analysis			
% Carbon	% Weight	25.120	
% Hydrogen	% Weight	3.100	
% Sulfur	% Weight	0.000	
% Oxygen	% Weight	21.550	
% Nitrogen + Chlorine	% Weight	0.030	
% Ash	% Weight	0.200	
% Moisture	% Weight	50.000	
Total	% Weight	100.000	
Heat of Combustion	Btu/Lb.	4,250	
Indicated Steam Flow Lbs./Hr. 70,857			
Drum Pressure	PSIG	200	
Superheated Steam Temperature	Degrees F	sat	
Superheater Outlet Pressure	PSIG	200	
Steam Flow Orifice Design Pressure	PSIG	200	
Feedwater Temperature	Degrees F	365	
Boiler Blowdown Rate	%	0	
Combustion Air Temperature	Degrees F	80	
Combustion Air Moisture	Lb./Lb.	0.013	
Boiler Outlet Flue Gas Temperature	Degrees F	493	
Air Heater Outlet Flue Gas Temperature	Degrees F	346	
Boiler Outlet Oxygen In Flue Gas - Dry Volume	%	11.10%	
Air Heater Outlet Oxygen In Flue Gas - Dry Volume	%	13.30%	
ABMA Carbon Loss	%	2.000%	
ABMA Radiation Loss	%	0.710%	
Effective Grate Area for Burning	Square Feet	157.5	
Enthalpy of Flue Gas Moisture Btu/Lb. 1216.86			
Enthalpy of Fuel Moisture Btu/Lb. 48.02			
Specific Volume of Steam at Calibration Pressure	Lbs./Cu. Ft.	1	
Specific Volume of Steam at Indicated Pressure	Lbs./Cu. Ft.	1	
Carbon Burned to Fuel Ratio	Lb./Lb.	0.2453	
Dry Gas to Fuel Ratio	Lb./Lb.	6.5241	
Dry Volume CO2	%	9.36%	
Dry Volume O2	%	11.10%	
Dry Volume CO	%	0.00%	
Dry Volume N2	%	79.52%	
Excess Air	%	108.55%	
Dry Gas Heat Loss % 9.7999%			
Moisture in Fuel Loss % 13.7511%			
Moisture From Combustion of Hydrogen Loss % 7.6731%			
Carbon Loss % 2.0000%			
Radiation Loss % 0.7100%			
Unaccounted Losses % 1.5000%			
Total Losses % -35.4341%			
Net Heat Loss Efficiency % 64.5659%			
Specific Volume Corrected Indicated Steam Flow Lbs./Hr. 70,857			
Blowdown Flow Lbs./Hr. -			
Steam Enthalpy Btu/Lb. 1,199,2820			
Feedwater Enthalpy Btu/Lb. 358,8050			
Blowdown Enthalpy Btu/Lb. 361,7816			
Steam Net Enthalpy Btu/Lb. 840,4770			
Blowdown Net Enthalpy Btu/Lb. 2,9766			
Burning Rate of Wood on Grate Btu/Sq. Ft./Hr. 585,632			
Steam Heat Output Btu/Hr. 59,553,679			
Blowdown Heat Output Btu/Hr. -			
Total Heat Output Btu/Hr. 59,553,679			
Boiler Heat Input Btu/Hr. 92,237,012			
Calculated Fuel Used Lbs./Hr. 21,702.83			
Boiler Outlet Total Wet Gas Lbs./Hr. 160,181			
Boiler Outlet Flue Gas Temperature Degrees F 493			
Boiler Outlet Wet Gas Flow ACFM 66,747			
Air Heater Outlet Total Wet Gas Lbs./Hr. 200,146			
Air Heater Outlet Flue Gas Temperature Degrees F 346			
Air Heater Outlet Wet Gas Flow ACFM 70,135			

Figure A5. Combustion analysis.

Utility Modernization Analysis		Combustion Analysis	
Plant: Ft Stewart			
Date: December 5, 2000			
Boiler No.: Wood			
Test No.: Current Operation			
	Unit	Data	
Dry Combustion Air	Lbs./Hr.	136,869.07	
Wet Combustion Air	Lbs./Hr.	138,848.37	
Combustion Air Temperature	Degrees F	80	
Combustion Air Density	Lbs./Cu. Ft.	0.0736111	
Combustion Air Flow	ACFM	31,392.08	
		Boiler Outlet	Air Heater Outlet
		Flue Gas	Flue Gas
Volume Oxygen (O2)	% Dry Volume	11.100%	13.300%
Volume Sulfur Dioxide (SO2)	% Dry Volume	0.000%	0.000%
Volume Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	% Dry Volume	9.384%	7.278%
Volume Nitrogen (N2)	% Dry Volume	79.516%	79.422%
Volume Oxygen (O2)	% Wet Volume	9.106%	11.324%
Volume Sulfur Dioxide (SO2)	% Wet Volume	0.000%	0.000%
Volume Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	% Wet Volume	7.698%	6.196%
Volume Nitrogen (N2)	% Wet Volume	65.228%	67.620%
Volume Moisture (H2O)	% Wet Volume	17.968%	14.860%
Dry Flue Gas Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	Lbs./Hr.	19,511.44	19,511.44
Dry Flue Gas Sulfur Dioxide (SO2)	Lbs./Hr.	-	-
Dry Flue Gas Oxygen (O2)	Lbs./Hr.	16,780.90	25,927.25
Dry Flue Gas Nitrogen (N2)	Lbs./Hr.	105,245.14	135,551.52
Dry Flue Gas Total	Lbs./Hr.	141,537.49	180,990.21
Dry Flue Gas Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	DSCFM	2,846.76	2,846.76
Dry Flue Gas Sulfur Dioxide (SO2)	DSCFM	-	-
Dry Flue Gas Oxygen (O2)	DSCFM	3,367.28	5,202.59
Dry Flue Gas Nitrogen (N2)	DSCFM	24,121.78	31,067.89
Dry Flue Gas Total	DSCFM	30,335.82	39,117.25
Dry Flue Gas Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	Molecular Weight	443.34	443.34
Dry Flue Gas Sulfur Dioxide (SO2)	Molecular Weight	-	-
Dry Flue Gas Oxygen (O2)	Molecular Weight	524.40	810.23
Dry Flue Gas Nitrogen (N2)	Molecular Weight	3,756.61	4,838.36
Dry Flue Gas Total	Molecular Weight	4,724.35	6,091.93
Dry Flue Gas Total	Molecular Weight	29,959.13	29,709.84
Actual Dry Flue Gas Temperature	Degrees F	493.00	346.00
Actual Dry Flue Gas Density	Lbs./Cu. Ft.	0.043082	0.050326
Standard Dry Flue Gas Temperature	Degrees F	70.00	70.00
Standard Dry Flue Gas Density	Lbs./Cu. Ft.	0.077468	0.076823
Wet Flue Gas Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	Lbs./Hr.	19,511.44	19,511.44
Wet Flue Gas Sulfur Dioxide (SO2)	Lbs./Hr.	-	-
Wet Flue Gas Oxygen (O2)	Lbs./Hr.	16,780.90	25,927.25
Wet Flue Gas Nitrogen (N2)	Lbs./Hr.	105,245.14	135,551.52
Wet Flue Gas Moisture (H2O)	Lbs./Hr.	16,863.79	16,863.79
Wet Flue Gas Combustion Air Moisture (H2O)	Lbs./Hr.	1,779.30	2,292.18
Wet Flue Gas Total	Lbs./Hr.	160,180.57	200,146.18
Wet Flue Gas Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	SCFM	2,846.76	2,846.76
Wet Flue Gas Sulfur Dioxide (SO2)	SCFM	-	-
Wet Flue Gas Oxygen (O2)	SCFM	3,367.28	5,202.59
Wet Flue Gas Nitrogen (N2)	SCFM	24,121.78	31,067.89
Wet Flue Gas Moisture (H2O)	SCFM	6,010.49	6,010.49
Wet Flue Gas Combustion Air Moisture (H2O)	SCFM	634.17	816.97
Wet Flue Gas Total	SCFM	36,980.49	45,944.71
Wet Flue Gas Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	Molecular Weight	443.34	443.34
Wet Flue Gas Sulfur Dioxide (SO2)	Molecular Weight	-	-
Wet Flue Gas Oxygen (O2)	Molecular Weight	524.40	810.23
Wet Flue Gas Nitrogen (N2)	Molecular Weight	3,756.61	4,838.36
Wet Flue Gas Moisture (H2O)	Molecular Weight	936.04	936.04
Wet Flue Gas Combustion Air Moisture (H2O)	Molecular Weight	98.76	127.23
Wet Flue Gas Total	Molecular Weight	5,759.16	7,155.20
Wet Flue Gas Total	Molecular Weight	27,813.18	27,972.11
Actual Wet Flue Gas Temperature	Degrees F	493.00	346.00
Actual Wet Flue Gas Density	Lbs./Cu. Ft.	0.039996	0.047561
Standard Wet Flue Gas Temperature	Degrees F	70.00	70.00
Standard Wet Flue Gas Density	Lbs./Cu. Ft.	0.071919	0.072330
Flow Based on Dry Oxygen of		11.10%	13.30%
Total Dry Flue Gas Flow	dscfm	30,335.82	39,117.25

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Appendix B: Site Visit Photos from Fort Stewart

Figure B1. Wood feeder.

Figure B2. Rear of grate.

Figure B3. Upper rear wall.

Figure B4. Left rear corner.

Figure B5. Left wall.

Figure B6. Left wall.

Figure B7. Front wall above feeder.

Figure B8. Front refractory and over-fire air nozzles.

Figure B9. Front wall.

Figure B10. Right wall burner.

Figure B11. Right wall above burner.

Figure B12. Right wall above and left of burner.

Figure B13. Right wall.

Figure B14. Right wall.

Figure B15. Zurn collector tube.

Figure B16. Bottom ash chutes.

Figure B17. Flyash chutes.

Figure B18. Reinjection system.

Figure B19. Reinjection connections.

Figure B20. ID fan wheel.

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