

# Lake Erie Works Community Liaison Committee Meeting

11 December 2019

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# Know Your Emergency Exits

Review Evacuation Routes of the room you are located in





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## Cokemaking Rehabilitation Project

- Work to-date:
  - Half of battery removed from service to undergo repairs
  - As a result, only half of the number of coke ovens in service 
     affects leak rates recorded in daily audits
  - Ministry of Environment has approved Stelco's plan to minimize emissions during rehabilitation program



## Cokemaking Rehabilitation Project (2)

- MECP has accepted Stelco's plan to minimize emissions during the project
- Key aspects include:
  - Continue to conduct daily Method 303 battery audits
  - Continue to adhere to regular practices on operating side of battery, incl. luting
  - Installation of water -sealed standpipe caps to address potential leaks from cap
  - Continue to have maintenance crews to respond to leaks such as doors and refractory damage
  - Continue to conduct quarterly coke oven emission control program for workers' health and safety



# Site-Specific Standard Order (Particulates): Performance Review – During Rehabilitation Project

Date	Doors (% Leaks)	Lids (% Leaks)	Off-takes (% Leaks)
2015 Limits (July 2 start)	54%	2%	NA
2016 Limits	32%	2%	NA
2017-2019 Limits	10%	2%	5%
2020 Limits	5%	1%	4%
Aug 1 – Nov 30, 2019 Range (Average)	0.0-10.00% (4.92%)	0.0 – 2.63% (0.13%)	0.0 –18.42% (10.33%)

#### **Daily Measurements Performed YTD**

- All weekdays, except for holidays
- 9 Saturdays
- 9 Sundays

#### Aug 1 to Nov 30 Operational Adjustments

- 88 operational adjustments for offtakes during this time
- 1 operational adjustment for lids during this time



These results not reflective of typical performance due to on-going significant battery repairs.

#### Site-Specific Standard Order (Particulates): Performance Review – 30 Day Rolling Averages During Rehabilitation Project

Date	Doors (% Leaks)	Lids (% Leaks)	Off-takes (% Leaks)	Charging (sec) (log avg)
2015 Limits (July 2 start)	38%	0.8%	25%	12 sec
2016 Limits	22.5%	0.8%	15%	12 s
2017-2019 Limits	7%	0.8%	4.2%	12 s
2020 Limits	4%	0.4%	2.5%	12 s
Aug 1 – Nov 30, 2019 Range (Average)	4.35 – 5.46% (4.84%)	0.04 – 0.45% (0.19%)	4.52 – 11.65% (9.42%)	6.01 – 8.79s (7.62 s)

#### <u>August 1 – November 30, 2019 Performance</u>

- Off-takes 30 day rolling average over limit during rehabilitation work
- Ministry of Environment has approved Stelco's plan to minimize emissions during rehabilitation program



These results not reflective of typical performance due to on-going significant battery repairs.

#### Site-Specific Standard Order (Particulates): Performance Review – Daily Observations – During Rehabilitation Project

Date	Pushing Emission (opacity %)	
2015 Limit (July 2 start)	≥ 50%	
2016 – 2018	≥50%	
2019	≥ 40%	
2020	≥30%	
Aug 1 – Nov 30, 2019 Range (Average)	0 – 78.33% (13.30%)	

<u>August 1 – November 30, 2019 Operational Adjustments</u>

6 operational adjustments for this period



## Site-Specific Standard Order (Particulates): Performance Review – Additional Items

 There were no community complaints for the period of August to November 2019 related to the Site-Specific Standard

- Additional:
  - 1 noise inquiry related to backup safety alarm of front end loader vehicle
  - 1 dust inquiry Nanticoke resident
- MECP to provide verbal comments



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#### **Capital Projects**

- Blast Furnace ReLine scheduled for Q2 2020
  - Modernization of LEW blast furnace
- Pig iron casting capabilities
  - Construction to coincide with blast furnace re-line
  - Cast excess pig iron into ingots and sell to other steelmakers and/or utilize internally
- Cogeneration
  - Utilization of existing by-product fuels, which are currently flared into the air, to generate electricity



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## BOF Slag Fines as a Phosphorus Removal Substrate

December 11, 2019

Sean McNamara

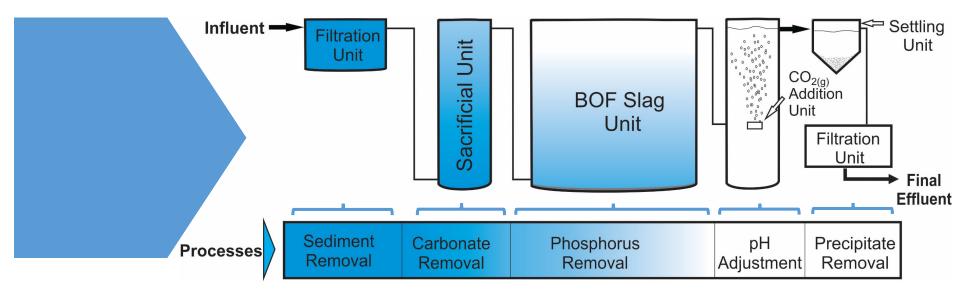
## Phosphorus Contamination in Lake Erie







#### **Barley Prize Phosphorus Treatment System**



















#### Solidification

The purpose of a sacrificial cell:

$$CaO_{(s)} + CO_{2(g)} = CaCO_{3(s)}$$

Calcium carbonate formation is increased in the filtration system as aqueous CO<sub>2</sub> reacts much more readily with solid lime vs gaseous CO<sub>2</sub>

$$CaO_{(s)} + H_2CO_{3(aq)} = CaCO_{3(s)} + H_2O_{(l)}$$

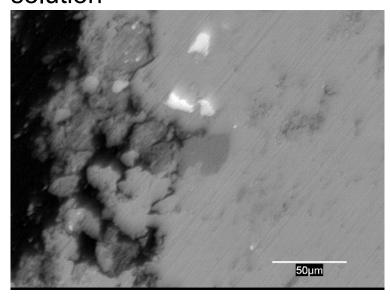
Slag replacement is performed based on unit backpressure

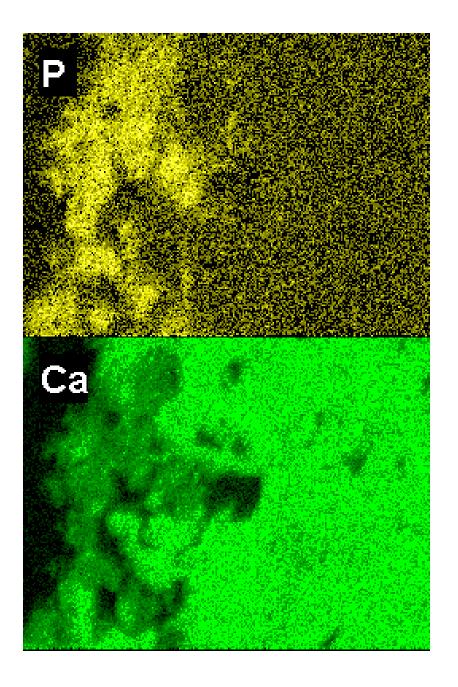




#### Phosphorus Removal

Excess lime (CaO) in the slag is highly reactive with a variety of phosphorus compounds, forming calcium phosphate, most of which are adsorbed to the slag substrate while some others precipitate out of solution







#### **Performance**

- Three month trial (March May)
- Captured 81% of the total influent phosphorus load
- Lab trials have shown capture rates up to 99%







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#### Proposed 2020 CLC Meeting Dates

Wed. Feb. 5

Wed. May 13

Wed. Aug. 12

Wed. Nov. 4



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