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## **Section 1**

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

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In the last ten to fifteen years, the Saudi government has made rapid progress towards meeting the high environmental goals established by the world community as represented by the international organizations. The Saudi government has found it necessary to include environmental considerations as part of its development objectives and strategies.

The Saudi Government's concern about the environment was explicitly stated in the country's Sixth Development Plan (1995-2000). In addition, in recent years, the Saudi Government has reinforced its environmental efforts by participating in international conferences and signing international agreements to promote a cleaner environment. A major source of air pollution in Saudi Arabia is the transportation sector. Motor vehicles emit nitrogen dioxide and volatile organic compounds, which, in the presence of sunlight, convert low-level ozone into smog.

While there is a general shortage of environmental information and data at the national level, it is widely acknowledged that rapid development of the Kingdom, particularly in urban areas, has been accompanied by a deterioration of air quality as a direct consequence of massive increase in land transportation (cars, trucks and buses) and associated growth in emission of air pollutants. In addition to these mobile sources of air pollution, there has been growth in stationary sources of air pollution, such as factories, desalination plants, power stations and oil refineries. Air pollutants generated by these sources depend on quality and mix of fuel used and its efficiency, as well as level of technology, design efficiency and operating cycles.

The Government has ordered major industrial projects to conform to international air standards, in order to limit emissions, but there has been little in way of

monitoring and enforcement. With the ban on production and use of halons (Saudi Arabia is a signatory to the Montreal Protocol), the Government encourages environmental agencies and the private sector to participate in protecting the environment by not releasing halons, which deplete the ozone layer. The USECO Halon Recycling Factory in Dammam was the first factory established in the Middle East to recover, condition and recycle halon gases.

There are only three air monitoring stations in the country, one at each of the three international airports. Air monitoring is practically non-existent. For example, readings at the Riyadh station do not reflect air quality in the city since the station is located 35 km away. Monitoring quality of air in and around Riyadh would require at least five monitoring stations, two of them mobile.

The Saudi government considers that it is necessary to increase the number of air quality monitoring stations in urban areas, particularly in densely populated areas, and to study the best methods of controlling pollutants from stationary sources. With respect to motor vehicles, government considers there is an urgent need to switch to lead-free fuel and to adopt a plan for use of catalytic converters, in addition to improved systems for managing traffic flows. Equally important to reducing the hazards of air pollution is to increase vegetational cover, green belts and forestry plantation.

Slowly but steadily, Saudi Arabia is beginning to tackle its environmental pollution problems. Environmental concerns are incorporated in the Kingdom's Sixth Development Plan (1995-2000), which allocates nearly \$260 million for environmental protection and pollution control over the plan period. In addition, the government has been participating in international conferences on the subject and has signed international agreements to promote a cleaner environment. In a move to intensify cooperative efforts to fight pollution, Saudi Arabia is working to phase out chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and other harmful chemicals within a 10-year period. To this end, a project has been launched in cooperation with the



private sector and Saudi government to create conditions conducive to phase out CFCs.

The country still has a long way to go, however. The transportation sector is a major source of air pollution in the Kingdom, and while the government has announced plans to produce lead-free gasoline, it has so far established no timetable. Desalination plants continue to account for a major part of the sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide released into the air from fixed sources, with the plume from the Jeddah plant hovering directly over residential areas and several government facilities, including a hospital. And Jeddah's industrial city is responsible for significant amounts of airborne pollution, as are the city's refineries and the King Abdul-Aziz International Airport.

The government has established environmental protection agencies and ordered that all major industrial projects conform to international air standards to limit emissions, but it does little in the way of monitoring and enforcement. Because of a lack of technically qualified personnel, laboratory facilities and equipment to monitor pollution, and enforcement mechanisms, compliance with environmental regulations in the country is low.

## **Section 2**

### **RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES**

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**METEOROLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
ADMINISTRATION (MEPA)**

In 1981, the government established the **Meteorology and Environmental Protection Administration (MEPA)** designated as the central government agency for the environment, in addition to its functions in the field of meteorological services. In particular, the following functions were assigned to **MEPA**:

- Conduct environmental surveys to define problems and recommend environmental standards and measures:
- Recommend protection regulations and measures dealing with environmental problems:
- Recommend practical measures necessary to deal with emergency situations affecting the environment:
- Assess existing environmental pollution levels and future variations;
- Keep abreast of developments in the field of environmental protection on regional and international levels; and
- Establish environmental standards and specifications for pollution control and environmental protection, in a definite and stable form to be considered by appropriate authorities when issuing permits for industrial and agricultural projects, which may have an environmental impact.

In response to increasing interest in environmental concerns at the national level, the **Ministerial Committee on the Environment (MCE)** was formed in 1990 to act as the highest institutional authority responsible for setting environmental strategies and policies at national level, in addition to determining the Kingdom's international and national viewpoints in this field. **MEPA** was assigned to undertake the tasks of General Secretariat of **MCE** and still play its role in daily operations of environmental management and in coordinating such matters at the national level.

Major achievements at the national level in this field during the last few years can be summarized as follows:

- Development of environmental management institutions and a national framework for managing the environment, culminating in formation of the Ministerial Committee on the Environment and its general secretariat in 1410;
- The Kingdom's effective participation in many international and regional forums on environmental issues, in particular the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (the "Earth Summit") held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1992;
- Establishment of the Saudi Environmental Awareness project in cooperation with **MEPA** and the private sector through the Economic Offset Program: under this scheme -- a pioneer of its type in cooperation between government and private sector -- the private sector provided management and finance, while **MEPA** provided necessary scientific and technical support;

- Development and upgrading of meteorological services to both civilian and non-civilian sectors;
- Conservation and expansion of the Kingdom's vegetational resources, through activities of Ministry of Agriculture and Water, including plantation of more than 10,000 hectares of range and pasture lands, re-plantation of 80 hectares of forests, and distribution of 500,000 seedlings; in addition, the Ministry surveyed and classified 200,000 hectares of land and continued maintenance and development of irrigation and drainage networks;
- Attention to environmental affairs by a number of agencies and organizations in the industrial sectors, such agencies and organizations include the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, the Ministry of Industry and Electricity, Saudi ARAMCO, the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu plus SABIC.

## **THE ROYAL COMMISSION FOR JUBAIL AND YANBU**

The Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu signed a memorandum of understanding with MEPA whereby the Commission became responsible for developing and adopting regulations, standards and guidelines to control substances emitted, discharged, or deposited, and noise generated within Jubail and Yanbu industrial cities. The Commission operates an extensive array of air quality monitoring stations and conducts surveillance monitoring to determine compliance with Environmental Standards; this includes ambient air quality as well as discharges to the atmosphere. Industries' self-monitoring data as well as the Royal Commission's own ambient and source monitoring programs are the basis for enforcement.

The Commission requires all applicants to submit an environmental impact assessment report. The Commission reviews this report and only upon approval is the environmental permit to operate issued.

**ARAMCO**

Aramco also is involved in monitoring its extensive operations as well as periodic survey of areas near its operations in the Gulf.

**SAUDI ARABIAN STANDARDS ORGANIZATION (SASO)**

Maximum permissible vehicle emissions from carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides have been regulated by SASO. Since the start of motor vehicle inspection tests in the Kingdom, emissions are regularly checked on an annual basis.

### **Section 3**

## **PRIORITY OF GOVERNMENT FOR PRIVATIZATION**

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The Sixth Development Plan (1995-2000) stipulates that the private sector is in a position to make significant contribution to the goal of long-term sustainable development through engaging in the following activities (among others):

- Establishment of non-profit organizations with aim of managing and financing environmental awareness programs;
- Production of environment-friendly goods for which demand is proven on the international market
- Engaging in environmental consulting activities directed at both the private and public sectors. This includes preparation of environmental assessment reports for various government and private sectors. It is worth noting such assessment reports are often required for issuance of licenses for industrial projects: and
- Development of national parks, recreational activities and resorts (under the assumption that these will include reasonable vegetational cover/ forestry plantation).

Although the Sixth Development Plan does mention need to increase the number of air quality monitoring stations, it does not suggest possible privatization of air monitoring activities. It is however reasonable to expect a certain openness (and positive predisposition) from concerned government agencies to look into genuine proposals from the private sector.



#### **Section 4**

### **CURRENT ACTIVITY, RELATIVE GROWTH AND SAUDIZATION**

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Increased awareness of the environment will impel the Saudi Government to draft regulations and impose controls on sources of pollution. Currently, there are no laws that restrict pollution levels and provide solutions. Nonetheless, some quasi-governmental agencies have adopted a number of international standards to manage pollution levels within their jurisdiction. The Saudi Government is expected to implement a national environmental plan once draft standards and implementing regulations are finalized. Therefore, while the market for pollution control equipment is limited now, future prospects for it are much brighter.

By world standards, the Kingdom has made great strides in its urban and social development as a modern economy, and has built a solid industrial infrastructure that is gradually shifting away from total dependence on oil production. Interest in pollution control and environmental protection is expected to follow this growth in line with strong global attention accorded to the issue. By world standards, however, Saudi Arabia is still not a major industrial country, and concerns about the environment are not high priorities except in certain regions.

Gradual erosion and contamination of natural resources and the pollution created by various processes are coming to be viewed as national problems. Moreover, there is no major grassroots support for better controls at this time, and little information exists about the level and types of pollution in Saudi Arabia. A few of these problems are described below:

As stated earlier, air monitoring is almost non-existent in Saudi Arabia. There are three air-monitoring stations located at each of the three international airports. The station located at the Riyadh airport does not reflect air quality in the city, as it is located 35 km away from the city, and at least five monitoring stations, two of them mobile, are necessary to monitor the air quality in and around Riyadh. The

ultimate goal of the Saudi Government is to sustain economic progress and development without further compromising the environment. MEPA & MCE coordinate, regulate, and monitor all aspects of the environment and pollution levels. In 1982, MEPA promulgated its first environmental protection standard on air pollution.

At present, there are no national regulations governing the emission of pollutants, although MEPA has issued draft regulations that will lead to a national waste disposal code. MEPA provides meteorological services for marine and air navigation activities, oil drilling platforms, agriculture and the general public. It has also been involved in establishment of standards with respect to use of lead free fuel (which may be available in Saudi Arabia in the year 2000), control of dust in cement factories and quarries, oil spill control and air quality monitoring. Other government agencies are also involved in environmental protection, including the Ministry of Agriculture and Water, the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu, the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs (MOMRA), Arriyadh Development Authority (ADA), and the King Abdul Aziz City for Science and Technology (KACST), among others.

The national oil company, Saudi Aramco, and the Royal Commission of Jubail and Yanbu are the most effective agencies in terms of minimizing and controlling pollution in this market. In the early design and planning stages of the two industrial cities at Jubail and Yanbu, the Royal Commission outlined a number of requirements to keep and maintain a cleaner environment at the two cities. Among other things, the Royal Commission:

- Performs environmental impact assessments to predict effects of rapid industrialization;
- Develops regulations to restrain industrial air emissions and effluent discharges to acceptable world levels;

- Uses environmental design criteria at Jubail and Yanbu consistent with the New Source Performance Standards of the U.S. EPA;
- Encourages industries to monitor stack gases with automated process controls in order to reduce total plant emissions;
- Requires new industries relocating to Jubail or Yanbu to perform remedial engineering and construction to ensure that environmental safety and proper pollution control equipment are included in the plant design; and;
- Requires continuous field inspection of facilities to ensure compliance with environmental regulations.

In addition to the above, the Royal Commission has implemented a comprehensive program to monitor ambient air quality, industrial effluent, and ground water in the cities of Jubail and Yanbu. Elements of this program include monitoring stations, water sampling, landfill management and noise monitoring.

Originally created as an independent agency to plan development of Riyadh, the Arriyadh Development Authority (ADA) focuses its efforts on preserving the ecosystem in the Riyadh area, and is currently developing environmental standards for the city of Riyadh which could be adopted for the Kingdom as a whole. ADA presented the Saudi Government's stance at a major international environmental conference held in Riyadh during September 1997.

The Saudi Government accords environmental protection and pollution control in the Sixth Development Plan (1995-2000). Close to \$260 million will be allocated to protect the environment and control pollution over the lifespan of the Sixth Plan.

There is also increased environmental awareness in the private sector. Many industries, especially large plants, have started installing air pollution control equipment.

In spite of overall achievement and growth of Environmental sector as a whole, little is being accomplished about air pollution control and monitoring. Government has stressed some key issues and seeks to cooperate and coordinate in development of more indicators: environmental information and data, waste management, air quality, fresh water resources, management of land use and combating desertifications, management of coastal and marine areas.

It is necessary, therefore, to increase the number of air quality monitoring stations in urban areas, particularly in densely populated areas, and to study the best methods of controlling pollutants for stationary sources.

As far as Saudization is concerned, Saudi nationals accounted for 94 percent of all employees at MEPA by the end of the Fifth Plan. Management positions are filled entirely by Saudis, while Saudis make up 87.7 percent of professional positions. During the Sixth Plan, MEPA will meet its manpower needs through placement of Saudis in all vacant posts. The overall Saudization rate is expected to rise to 97.5 percent, while the percentage of professional positions filled by Saudis is expected to increase to 95 percent.

As for NCWCD, the percentage of Saudis reached 91.7 percent by the end of Fifth Plan. Saudis occupied all management positions and 91.7 percent of professional positions. During the Sixth Plan, NCWCD's overall Saudization rate is expected to rise to 95 percent.

## **Section 5**

### **REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM**

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The Kingdom participated in several international and regional forums on environmental issues, such as the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (the Earth Summit) that was held in Brazil in 1992. There have also been numerous seminars held recently around the Kingdom hosted by high-level public figures. Such high-level attention to the environment was virtually unheard of several years ago. An environmental conference took place in September 1997 under the leadership of Prince Sultan, Second Deputy Premier and Minister of Defense and Aviation.

The government has ordered major industrial projects to conform with international air standards in order to limit emissions, but there has been little in the way of monitoring and enforcement.

With the ban on production and use of halons, the government encourages environmental agencies and the private sector to participate in protecting the environment by not releasing halons which deplete the ozone layer. USECO Halon Factory in Dammam was the first factory established in the Middle East to recover, condition and recycle Halon gases.

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Department of Environmental Health  
Riyadh 11136, Saudi Arabia  
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Contact: Mr. Mohammad Al-Issa. Director General
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Tel: 966-1-479-4445/Fax: 966-1-477-5404  
Contact: Dr. Omar Abdul Kareem, Assistant Chairman
4. King Abdul Aziz City for Science and Technology (KACST)  
Research Institute on Environment and Natural Resources  
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5. Arriyadh Development Authority (ADA)  
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Riyadh 11614, Saudi Arabia  
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Contact: Eng. Abdul Latif Al-Sheikh. Director General
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Research & Technical Affairs Department  
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Contact: Eng. Abdullah Al-Azzaz  
Director General for Research & Development



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Department
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Major air pollution impact of industry is the emission of particles and gases into the atmosphere. Of especial concern is the emission of greenhouse gases which increase the atmospheric blocking of heat transfer from the earth into space, and so contribute to global warming; gases which destroy ozone, the major atmospheric protection from damaging short-wave radiation from the sun, are another major area of concern.

The emission of chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's), which are powerful greenhouse gases as well as ozone destroyers, is largely related to per capita demand for air conditioning and refrigeration. As industrial development is always associated with environmental side-effects, such as consumption of natural resources, air pollution, emissions, industrial waste, etc., the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has recognized the need to set specific policies and objectives for environmental protection closely related to its industrialization program. The government regulations and policies relating to air quality and general environmental standards are placed at **Appendix-A & B** at the end of this Profile.

## **Section 6**

### **MARKET FOR POLLUTION CONTROL / ENVIRONMENTAL EQUIPMENT**

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**EQUIPMENT**

The Saudi market for pollution equipment is divided into three general groups: local manufacturers, governmental projects and private sector. Government purchases account for 25 percent of the total market and procurement, usually inviting major local dealers to provide quotations. Other government establishments make their procurement decisions depending on types and models of equipment used. The two government entities that oversee and regulate Saudi Arabia's environmental protection sector are MEPA and the Environmental Protection Coordination Commission (EPCC). MEPA and EPCC were both established in 1981 to coordinate, regulate and monitor all aspects of the environment and to measure pollution levels. MEPA plays a major role in the daily operations of environmental management and in coordinating environmental and pollution matters at the national level. MEPA also reviews all new environmental projects referred by the Ministry of Industry and Electricity on behalf of Saudi companies seeking to establish industrial projects. MEPA currently has international environmental experts as advisors. The Saudi Government is considering splitting off meteorology and environmental protection into two separate agencies.

The market demand for environmental equipment in Saudi Arabia is expected to grow by more than 7 percent over the next few years due to increased levels of pollution caused by industrialization and urban growth. There is no local industry for any environmental equipment in the Kingdom except for wastewater treatment plants, membrane manufacturing and some solid waste compacting.

The government has announced a number of measures including zero import tariffs and other incentives such as long-term, low interest loans, lower land

prices, and subsidized utility prices for industries investing in environmental projects.

The Saudi market for pollution control equipment is almost totally dependent on imports, except for one local factory, Saudi Industries for Desalination Membranes and Systems Ltd. (SIDMAS), which is the only company approved for production of Film Tec reverse osmosis elements under license from Dow Chemical. Local firms still lack the know-how and expertise in specialized areas of pollution control such as hazardous waste, marine, oil spills and air pollution. Although Japanese companies are well placed to supply these requirements, they face increased competition from European and American companies. Danish, Swiss, German, and Japanese companies are gaining market share in the Saudi industrial sector, where waste and air emissions have seen extraordinary growth in the last few years. Danish companies top the list of third-country suppliers to the Saudi market, accounting for almost 13 percent of imported pollution control equipment, followed by the Japanese at 10 percent, British companies at nearly 9 percent and German firms at less than 8 percent.

Widely recognized as world leaders for environmental equipment and services, U.S. suppliers have consistently provided durable, state-of-the-art technology and better financing terms. Above all, pricing considerations have enabled U.S. companies to be competitive in the Saudi market. American companies spearheaded development of waste management codes and guidelines for major urban centers of the Kingdom working under contract with various ministries and government agencies. Most of these companies were involved in joint ventures with local Saudi companies, which acquired invaluable experience in maintaining quality control measures and adapting to new measures and equipment in the process. A majority of companies currently involved in urban and industrial waste management are Saudis with little foreign participation except in specialized areas. However, American joint ventures have created receptiveness to a wide range of American pollution control equipment, waste collection machinery, and waste treatment equipment.

## **Section 7**

### **PRIVATE COMPANIES INVOLVED IN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AND ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS**

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Waterworks

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**APPENDIX – A**

**AIR QUALITY REGULATIONS  
AND STANDARDS**

### 3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS

Section 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 present air quality, water quality, and noise regulations, standards, and guidelines for Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah. Sections 3.4 and 3.5 deals with solid and hazardous waste management, and special conservation areas. These regulations, standards, and guidelines are based on current information and represent criteria which are considered realistic for the city. These criteria are presented to ensure that the city's environmental goals and objectives will be successfully achieved. The regulations, standards, and guidelines are subject to change based on periodic review of new environmental data, adopting new standards from MEPA and changing circumstances within Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah.

These regulations and standards are applicable with immediate effect for any future development. A grace period of up to 5 years will be granted by the Royal Commission for existing facilities already operating in July 1992 to enable them to meet any new regulations. Each application for such a waiver will be considered on a case-to-case basis, taking into account the seriousness of the violation.

Industries which have an Environmental Permit to Operate with less than 24 months before renewal should submit their upgraded plans for compliance with their renewed application.

### 3.1 Air Quality Regulations and Standards

The regulations and standards presented in this section are specific to Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah and have been based on up-to-date information. The air quality regulations are intended to clearly state the environmental protection policies of Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah, and to formally define the requirements for adherence to these regulations.

Air quality standards presented in this manual fall into two categories: (1) ambient standards, and (2) source standards. Ambient standards express the desired air quality conditions, and provide the goal to be achieved through the control of air pollutant emissions. Source standards define the maximum amount of specific pollutants that any facility or operation is allowed to emit into the atmosphere from a point emission source. Source standards are set at levels which will prevent a build-up of atmospheric pollutants to harmful levels. Ambient air quality standards are generally set at levels which are determined by the threshold of observable health effects on humans.

Criteria for the establishment of the standards for air quality at Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah include:

- o Climatology and meteorology data for Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah;
- o Existing air quality at the city as determined by systematic sampling and analysis procedures;
- o Predicted effects of the emissions on human health, plants and property of the residents of MYAS;
- o Relevant air quality standards as documented for various locations around the world;
- o Inventory of potential air emission sources and pollutant types within Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah;
- o Air emission control points and technologies;
- o Predictions of air quality for various operating scenarios through pollutant dispersion modelling; and
- o MEPA standards (Document No. 1401-01, 1402H and 1409-01).

### 3.1.1 Air Quality Regulations

The following air quality regulations apply to new and existing facilities within Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah which emit air pollutants.

#### New Facilities: General Environmental Air Quality Regulations

Regulation A.Q.-1: Any person, industry, agency, or contractor designing new facilities or making modifications to existing facilities shall include in said design or modification appropriate technology to insure that the plant or facility can be operated and maintained in such a manner as to avoid exceeding the applicable ambient environmental standards and source standards promulgated for Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah at the time of final approval of the facility design or facility modification.

Regulation A.Q.-2: Any person, industry, agency, or contractor constructing new facilities or making modifications to existing facilities shall incorporate the best practical technology for control of pollutant emissions whether specifically regulated or not and shall allow for the management of accumulated wastes of said emissions associated with operation of the facility as specified at the time of design approval.

#### Existing Facilities: General Environmental Air Quality Regulations

Regulation A.Q.-3: Any person, firm, agency, or contractor operating and maintaining any existing facilities shall do so in such a manner as to avoid exceeding the ambient environmental standards and source standards promulgated for Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah. Additional control technology shall be required to be installed and implemented at existing facilities where necessary so as to avoid exceeding the ambient environmental standards, within an appropriate grace period.

#### Air Quality Regulations Specific to New Industries

Regulation A.Q.-4: Any person, firm, agency, or contractor who intends to construct a new facility shall do so in such a manner as to avoid exceeding the ambient environmental standards and source standards promulgated for Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah. Additional requirements as listed below shall be required to be installed and implemented where necessary:

- I. The owner or operator of an affected facility shall provide performance testing facilities, such as a) sampling ports adequate for test methods applicable to such facility b) safe sampling platform(s) c) safe access to sampling platform(s) d) provision of utilities for sampling and testing equipment.
- II. Stacks (point sources) which need to comply with the MYAS Source Standards shall also comply with the minimum stack height requirement of:



$$H_s = H + 1.5 L$$

- $H_s$  : Good engineering practice stack height, measured from the ground-level elevation at the base of the stack.
- $H$  : Height of nearby tall structure measured from the ground-level elevation at the base of the stack.
- $L$  : Lesser dimension, height or projected width, of nearby structure(s).

Nearby means that distance up to five times the lesser of the height or the width dimension of a closest structure, but not greater than 0.8 km (1/2 mile).

Compliance with the above condition does not relieve the developer from stack-height compliance as regards ambient air quality standards.

- III. The owner shall conduct the performance test of all the applicable units within 60 days after achieving the maximum production rate at which the affected facility will be operated, but not later than 180 days after initial startup of such facility, and furnish the Royal Commission a written report of the results of such performance test(s).
- IV. The owner shall design and operate the flares with no visible emissions, except for periods not to exceed a total of 5 minutes during any two (2) consecutive hours. Flares shall be used only with the net heating value of the gas being combusted have 11.2 MJ/scm (300 BTU/scf) or greater if the flare is steam-assisted or air-assisted; or with the net heating value of the gas being combusted have 7.45 MJ/scm (200 BTU/scf) or greater if the flare is not assisted.
- V. The owner shall install and operate continuous monitoring equipment for all the regulated pollutants being released from the regulated sources/stacks.

### 3.1.2 Ambient Air Quality Standards

Ambient air quality standards are designed to provide protection from adverse health effects of air contamination on human health, vegetation, and property. Table A-1 summarizes the ambient air quality standards for Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah. The ambient standards are applicable at all locations in Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah except within facilities and on surrounding property where public access is limited or otherwise controlled. These standards are based on MEPA Kingdom-wide standards and several site-specific studies of air quality at Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah prepared for the Royal Commission.

Table A-1  
MADINAT YANBU AL-SINAIYAH AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

| Pollutant  | Duration of Averaging Period | Maximum Concentration*               | Number of Exceedances Allowed           | Measurement Methods** (References)                        |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Sulfur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )                              | 1-hour                       | 730 ug/m <sup>3</sup><br>(0.28 ppm)  | Two in a 30-day period                  | Pararosaniline method or equivalent fluorescent method    |
|  | 24-hour                      | 365 ug/m <sup>3</sup><br>(0.14 ppm)  | One in a 12-month period                | "   |
|  | Annual                       | 80 ug/m <sup>3</sup><br>(0.03 ppm)   | Not to be exceeded in a 12-month period | "   |
| Inhalable particulates***<br>IP - 1                            | 24-hour                      | 150 ug/m <sup>3</sup>                | One in a 12-month period                | Size selective high volume sampler                        |
|  | Annual                       | 50 ug/m <sup>3</sup>                 | Not to be exceeded in a 12-month period | "   |
| IP - 2   | 24-hour                      | 340 ug/m <sup>3</sup>                | One in a 12-month period                | "   |
|  | Annual                       | 80 ug/m <sup>3</sup>                 | Not to be exceeded in a 12-month period | "   |
| Photochemical oxidants defined as ozone (O <sub>3</sub> )      | 1-hour                       | 235 ug/m <sup>3</sup><br>(0.12 ppm)  | Two in a 30-day period                  | Chemiluminescence method or equivalent ultraviolet method |
| Nitrogen oxides defined as nitrogen dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ) | 1-hour                       | 660 ug/m <sup>3</sup><br>(0.35 ppm)  | Two in a 30-day period                  | Gas phase chemiluminescence method                        |
|  | Annual                       | 100 ug/m <sup>3</sup><br>(0.053 ppm) | Not to be exceeded in a 12-month period | "   |

IP-1 Inhalables measured as PM10

IP-2 Inhalables measured as PM15

| Pollutant                           | Duration of Averaging Period | Maximum Concentration*               | Number of Exceedances Allowed         | Measurement Methods** (References)  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Carbon monoxide (CO)                | 1-hour                       | 40 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>(35 ppm)     | One in a 12-month period              | Nondispersive infrared spectroscopy |
|                                     | 8-hour                       | 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>(9 ppm)      | One in a 12-month period              | "                                   |
| Lead                                | 3 months                     | 1.5 ug/m <sup>3</sup>                | -                                     | Atomic absorption spectroscopy      |
| Hydrogen sulfide (H <sub>2</sub> S) | 1-hour                       | 200 ug/m <sup>3</sup><br>(0.14 ppm)  | Two in a 30-day period                | Gas bubbler-methylene blue method   |
|                                     | 24-hour                      | 40 ug/m <sup>3</sup><br>(0.03 ppm)   | One in a 12-month period              | "                                   |
| Fluoride (F <sup>-</sup> )          | Monthly                      | 1.0 ug/m <sup>3</sup><br>(0.001 ppm) | Not to be exceeded in a 30-day period | Gas bubbler-specific ion electrode  |
| Chlorine (Cl <sub>2</sub> )         | 1-hour                       | 300 ug/m <sup>3</sup><br>(0.10 ppm)  | Not to be exceeded in a 30-day period | -                                   |
| Amonia NH <sub>3</sub>              | 1-hour                       | 1,800 ug/m <sup>3</sup><br>(2.6 ppm) | Not to be exceeded in a 30-day period | -                                   |
| Hydrocarbons (Non-methane)          | 3-hour(x)                    | 160 ug/m <sup>3</sup>                | Not to be exceeded in a 30-day period | Photo Ionization, Flame Ionization  |

Table A-1 (Cont'd.)

Notes:    \* Concentration expressed in units in which it was promulgated. Equivalent units given in parentheses are based on a reference temperature of 25°C and a reference pressure of 760 mm of mercury. Key to units of measurement:

- °     $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  = micrograms per cubic meter
- °     $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$  = milligrams per cubic meter
- °    ppm    = parts per million (by volume)

\*\* The Royal Commission is responsible for approving equivalent measurement methods.

\*\*\* Inhalable particulates (IP) shall be considered for the purposes of these standards as any matter dispersed in the atmosphere in the form of individual solid and liquid particles larger than single molecules (about 0.0002  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter), but smaller than 10 or 15  $\mu\text{m}$ . The exceedance of IP standards as a result of abnormal natural background concentration shall not be considered as a violation.

x    Sampling period                      0600 hours - 0900 hours

### 3.1.3 Air Pollution Source Standards

Air pollution source standards are designed to prevent, control, or abate air pollution, and to attain and maintain ambient air quality within standards. The air pollution source standards are applicable to new or modified facilities or industrial processes in Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah. Table A-2 summarizes air pollution emission limits or source standards for point source discharges to the atmosphere. These standards are broadly the same as those promulgated by MEPA for the Kingdom in 1401-01, 1402 H.

TABLE A-2  
AIR POLLUTION SOURCE STANDARDS(1)

| INDUSTRY                       | SOURCE   | POLLUTANT       | STANDARD   | APPLICABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY |
|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Combustion facilities          | A) Fossil - fuel fired steam generating unit(2) or furnaces with a heat input capacity more than 250 MBTU/hr (73 MW)             | Particulates    | 43 ng/J (0.1 lb/MBTU)  | Cyclone, ESP                  |
|                                |  | SO <sub>2</sub> | 340 ng/J (0.8 lb/MBTU)   | Scrubber                      |
|                                |  | NOx             | 86 ng/J (0.2 lb/MBTU) gas fired  | Combustion controls           |
|                                |  |                 | 130 ng/J (0.3 lb/MBTU) oil fired   |                               |
|                                |  | Opacity         | 20 percent except for one six minute period per hour of not more than 27 percent | -                             |
|                                | B) Electric utility(3) steam generating units operated on fossil-fuel  | Particulates    | 13 ng/J (0.03 lb/MBTU)   | Cyclone, ESP                  |
|                                |  | SO <sub>2</sub> | 425 ng/J (1.0 lb/MBTU)   | Scrubber                      |
|                                |  | NOx             | Same as (A)  |                               |
|                                |  | Opacity         | Same as (A)  |                               |
|                                | C) Industrial - commercial - institutional steam generating units or furnaces with a heat capacity more than 100 MBTU/hr (29 MW) | Particulates    | 43 ng/J (0.1 lb/MBTU)  | Cyclone, ESP                  |
| Incinerators (Municipal waste) | Exit Gases   | SO <sub>2</sub> | 215 ng/J (0.5 lb/MBTU)   | Scrubber                      |
|                                |  | NOx             | Same as (A)  |                               |
|                                |  | Opacity         | Same as (A)  |                               |
|                                |  | Particulates    | 180 mg/dscm corrected to 12% CO <sub>2</sub>                                     | Cyclones, scrubbers, ESP      |
|                                |  |                 |  |                               |

| INDUSTRY             | SOURCE  | POLLUTANT                               | STANDARD   | APPLICABLE<br>CONTROL TECHNOLOGY        |
|----------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Petroleum refineries | FCC unit catalyst<br>regenerator                                  | Particulates<br>(non-sulfate)           | 1.0 kg/MT of coke<br>burn-off  | Cyclones, ESP                           |
|                      |   | Opacity                                 | 30 percent   | -                                       |
|                      |   | CO                                      | 500 ppm  | CO boiler or high<br>temp. regeneration |
|                      |   | SO <sub>2</sub>                         | 50 ppm with an add-on<br>control device  | Scrubber                                |
|                      | Fuel gas combustion   |   | 9.8 kg/MT of coke<br>burn-off without an<br>add-on control device  |   |
|                      |   | H <sub>2</sub> S content<br>of fuel gas | 230 mg/dscm  | Amine scrubbing                         |
|                      | Claus sulfur recovery<br>plants                                   | SO <sub>2</sub>                         | 250 ppm at zero percent<br>oxygen on dry basis<br>if emissions are<br>controlled by an<br>oxidation or reduction<br>system followed by an<br>incinerator | Two or three stage<br>clause process    |
|                      |   |   | 300 ppm of sulfur<br>compounds and 10 ppm<br>H <sub>2</sub> S calculated as SO <sub>2</sub><br>if not followed by an<br>incinerator                      |   |
|                      | Oil water separator tank, (4)<br>slop oil tank, storage<br>vessel | VOC                                     | Shall be equipped with<br>a fixed roof tank  | -                                       |
|                      |   |   |  |   |

| INDUSTRY               | SOURCE                       | POLLUTANT       | STANDARD  | APPLICABLE<br>CONTROL TECHNOLOGY |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Portland cement plants | Valves, pumps and compressor | VOC             | 10,000 ppm maximum at surface                                     | Good maintenance                 |
|                        | Pressure relief valves       | VOC             | 500 ppm maximum at surface  | Good maintenance                 |
|                        | Kiln gases                   | Particulates    | 150 g/MT of feed to the kiln                                      | ESP, fabric filters              |
|                        |                              | Opacity         | 20 percent  |                                  |
| Nitric acid plants     | Clinker cooler               | Particulates    | 50 g/MT of feed to the kiln                                       | ESP, fabric filters              |
|                        | All other sources            | Opacity         | 10 percent  | -                                |
|                        | Exit gases                   | NOx             | 1.5 kg/MT of acid produced (expressed as 100 percent nitric acid) | -                                |
|                        |                              | Opacity         | 10 percent  |                                  |
| Sulfuric acid plants   | Exit gases                   | SO <sub>2</sub> | 2 kg/MT of acid produced (expressed as 100 percent sulfuric acid) | Scrubbers                        |
|                        |                              | Acid mist       | 75 g/MT of acid produced (expressed as 100 percent sulfuric acid) | Scrubbers                        |
|                        |                              | Opacity         | 10 percent  | -                                |



| INDUSTRY                                 | SOURCE   | POLLUTANT                   | STANDARD  | APPLICABLE<br>CONTROL TECHNOLOGY |
|--|--|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Asphalt batch<br>mix plants              | All emission points  | Particulates<br><br>Opacity | 90 mg/dscm<br><br>20 percent (except<br>for units with wet<br>scrubbing control<br>systems)   | Fabric filters,<br>scrubbers     |
| Petroleum liquids<br>storage facility(5) | Storage vessels for crude<br>oil with a capacity greater<br>than 420,000 gallons prior<br>to custody transfer and<br>construction commenced<br>after 1978<br><br>or<br><br>Storage vessels for<br>petroleum liquids (inclusive<br>of crude oil) with a<br>capacity more than 40,000<br>gallons and construction<br>commenced after 1978 and<br>before 1984 | VOC                         | A) If the true vapor<br>pressure is more<br>than 78 mm Hg<br>(1.5 psia) but<br>less than 570 mm Hg<br>(11.1 psia), the<br>storage vessel<br>shall equip with<br>one of the following:<br><br>i) An external<br>floating roof<br>consisting of two<br>seals one above<br>the other | -                                |

| INDUSTRY | SOURCE | POLLUTANT | STANDARD  | APPLICABLE<br>CONTROL TECHNOLOGY |
|----------|--------|-----------|---|----------------------------------|
|          |        |           | ii) A fixed roof with an internal floating type cover   | -                                |
|          |        |           | iii) A vapor recovery system which collects all VOC vapors and gases discharged from the storage vessel to reduce the vapor emission to the atmosphere by at least 95% by weight      | -                                |
|          |        |           | iv) Equivalent to i), ii) or iii)   | -                                |
|          |        |           | B) If the vapor pressure is more than 570 mm Hg the storage vessel shall be equipped with a vapor recovery system or its equivalent to reduce the emissions to at least 95% by weight | -                                |



| INDUSTRY   | SOURCE  | POLLUTANT       | STANDARD                        | APPLICABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY |
|--|---|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Secondary brass and bronze production              | Exit gases from reverberatory furnace         | Particulates    | 50 mg/dscm                      | ESP, fabric filters           |
|  |   | Opacity         | 20 percent                      | -                             |
| Oxygen furnaces for making molten steel from scrap | Exit gases from furnace with a control device | Particulates    | 23 mg/dscm                      | ESP, fabric filters           |
|  |   | Opacity         | 10 percent                      | -                             |
| Sewage treatment plants                            | Sewage sludge incinerator                     | Particulates    | 0.65 g/kg of dry sludge         | Scrubbers, fabric filters     |
|  |   | Opacity         | 20 percent                      | -                             |
| Primary copper smelters                            | Dryer gases                                   | Particulates    | 50 mg/dscm                      | ESP, fabric filters           |
|  | Roaster, smelting furnace or copper converter | SO <sub>2</sub> | 650 ppm                         | Scrubbers                     |
|  |   | Opacity         | 20 percent                      |                               |
| Primary zinc smelters                              | Sintering machine gases                       | Particulates    | 50 mg/dscm                      | ESP, cyclones, fabric filters |
|  | Roster gases                                  | SO <sub>2</sub> | 650 ppm                         | Scrubber                      |
|  | All units                                     | Opacity         | 20 percent                      |                               |
| Aluminum reduction plants                          | Pot lines                                     | Total fluorides | 1.3 kg/MT of aluminum produced  | Scrubbers, ESP                |
|  |   | Opacity         | 10 percent                      |                               |
|  | Anode bake plants                             | Total fluorides | 0.05 kg/MT of aluminum produced | Scrubbers, ESP                |
|  |   | Opacity         | 20 percent                      |                               |
|  |   | 3-15            |                                 |                               |

| INDUSTRY  | SOURCE                                       | POLLUTANT                | STANDARD  | APPLICABLE<br>CONTROL TECHNOLOGY |
|---|--|--------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Grain elevators   | Bauxite grinding(6)                          | Total<br>particulates(7) | 0.06 kg/MT  | Bag filters, ESP                 |
|   | Calcining of aluminum<br>hydroxide(6)        | Total<br>particulates(7) | 2.00 kg/MT  | Bag filters, ESP                 |
|   | Elevator exit gases                          | Particulates             | 0.023 g/dscm  | Cyclones, fabric<br>filters      |
|   |  | Opacity                  | Zero percent  |                                  |
| Surface coating of<br>metal furniture                                     | Metal furniture<br>Surface coating operation | VOC                      | 0.9 kg of VOC<br>Per liter of coating<br>solids applied | Hooding                          |
| Lime manufacturing<br>plants  | Rotary lime-kiln gases                       | Particulates             | 0.3 kg/MT of stone feed                                 | ESP, cyclones,<br>scrubbers      |
| Phosphate fertilizer<br>industry:   |  | Opacity                  | 15 percent  |                                  |
| 1) Wet process phos-<br>phoric acid plants<br>(constructed after<br>1974) | Exit gases from any source                   | Total<br>fluorides       | 10 g/MT of equivalent<br>P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>  | Scrubbers, ESP                   |
| 2) Super phosphoric<br>acid plants<br>(constructed<br>after 1974)         | Exit gases                                   | Total<br>fluorides       | 5 g/MT of equivalent<br>P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>   | Scrubbers, ESP                   |
| 3) Diammonium phosphate<br>plants (constructed<br>after 1974)             | Exit gases                                   | Total<br>fluorides       | 30 g/MT of equivalent<br>P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>  | Scrubbers, ESP                   |

| INDUSTRY   | SOURCE  | POLLUTANT       | STANDARD  | APPLICABLE<br>CONTROL TECHNOLOGY                    |
|--|---|-----------------|---|---|
| 4) Triple super phosphate plants (constructed after 1974)        | Exit gases  | Total fluorides | 100 g/MT of equivalent P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>            | Scrubbers, ESP                                      |
| 5) Granular superphosphate storage facilities                    | Exit gases  | Total fluorides | 0.25 g/hr/MT of equivalent P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> stored | Scrubbers, ESP                                      |
| Ferroalloy production facilities                                 | Silicon metal, ferrosilicone, calcium silicone or silicon-manganese zirconium producing units                 | Particulates    | 0.45 kg/MW-hr   | Cyclones, ESP, bag filters, furnace hooding         |
|  | High carbon ferrochrome, charge chrome, std. ferro-manganese, calcium carbide or silvery iron producing units | Particulates    | 0.23 kg/MW-hr   | Cyclones, ESP, bag filters, furnace hooding         |
|  | Any facility  | Opacity         | 15 percent  |   |
|  |   | Carbon monoxide | 20 percent by volume  |   |
| Steel plants - electric arc furnace (EAF) constructed after 1983 | Electric arc furnace Exit gases   | Particulates    | 12 mg/dscm  | Furnace hooding, ESP, bag filters, venturi scrubber |
|  | Exit gases from control device  | Opacity         | 3 percent   |   |
|  | Exit gases from shop or EAF   | Opacity         | 6 percent   |   |
|  | Exit gases from dust handling system  | Opacity         | 10 percent  |   |
|  |   |                 | 3-17  |   |

| INDUSTRY                               | SOURCE   | POLLUTANT      | STANDARD                                | APPLICABLE<br>CONTROL TECHNOLOGY |
|--|--|----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Glass manufacturing plants             | Glass melting furnace  | Particulates   | 0.5 g/kg glass produced                 | ESP, bag filters                 |
|  |  | Arsenic        | 0.4 MT/year                             | Scrubbers                        |
|  | Pressed and blown glass with a borosilicate recipe melting furnace | Particulates   | 1.0 g/kg of glass produced              | ESP, bag filters                 |
|  | Textile and wool fiber-glass melting furnace                       | Particulates   | 0.5 g/kg glass produced                 | ESP, bag filters                 |
| Lead acid battery manufacturing plants | Grid casting facility  | Lead emissions | 0.4 mg/dscm                             | Hooding, ESP, bag filters        |
|  | Paste mixing facility  | Lead emissions | 1.0 mg/dscm                             |                                  |
|  | Other general operations   | Lead emissions | 1.0 mg/dscm                             |                                  |
|  | Lead oxide manufacturing   | Lead emissions | 5 mg/kg of lead feed                    |                                  |
|  | Lead reclamation facility  | Lead emissions | 4.5 mg/dscm                             |                                  |
|  | Any facility except lead reclamation                               | Opacity        | Zero percent                            |                                  |
|  | Lead reclamation   | Opacity        | 5 percent                               |                                  |
| Metallic mineral processing plants     | Exit gases   | Particulates   | 0.05 g/dscm                             | Cyclones, bag filters, ESP       |
|  | Emissions from any source except wet scrubbing control device      | Opacity        | 7 percent                               |                                  |
|  | Ammonium sulfate dryer   | Particulates   | 0.15 kg/MT of ammonium sulfate produced | Scrubbers                        |
| Ammonium sulfate manufacturing         |  | Opacity        | 15 percent                              |                                  |

| INDUSTRY   | SOURCE  | POLLUTANT               | STANDARD  | APPLICABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY |
|--|---|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Phosphate rock plants                                    | Phosphate rock dryer                          | Particulates            | 0.03 kg/MT of rock feed   | Cyclones, bag filters         |
|  |   | Opacity                 | 10 percent  |                               |
|  | Phosphate rock calciner                       | Particulates            | 0.12 kg/MT of rock feed   | Cyclones, bag filters         |
| Graphic arts industry - publication rotogravure printing | Phosphate rock grinder                        | Opacity                 | 10 percent  |                               |
|  |   | Particulates            | 0.006 kg/MT   | Cyclones, bag filters         |
|  |   | Opacity                 | Zero percent  |                               |
| Metal coil surface coating paints                        | Fugitive emissions                            | VOC                     | 16 percent of total mass of VOC solvent and water contained in water borne inks, used at a facility during one calendar month |                               |
|  |   | VOC                     | 0.28 kg/lit of coating solids with no control   |                               |
|  |   |                         | 0.14 kg/lit of coating solids with control  |                               |
| Bulk gasoline terminals                                  | Loading operations                            | Total organic compounds | 80 mg/lit of gasoline loaded  |                               |
| Non-metallic mineral processing plants                   | Belt conveyors or any other affected facility | Particulates            | 0.05 g/dscm   | Cyclones, bag filters         |
|  |   | Opacity                 | 10 percent except for wet scrubbing system  |                               |
| Wool-fiberglass insulation manufacturing plants          | Exit gases                                    | Particulates            | 5.5 kg/MT of glass wool pulled  | Bag filters                   |



| INDUSTRY                              | SOURCE           | POLLUTANT            | STANDARD   | APPLICABLE<br>CONTROL TECHNOLOGY |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Stationary gas<br>turbines(8,9,10,11) | Flue gases       | NOx                  | $\text{NOx} = 0.0150 \frac{(14.4)}{Y} + F$ <p>Percent by volume<br/>calculated at 15%<br/>oxygen and on a dry<br/>basis</p> <p>Y = manufacturer rated<br/>heat rate at manufac-<br/>turer's rated peak load<br/>(kj/w-hr), or actual<br/>measured heat rate<br/>based on lower heating<br/>value of fuel as<br/>measured at actual<br/>peak load for the<br/>facility. The value<br/>of Y shall not exceed<br/>14.4 kj/w-hr.</p> <p>F(12) = NOx emission<br/>allowance for fuel-<br/>bound nitrogen as<br/>defined below</p> | Combustion control               |
|                                       |                  |                      |  | Scrubbers                        |
| All categories                        | Flaring activity | SO <sub>2</sub>      | 0.015 percent by<br>volume at 15 percent<br>oxygen on a dry basis  |                                  |
|                                       |                  |                      | 0.8% by weight   |                                  |
| All categories                        | Flaring activity | Visible<br>emissions | 20% maximum opacity<br>except for 3 minutes<br>during any continuous<br>60-minute period   |                                  |
|                                       |                  |                      | 3-20   |                                  |

| INDUSTRY  | SOURCE  | POLLUTANT             | STANDARD   | APPLICABLE<br>CONTROL TECHNOLOGY       |
|---|---|-----------------------|--|--|
| Plastics manufacturers                            | Ethylene dichloride unit  | Vinyl chloride        | 10 ppm   | Vapor recovery systems                 |
|   | Oxychlorination reactor   | Vinyl chloride        | 0.2 g/kg of the 100 percent ethylene dichloride product from the oxychlorination process | Vapor recovery systems                 |
|   | Vinyl chloride formation and purification unit, polyvinyl chloride reactor, stripper, mixing, weighing and monomer recovery systems | Vinyl chloride        | 10 ppm (average for 3 hr period)   | Vapor recovery systems                 |
| Asbestos mills                                    | Reactor opening losses  | Vinyl chloride        | 0.02 g/kg of polyvinyl chloride produced   | Vapor recovery systems                 |
|   | Asbestos material   | Asbestos              | No visible emissions to outside air  | ESP, bag filters                       |
| Titanium dioxide plant                            | Chlorinator, chlorine storage, chlorine scrubber  | Chlorine(13)          | 30 mg/m <sup>3</sup>   | Scrubbers                              |
|   | Material storage, material handling and bagging   | Particulates          | 0.05 g/dscm  | Bag filters, cyclones                  |
|   |   | Opacity               | 7 percent except for wet scrubbing system  |  |
| Hydrochloric acid plant                           | By-product exhaust  | Hydrogen chloride(14) | 0.25 kg/MT of acid produced  | Scrubbers                              |
| Chlorine manufacturing                            | Exit gases  | Chlorine gas(13)      | 30 mg/m <sup>3</sup>   | Alkaline scrubbers, water absorbers    |
| Brick and related clay products manufacturing(15) | Raw material handling (dryers, grinders etc)  | Particulates          | 0.5 kg/MT of product   | Hooding, fabric filters, cyclones, ESP |

| INDUSTRY   | SOURCE  | POLLUTANT | STANDARD   | APPLICABLE<br>CONTROL TECHNOLOGY |
|--|---|-----------|--|----------------------------------|
| Synthetic fiber Production facilities              | All facilities that produce acrylic and non-acrylic fibers                                    | VOC       | 10 Kg VOC/MT of solvent  |                                  |
|  | facilities that produce only non-acrylic fibers   | VOC       | 17 Kg of VOC/MT of solvent   |                                  |
| Synthetic organic chemical manufacturing industry: | Any facility producing any of the chemicals listed in Attachment - 1 as product or by-product | VOC       | Reduce emissions of TOC (Total organic carbon minus methane and ethane) by 98% by wt or to a concentration of 20 ppmv on a dry basis corrected to 3% oxygen.                                 | Flaring or incineration          |
| 1) Air Oxidation Unit Processes                    |   |           | Combust the emissions in a flare or incinerator.   |                                  |
| 2) Distillation operations                         | Any facility producing any of the chemicals listed in Attachment - 2 as product or by-product | VOC       | Reduce emissions of TOC (minus methane and ethane) by 98% by wt or concentration of 20 ppmv on a dry basis corrected to 3% oxygen.   | Flaring or incinerator           |
|  |   |           | Combust the emissions in a flare or incinerator.   |                                  |
| Polymeric coating supporting subtracts facilities  | Coating operation and coating mix operation   | VOC       | Install, operate and maintain a total enclosure around the coating operation and vent the captured VOC emissions from the total enclosure to a control device that is atleast 95% efficient. |                                  |

| INDUSTRY  | SOURCE            | POLLUTANT | STANDARD   | APPLICABLE<br>CONTROL TECHNOLOGY |
|---|-------------------|-----------|--|----------------------------------|
| Industrial Surface<br>coating - large<br>appliances | Coating operation | VOC       | 0.9 Kg of VOC per liter<br>of applied coating<br>solids.   |                                  |
| Beverage-can surface<br>coating industry            | Coating operation | VOC       | 0.29 Kg of VOC per liter<br>of coating solids from<br>each two-piece can<br>exterior base coating<br>operation.  |                                  |
|   |                   |           | 0.46 kg of VOC per liter<br>of coating solids from<br>each two-piece can clear<br>base coating operation<br>and from each over<br>varnish coating operation. |                                  |
|   |                   |           | 0.89 of VOC per litre of<br>coating solids from each<br>two-piece can inside<br>spray coating operation.   |                                  |

NOTES:

- o The owner shall install suitable continuous automatic emission monitoring equipment on the applicable emission sources as recommended by the Director, Environmental Control, Royal Commission for Yanbu.
- o The owner of the facility shall install necessary sampling ports on all emission stacks. The details of the sampling ports can be obtained from the Director, Environmental Control.
- o The applicable sampling methods shall be obtained from the Director, Environmental Control.
- o dscm means dry standard cubic meter.
- 1. All the standards were established from United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA): Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title-40, Part 60 and 61, July 1990 and  
Meteorology and Environmental Protection Administration (MEPA), Document No. 1409-01 titled 'Environmental Protection Standards', unless otherwise the reference was stated separately.
- 2. Fossil-fuel fired steam generating unit means a furnace or boiler used in the process of burning fossil fuel for the purpose of producing steam by heat transfer.
- 3. Electric utility steam generating unit means any steam electric generating unit that is constructed for the purpose of supplying more than one third of its potential electric output capacity and more than 25MW electrical output to any utility power distribution system for sale. Any steam supplied to a steam distribution system for the purpose of providing steam to a steam-electric generator that would produce electrical energy for sale is also considered in determining the electrical energy output capacity of the affected facility.
- 4. Cover not required to oil-water separation tanks etc. in cases where its use would constitute a fire or safety hazard.
- 5. Floating roof tanks shall be considered adequate for storage of crude oil capacity less than 40,000 gallons, provided, a consistent seal inspection and reporting program is implemented by the owner.
- 6. Based on EPA, compilation of Air Pollution Emission Factors, AP-42, Section 7.1, August 1977.
- 7. Total particulates include particulate fluorides.
- 8. Stationary gas turbine means any simple cycle gas turbine, regenerative cycle gas turbine or any gas turbine portion of a combined cycle steam/electric generating system that is not self propelled.

9. Simple cycle gas turbine means any stationary gas turbine which does not recover heat from the gas turbine exhaust gases to preheat the inlet combustion air to the gas turbine, or which does not recover heat from the gas turbine exhaust gases to heat water or generate steam.
10. Regenerative cycle gas turbine means any stationary gas turbine which recover heat from the gas turbine exhaust gases to preheat the inlet combustion air to the gas turbine.
11. Combined cycle gas turbine means any stationary gas turbine which recover heat from the gas turbine exhaust gases to heat water or generate steam.
12. The value of F for the Stationary Gas Turbines' NOx estimation shall be obtained from the table given below:

| Fuel bound Nitrogen (Percent by weight) | F (NOx percent by weight) |
|---|---------------------------|
| N<0.015                                 | 0                         |
| 0.015<N<0.1                             | 0.04(N)                   |
| 0.1<N<0.25                              | 0.004+0.0067(N-0.1)       |
| N>0.25                                  | 0.005                     |
13. Established from FRG ~ Environmental Law (German std.) titled Air Purity Regulations, Copyright 1978 by the Bureau of National Affairs, Inc.
14. Based on EPA, compilation of Air Pollution Emission Factors, AP-42, Section 5.7, February 1972.
15. Based on EPA, compilation of Air Pollution Emission Factors, AP-42, Section 8.3, April 1973.

ATTACHMENT 1

Acetaldehyde  
Acetic acid  
Acetone  
Acetonitrile  
Acetophenone  
Acrolein  
Acrylic acid  
Acrylonitrile  
Anthraquinone  
Benzaldehyde  
Benzoic acid, tech.  
1.3-Butadiene  
p-t-Butyl benzoic acid  
N-Butyric acid  
Crotonic acid  
Cumene hydroperoxide  
Cyclohexanol  
Cyclohexanone  
Dimethyl terephthalate  
Ethylene dichloride  
Ethylene oxide  
Formaldehyde  
Formic acid  
Glyoxal  
Hydrogen cyanide  
Isobutyric acid  
Isophthalic acid  
Maleic anhydride  
Methyl ethyl ketone  
a-Methyl styrene  
Phenol  
Phthalic anhydride  
Propionic acid  
Propylene oxide  
Styrene  
Terephthalic acid

ATTACHMENT 2

Acetaldehyde  
Acetaldol  
Acetic acid  
Acetic anhydride  
Acetone  
Acetone cyanohydrin  
Acetylene  
Acrylic acid  
Acrylonitrile  
Adipic acid  
Adiponitrile  
Alcohols, C-11 or lower, mixtures  
Alcohols, C-12 or higher, mixtures  
Allyl chloride  
Amylene  
Amylenes, mixed  
Aniline  
Benzene  
Benzenesulfonic acid  
Benzenesulfonic acidC<sub>10-16</sub>-alkyl derivatives  
    sodium salts  
Benzoic acid, tech.  
Benzyl chloride  
Biphenyl  
Bisphenol A  
Brometone  
1,3-Butadiene  
Butadiene and butene fractions  
n-Butane  
1,4-Butanediol  
Butanes, mixed  
1-Butene  
2-Butene  
Butenes, mixed  
n-Butyl acetate  
Butyl acrylate  
n-Butyl alcohol  
sec-Butyl alcohol  
tert-Butyl alcohol  
Butylbenzyl phthalate  
Butylene glycol  
tert-Butyl hydroperoxide  
2-Butyne-1,4 - diol  
Butyraldehyde  
Butyric anhydride  
Caprolactam  
Carbon disulfide  
Carbon tetrabromide  
Carbon tetrachloride  
Chlorobenzene  
2-Chloro-4-(ethylamino)-6-(isopropylamino)-s-triazine  
Chloroform



p-Chloronitrobenzene  
 Chloroprene  
 Citric acid  
 Crotonaldehyde  
 Crotonic acid  
 Cumene  
 Cumene hydroperoxide  
 Cyanuric chloride  
 Cyclohexane  
 Cyclohexane, oxidized  
 Cyclohexanol  
 Cyclohexanone  
 Cyclohexanone oxime  
 Cyclohexene  
 1,3-Cyclopentadiene  
 Cyclopropane  
 Diacetone alcohol  
 Dibutanized aromatic concentrate  
 1,4-Dichlorobutene  
 3,4-Dichloro-1-butene  
 Dichlorodifluoromethane  
 Dichlorodimethylsilane  
 Dichlorofluoromethane-Dichlorohydrin  
 Diethanolamine  
 Diethylbenzene  
 Diethylene glycol  
 Di-n-heptyl-n-nonyl undecyl phthalate  
 Di-isodecyl phthalate  
 Diisononyl phthalate  
 Dimethylamine  
 Dimethyl terephthalate  
 2,4-Dinitrotoluene  
 2,4- (and 2,6) - dinitrotoluene  
 Dioctyl phthalate  
 Dodecene  
 Dodecylbenzene, non linear  
 Dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid  
 Dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid, sodium salt  
 Epichlorohydrin  
 Ethanol  
 Ethanolamine  
 Ethyl acetate  
 Ethyl Acrylate  
 Ethylbenzene  
 Ethyl chloride  
 Ethyl cyanide  
 Ethylene  
 Ethylene dibromide  
 Ethylene dichloride  
 Ethylene glycol  
 Ethylene glycol monobutyl  
 Ethylene glycol monoethyl ether  
 Ethylene glycol monoethyl ether acetate  
 Ethylene glycol monomethyl ether  
 Ethylene oxide  
 2-Ethylhexanal

2-Ethyhexyl alcohol  
 (2-Ethylhexyl) amine  
 Ethylmethylbenzene  
 6-Ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro 9,10-antracenedione  
 Formaldehyde  
 Glycerol  
 n-Heptane  
 Heptenes (mixed)  
 Hexadecyl chloride  
 Hexamethylene diamine  
 Hexamethylene diamine adipate  
 Hexamethylenetetramine  
 Hexane  
 2-Hexenedinitrile  
 3-Hexenedinitrile  
 Hydrogen cyanide  
 Isobutane  
 Isobutanol  
 Isobutylene  
 Isobutyraldehyde  
 Isodecyl alcohol  
 Isooctyl alcohol  
 Isopentane  
 Isophthalic acid  
 Isoprene  
 Isopropanol  
 Ketene  
 Linear alcohols, ethoxylated, mixed  
 Linear alcohols, ethoxylated, and sulfated, sodium salt, mixed  
 Linear alcohols, sulfated, sodium salt, mixed  
 Linear alkylbenzene  
 Magnesium acetate  
 Maleic anhydride  
 Melamine  
 Mesityl oxide  
 Methacrylonitrile  
 Methanol  
 Methylamine  
 ar-Methylbenzenediamine  
 Methyl chloride  
 Methylene chloride  
 Methyl ethyl ketone  
 Methyl iodide  
 Methyl isobutyl ketone  
 Methyl methacrylate  
 2-Methylpentane  
 1-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone  
 Methyl tert-butyl ether  
 Naphthalene  
 Nitrobenzene  
 1-Nonene  
 Nonyl alcohol  
 Nonylphenol  
 Nonylphenol, ethoxylated

Ocetene  
 Oil-soluble petroleum sulfonate, calcium salt  
 Oil-soluble petroleum sulfonate, sodium salt  
 Pentaerythritol  
 n-Pentane  
 3-Pentenitrile  
 Pentenes, mixed  
 Perchloroethylene  
 Phenol  
 1-Phenylethyl hydroperoxide  
 Phenylpropane  
 Phosgene  
 Phthalic anhydride  
 Propane  
 Propionaldehyde  
 Propionic acid  
 Propylalcohol  
 Propylene  
 Propylene chlorohydrin  
 Propylene glycol  
 Propylene oxide  
 Sodium cyanide  
 Sorbitol  
 Styrene  
 Terephthalic acid  
 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane  
 Tetraethyl lead  
 Tetrahydrofuran  
 Tetra (methyl-ethyl) lead  
 Tetramethyl lead  
 Toluene  
 Toluene-2, 4-diamine  
 Toluene-2,4-(and, 2.6)-diisocyanate (80/20 mixture)  
 Tribromomethane  
 1,1,1-Trichloroethane  
 1,1,2-Trichloroethane  
 Trichloroethylene  
 Trichlorofluoromethane  
 1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane  
 Triethanolamine  
 Triethylene glycol  
 Vinyl acetate  
 Vinyl chloride  
 Vinylidene chloride  
 m-Xylene  
 o-Xylene  
 p-Xylene  
 Xylenes (mixed)  
 m-Xylenol

**APPENDIX – B**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STANDARDS**

**(GENERAL STANDARD)**

**DOCUMENT NO. 1409.01**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
STANDARDS IN THE KINGDOM  
OF SAUDI ARABIA**

**(GENERAL STANDARDS)**

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**KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**  
**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & AVIATION**

**METEOROLOGICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADMINISTRATION**

Pursuant to the Royal Decree No. 7/M/8903 dated 21/4/1401 which assigned the Meteorology and Environmental Protection Administration for the control of pollution and protection of environment in accordance with the arrangement set forth in the decision of the Supreme Commission for administrative reform No. 86 dated 20/8/1399; MEPA has established the following standards.

**1 — Title**

These standards shall be referred to as the Environmental Protection Standards.

**2 — Purpose**

The purpose of these standards is to provide appropriate bases for the evaluation and regulation of industrial and urban activities that currently exist in the Kingdom and to help in the planning, design, execution and operation of facilities that will be established in a manner which shall not adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of the people and which shall help in promoting their overall economic and social well-being and in protecting the Kingdom's environment in general.

**3 — Effective Date**

These standards shall come into force as of the first of D. Qa'dah 1402.

**4 — Definitions**

Unless the context otherwise requires, terms and expressions stated hereinafter shall have the meanings as defined below.

- 1 — The Administration  
means the Meteorological and Environmental Protection Administration established under the Royal Decree No. 7/M/8903 dated 21/4/1401.
- 2 — The General Standards of Environmental Protection  
means the standards which express the general policy for pollution control in the Kingdom and apply to the design and operation of facilities.
- 3 — Environmental Quality Standards  
means the limits of air, water and land pollution that should not be exceeded.
- 4 — Source Standards  
means pollution control technologies and operational practices which reduce pollution from a facility and include as well the standards for discharge of pollutants from their sources.
- 5 — Guidelines  
they are not standards and are adopted for cases where baseline information is not sufficient for the issuance of specific standards at the respective time.
- 6 — Facility  
means any plant or activity which is expected to be a source of pollution or environmental deterioration.
- 7 — Major Facility  
means a facility with sufficient capacity to cause a substantial impact on the quality of ambient air or water.



- 8 — **Public Facility**  
means any facility owned or operated by any ministry, department, governmental or semi-governmental unit regardless of its size or function.
- 9 — **Private Facility**  
means any facility owned or operated by any natural or artificial organization whether corporate or not.
- 10 — **Modification (i.e. of Facilities)**  
means a change in the design or operation of a facility which has the potential to result in increased pollution from the facility. For the purpose of this definition, any replacement of equivalent kind and capacity is not considered a modification.
- 11 — **Major Modification**  
means a change in the design or operation of an existing facility with a reasonable likelihood of causing a substantial impact on the quality of air or water. For the purpose of this definition any replacement of equivalent kind and capacity is not considered a modification.
- 12 — **Substantial Impact**  
means any impact with a reasonable likelihood of causing exceedance of the applicable standards alone or in combination with the impact of other sources.
- 13 — **Moderate Impact**  
an impact which is likely to cause exceedance of the applicable standards only in combination with the impact of other sources.
- 14 — **Minor Impact**  
any impact which is not likely to cause exceedance of the applicable standards whether alone or in combination with the impact of other sources.
- 15 — **Toxic Substance**  
means any substance which causes death, disability or discomfort for man or animal whenever available in sufficient quantities, either by touch, inhaling or entering through the mouth, taking into consideration the possibility of the concentration of this material in the food chain, or such substance that may cause damage or destruction for plants or animal on touch or when entering into its food.
- 16 — **Inhalable Particulates**  
for the purpose of these standards the inhalable particulates shall be considered as any substance dispersed in the atmosphere in the form of individual solid and liquid particles each of which is less than 15 micron in diameter.
- 17 — **Photochemical Oxidants**  
are substances produced in the atmosphere where certain active chemical compounds, principally the hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, are exposed to sun light. For the purpose of these standards the photochemical oxidants shall include ozone, peroxyacyl, nitrates, organic peroxides and other oxidants which contribute to the increase of the oxidants quantity as measured by the method specified in paragraph C of Article 11.
- 18 — **Receiving Water**  
means a surface water body into which pollutants are or may be directly discharged.
- 19 — **Waste Water**  
means any contaminated water resulting from the industrial or agricultural processes, or other activities which are of equivalent environmental effect including sanitary sewage.
- 20 — **Mixing Zone**  
it is a defined area of water directly adjacent to the area of discharge of contaminants where receiving water quality standards may be exceeded and such area is determined pursuant to paragraph E of Article 13.

- 21 — **Pretreatment**  
means the stage of application of controls to waste water in the industrial areas prior to its discharge to a central treatment facility.
- 22 — **Discharge**  
means addition of contaminants to the ambient air, receiving water or to a central treatment facility.
- 23 — **Direct Discharge**  
means a discharge to receiving waters and not to a central treatment facility.
- 24 — **The Best available Technology**  
means the best available level for controlling pollution in comparison to practices in similar facilities in the Kingdom and other countries.

#### **5 — Applicability**

These standards shall apply to all facilities in the Kingdom, existing and newly designed, public and private, except for facilities specifically exempted by MEPA.

#### **6 — Scope and Interpretation**

- 1 — These standards consist of the rules appearing herein, including any detailed description of the environmental protection standards and methods of application as issued by MEPA from time to time.
- 2 — MEPA shall be the only authority to interpret and determine the meaning and scope of these standards.
- 3 — MEPA may from time to time amend or supplement these standards as the need arises.

#### **7 — General Environmental Standards Applicable to New Facilities**

- 1 — All major new facilities, or major modifications to existing facilities, shall be designed, operated and maintained so as to avoid exceedances of the ambient environmental standards as promulgated for the Kingdom at the time of approval of the design.
- 2 — Each major new facility or major modification to an existing facility shall incorporate the best available technology for control of pollutant discharges, and for the disposal of wastes associated with the operation of the facility.
- 3 — All new facilities and modifications to existing facilities shall be designed and operated so as to avoid the discharge of any toxic substance, whether specifically regulated or not, in quantities sufficient to be harmful to the public health.

#### **8 — General Environmental Standards Applicable to Existing Facilities**

- 1 — All major existing facilities shall be operated and maintained so as to avoid exceedances of the ambient environmental standards promulgated for the Kingdom. Additional control technology shall be installed at major existing facilities where necessary so as to avoid exceedance of the ambient environmental standards.
- 2 — Each existing facility shall be operated and maintained so as to avoid the discharge of any toxic substance, whether specifically regulated or not, in quantities sufficient to be harmful to the public health.

#### **9 — Exceptions**

The Department shall have the power to grant some facilities, under special circumstances, an exception from the application of some sources or performance standards. MEPA shall evaluate the application submitted by the owner of any facility for obtaining an exception from the application of any special standard. MEPA shall make its decision with respect to each case separately after the owner submits all the required information related to said matter and after making sure that such exception shall not result in exceeding the environmental quality standards and is not detrimental to the public health.

## **10 — Ambient Air Quality Standards**

### **A — Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)**

A-1 Purpose: The purpose of these standards is to prevent adverse health effects and adverse effects upon vegetation.

A-2 Standards:

- (a) During any 30 day period, the one-hour average SO<sub>2</sub> concentration shall not exceed 730 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.28 ppm) more than twice at any location.
- (b) During any 12-month period, the 24-hour average SO<sub>2</sub> concentration shall not exceed 365 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.14 ppm) more than once at any location.
- (c) During any 12-month period, the annual average SO<sub>2</sub> concentration shall not exceed 80 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (ppm) at any location.

A-3 Measurement Method: The Pararosaniline Method (WHO 1976) shall be the reference method of measurement of SO<sub>2</sub> concentrations. MEPA shall be responsible for approving equivalent measurement methods.

### **10 — B Inhalable Particulates (IP)**

B-1 Purpose: The purpose of these standards is to protect susceptible populations from adverse health effects, taking into account the synergistic effects associated with the presence of other contaminants.

B-2 Standards:

- (a) During any 12-month period, the 24-hour maximum inhalable particulate concentration shall not exceed 340 µg/m<sup>3</sup> more than once at any location.
- (b) During any 12-month period, the annual average inhalable particulate concentration shall not exceed 80 µg/m<sup>3</sup> at any location.  
(Note: The exceedance of the 24-hour or annual inhalable particulate standard as a result of abnormal natural background concentrations shall not be considered as a violation of the standard.)

B-3 Measurement Method: The concentration of inhalable particulates shall be determined by the use of a size selective high volume sampler. Specifications for equipment and filter media shall conform to standards acceptable to MEPA.

### **10 — C Photochemical Oxidants Defined as Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)**

C-1 Purpose: The purpose of this standard is to prevent significant human discomfort or damage to vegetation and materials.

C-2 Standard: During any 30-day period, the one-hour average concentration of photochemical oxidants shall not exceed 295 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.15 ppm) more than twice at any location.

C-3 Measurement Method: The chemiluminescence method (WHO 1976) shall be the reference method for measurement of photochemical oxidants as ozone. MEPA will be responsible for approving equivalent measurement methods.

### **10 — D Nitrogen Oxides Defined as Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)**

D-1 Purpose: The purpose of these standards is to prevent the development of nitrogen dioxide concentrations which could produce adverse health effects or lead to the production of significant concentrations of photochemical oxidants.

#### **D-2 Standards:**

- (a) During any 30 day period, the one-hour average NO<sub>2</sub> concentration shall not exceed 660 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.35 ppm) more than twice at any location.
- (b) During any 12-month period, the annual average NO<sub>2</sub> concentration shall not exceed 100 µg/m<sup>3</sup> at any location.

**D-3 Measurement Method:** An NO<sub>2</sub> analyzer based on the gas phase chemiluminescence measurement principle of NO with O<sub>3</sub> is designated as the reference method. Specifications for measurement equipment shall conform to standards acceptable to MEPA.

### **10 — E Carbon Monoxide (CO)**

**E-1 Purpose:** The purpose of these standards is to prevent short-term adverse health effects in sensitive population groups and in normal exercising population groups.

#### **E-2 Standards:**

- (a) During any 30-day period, the one-hour average CO concentration shall not exceed 40 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (35 ppm) more than twice at any location.
- (b) During any 30-day period, the 8-hour average CO concentration shall not exceed 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (9 ppm) more than twice at any location.

**E-3 Measurement Method:** The nondispersive infrared (MDIR) technique (WHO 1972) will be the reference method for CO. MEPA will be responsible for approving equivalent measurement methods.

### **10 — F Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S)**

**F-1 Purpose:** The purpose of these standards is to protect human and animal health, and to avoid the nuisance caused by exposure to H<sub>2</sub>S. (These standards will not completely prevent materials damage; therefore, special materials preservation step should be taken in regions where elevated H<sub>2</sub>S levels are expected.)

#### **F-2 Standards:**

- (a) During any 12 month period, the one-hour average H<sub>2</sub>S concentration shall not exceed 200 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.14 ppm) more than once at any location.
- (b) During any 12-month period, the 24-hour average H<sub>2</sub>S concentration shall not exceed 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.03 ppm) more than once at any location.

**F-3 Measurement Method:** The Gas Bubbler-Methylene Blue method (APHA 1972) shall be the reference method for H<sub>2</sub>S. MEPA will be responsible for approving equivalent measurement methods.

### **10 — G Fluorides (F<sup>-</sup>)**

**G-1 Purpose:** The purpose of this standard is to protect against adverse effects on vegetation and grazing animals.

**G-2 Standards:** During any 30-day period, the monthly average fluoride concentration shall not exceed 1.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (0.001 ppm) at any location.

**G-3 Measurement Method:** The specific ion electrode (Thompson et al. 1971) method shall be the reference method for fluoride measurement. MEPA will be responsible for approving equivalent measurement methods.

## **11. Air Pollution Source Standards**

11 — A Combustion Facilities: All fossil fuel fired boilers and furnaces having a heat input capacity equal to or greater than 30 megawatts (100 MBTU/hr.) shall utilize appropriate gas cleaning equipment to limit emissions to the following rates:

- (1) 43 ng/j (0.1 lb/MBTU) of total particulates
- (2) 1  $\mu$ g/j (2.3 lb/MBTU) of SO<sub>2</sub>
- (3) 130 ng/j (0.3 lb/MBTU) of NO<sub>x</sub> for oil fired facilities
- (4) 86 ng/j (0.2 lb/MBTU) of NO<sub>x</sub> for gas fired facilities

## **11 — B Petroleum and Petrochemical Facilities**

B-1 Storage Vessels for Petroleum Liquids Storage vessels for volatile organic compounds (VOC) which have a capacity greater than 1000 barrels (5614 cubic feet) shall be equipped for vapor emission control as follows:

- (a) Vapor recovery or equivalent systems are required for VOC having a vapor pressure in excess of 570 mm Hg. Floating roof tanks shall be considered adequate for storage of crude oil providing a consistent seal inspection and reporting program is implemented by owner.
- (b) Floating roof with double boot seal or equivalent systems are required for VOC having a vapor pressure in excess of 78 mm Hg (1.5 psi) but less than 570 mm Hg (11 psi)

### **B-2 FCC Unit Catalyst Regenerators**

FCC unit catalyst regenerators shall utilize:

- (a) CO boilers or high temperature regeneration to limit CO emissions to 500 ppm and
- (b) appropriate air cleaners to limit particulate emissions to 1.0 kg per metric ton of coke burn-off.

### **B-3 Fuel Gas Combustion Process**

Fuel gas combustion process shall utilize amine scrubbing or other appropriate gas cleaning process to limit H<sub>2</sub>S content of fuel gases to 230 mg per dry standard cubic meters (150 ppm).

### **B-4 Claus Sulfur Recovery Plants**

Sulfur recovery plants shall utilize a two-or three-stage Claus process to achieve at least 95% recovery of total sulfur.

### **B-5 Fugitive Emission**

Fugitive emission of VOC from Petroleum and Petrochemical process shall be limited through the utilization of good maintenance and inspection procedures as well as monitoring of potential VOC emission points.

## **11 — C Fertilizer Plants**

Fertilizer plant purge gases shall be controlled by incineration or other acceptable cleaning method to ensure 99 percent removal of volatile organic compounds.

## **11 — D Cement Plants**

### **D-1 Cement Kilns**

Emissions from cement kilns shall be controlled by electrostatic precipitators, fabric filters or other suitable means to limit the emission of particulates to no more than 0.15 kg/metric ton.

### **D-2 Clinker Coolers**

Emissions from clinker coolers shall be controlled by fabric filters or other suitable means to limit the emission of particulates to no more than 0.05 kg/metric ton.

## **11 — E Primary Aluminum Reduction Plants**

### **E-1 Pot Lines**

Emission from aluminum reduction pot lines shall be controlled by suitable air cleaning equipment to limit the emission of total fluorides to no more than 1.25 kg/metric ton.

### **E-2 Anode Bake Plants (plus Pole Heating Plants)**

Emissions from anode bake plants (plus pole heating plants) shall be controlled by suitable air cleaning equipment to limit the emission of total fluorides to no more than 0.05 kg/metric ton.

## **11 — F Iron and Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces**

Emissions from electric arc furnaces shall be controlled by suitable gas cleaning equipment to limit the emission of particulates to 12 mg/dscm.

## **11 — G Lime Manufacturing Plants: Rotary Kilns**

Emissions from rotary kilns shall be controlled by suitable gas cleaning equipment to limit the emission of particulates to no more than 0.2 kg/metric ton of limestone feed material.

## **11 — H Visible Emissions from Industrial Activities**

Visible emissions from all industrial activities (except for water vapor) shall be controlled to 20% maximum capacity except for three-minutes during any continuous sixty-minute period.

## **12. Receiving Water Guidelines**

12 — A Purpose: These guidelines for receiving water quality are intended to provide guidance for the location, design and operation of new facilities and modifications to existing facilities, and for the operation of existing facilities, pending development of receiving water standards.

12 — B Guidelines: The following guidelines for receiving water quality apply at the edge of the mixing zone and beyond for the discharge from any facility to the coastal waters. Unless otherwise stated, each interim guideline refers to a thirty-day average.

**B — 1 Physio-chemical Pollutants**

| <u>(Pollutants)</u>              | <u>(Guidelines at edge of mixing zone)</u>  |
|----------------------------------|---|
| (a) Floatables                   | Non attributable to the discharge   |
| (b) PH                           | 0.1 PH units (maximum change from typical local baseline conditions)  |
| (c) Total suspended solids (TSS) | 5% (all references to percentage are maximum changes from typical local baseline conditions) (in this and following paragraphs) |
| (d) Temperature                  | 1°C (maximum change from typical local baseline conditions)   |
| (e) Oil and grease               | Management measures required*   |
| (f) Dissolved Oxygen (DO)        | 5%  |
| (g) Turbidity                    | 5%  |

\* Facilities using, transferring or storing oil and petroleum hydrocarbons are required to prepare, maintain and update a spill prevention, control and clean-up plan.

**B — 2 Organic Pollutants**

| <u>(Pollutants)</u>               | <u>(Guidelines at edge of mixing zone)</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| (a) Chemical Oxygen demand (COD)  | 5%   |
| (b) Total organic carbon (TOC)    | 5%   |
| (c) Total kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN) | 5%   |
| (d) Chlorinated Hydrocarbons      | 5%   |
| (e) Oil and Grease                | 5%   |
| (f) Phenolics                     | 5%   |

**B — 3 Non-organic Pollutants**

| <u>(Pollutants)</u> | <u>(Guidelines at edge of mixing zone)</u> |
|---------------------|--|
| (a) Ammonia         | 5%   |
| (b) Arsenic         | 5%   |
| (c) Cadmium         | 5%   |
| (d) Chloride        | 5%   |

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|-----|-------------------|----|
| (e) | Residual Chlorine | 5% |
| (f) | Total Chromium    | 5% |
| (g) | Copper            | 5% |
| (h) | Total Cyanide     | 5% |
| (i) | Lead              | 5% |
| (j) | Mercury           | 5% |
| (k) | Nickel            | 5% |
| (l) | Total Phosphate   | 5% |
| (m) | Zink              | 5% |
| (n) | Dissolved Oxygen  | 5% |

#### **B — 4 Biological Pollutants**

| <b><u>(Pollutants)</u></b> | <b><u>(Guidelines at edge of mixing zone)</u></b>                  |
|----------------------------|--|
| (a) Total Coliform         | 70 most probable number per 100 ML<br>(average for 30 day period). |

#### **13. Performance Standards for Direct Discharge**

- A — Purpose: Performance standards for direct discharge are intended to require waste water source to adopt best practical controls.
- B — Scope: Performance standards for direct discharge apply to sanitary sewage, surface runoff (including fire control waters), cooling water discharges, boiler water conditioning blowdown, process wastewaters, and any other wastewater.
- C — General Performance Standards: Wastewaters of different character shall be segregated to the maximum extent possible. Uncontaminated surface runoff and once-through cooling waters may be discharged to receiving waters without treatment.
- D — Specific Performance Standards: The following performance standards apply to wastewaters at the end of the outfall and before discharge to coastal waters or to any channel of wastewater.

#### **D — 1 Physio-Chemical Pollutants**

| <b><u>(Pollutants)</u></b>       | <b><u>(Allowable effluent Level)</u></b> |
|----------------------------------|--|
| (a) Floatables                   | None                                     |
| (b) PH                           | 6-9 pH units                             |
| (c) Total Suspended solids (TSS) | 15 mg/l (max.)                           |



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| (d) | Temperature | MEPA determines the thermal properties of discharged water to fit the properties of receiving water and such properties are determined on a case by case basis. |
| (e) | Turbidity   | 75 NTU (max.)   |

**D — 2 Organic Pollutants**

|     | <u>(Pollutants)</u>            | <u>(Allowable Effluent Level)</u>                          |
|-----|--------------------------------|--|
| (a) | Biochemical Oxygen Demand      | 25 mg/l  |
| (b) | Chemical Oxygen Demand         | 150 mg/l   |
| (c) | Total Organic Carbon (TOC)     | 50 mg/l  |
| (d) | Total kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN)  | 5 mg/l   |
| (e) | Total Chlorinated Hydrocarbons | 0.1 mg/l   |
| (f) | Oil and Grease                 | 8 mg/l (not to exceed 15 mg/l in any individual discharge) |
| (g) | Phenols                        | 0.1 mg/l   |

**D — 3 Non-organic Pollutants**

|     | <u>(Pollutants)</u>                   | <u>(Allowable Effluent Level)</u><br><u>30-day Average)</u> |
|-----|---------------------------------------|---|
| (a) | Ammonia (as nitrogen)                 | 1.0 mg/l  |
| (b) | Arsenic                               | 0.1 mg/l  |
| (c) | Cadmium                               | 0.02 mg/l   |
| (d) | Chlorine (residual)                   | 0.5 mg/l  |
| (e) | Chromium (total)                      | 0.1 mg/l  |
| (f) | Copper                                | 0.2 mg/l  |
| (g) | Cyanide                               | 0.05 mg/l   |
| (h) | Lead                                  | 0.1 mg/l  |
| (i) | Mercury                               | 0.001 mg/l  |
| (j) | Nickel                                | 0.2 mg/l  |
| (k) | Phosphate (Total)<br>(as Phosphorous) | 1.0 mg/l  |
| (l) | Zinc                                  | 1.0 mg/l  |

#### **D — 4 Biological Pollutants**

| <b><u>(Pollutant)</u></b> | <b><u>(Allowable Effluent Level —<br/>30-day Average)</u></b> |
|---------------------------|---|
| (a) Total Coliform        | 1000 MPN per 100 ml   |

#### **E — Mixing Zone**

Each direct discharge shall be adequately dispersed and mixed with the receiving waters. A mixing zone shall be designed to minimize adverse effects to designated beneficial uses. Adequacy of the mixing zone shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

#### **14. Pretreatment Guidelines for Discharge to General Treatment Facilities.**

- A — Purpose: Pretreatment guidelines are intended to provide guidance for the removal of substances that significantly effect the performance of the central treatment facilities, and substances that are not adequately controlled at central treatment facilities.
- B — Scope: Pretreatment guidelines and standards apply to all facilities and modifications covered by the environmental standards which discharge to a central industrial or municipal wastewater treatment facility.
- C — General Pretreatment Guidelines: Wastewaters of different character shall be segregated to the maximum extent possible. Sanitary wastes may be sent to a central treatment facility without pretreatment. Contaminated wastewaters other than sanitary wastes shall be treated on-site to meet applicable pretreatment requirements.
- D — Specific Pretreatment Guidelines: The following pretreatment guidelines apply to wastewater before discharge to a central treatment facility. The pretreatment guidelines provide a range for allowable levels of pollution in the effluent.

#### **D — 1 Physio-chemical Pollutants**

| <b><u>(Pollutants)</u></b>       | <b><u>(Guidelines)</u></b> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| (a) Total suspended Solids (TSS) | 2.000 mg/l (max.)          |
| (b) pH                           | 5-10 pH units              |
| (c) Temperature                  | 60° C (max.)               |

#### **D — 2 Organic Pollutants**

| <b><u>(Pollutants)</u></b> | <b><u>(Guidelines)</u></b> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| (a) Chemical Oxygen Demand | 1.500 mg/l                 |
| (b) Total organic carbon   | 1.000 mg/l                 |
| (c) Oil and Grease         | 120 mg/l                   |
| (d) Phenols                | 150 mg/l                   |

- (e) Total chlorinated Hydrocarbons 0.5 mg/l

#### **D — 3 Non-organic Pollutants**

|     | <u>(Pollutants)</u> | <u>(Guidelines)</u> |
|-----|---------------------|---------------------|
| (a) | Arsenic             | 1.0 mg/l            |
| (b) | Cadmium             | 0.5 mg/l            |
| (c) | Chromium (Total)    | 2.0 mg/l            |
| (d) | Copper              | 1.0 mg/l            |
| (e) | Cyanide (Total)     | 1.0 mg/l            |
| (f) | Lead                | 1.0 mg/l            |
| (g) | Mercury             | 0.01 mg/l           |
| (h) | Nickel              | 2.0 mg/l            |
| (i) | Zinc                | 10.0 mg/l           |

#### **15. Implementation Obligations**

- 1 — It shall be the duty and obligation of the owners, planners and operators of new facilities and modification to existing facilities to ensure that such facilities are located, designed and operated in accordance with these standards.
- 2 — It shall be the duty and obligation of owners and operators of existing facilities to ensure that such facilities are operated in accordance with these standards.
- 3 — Subject to other official requirements, owners and operators proposing to build a new facility must contact MEPA and provide specific required data to MEPA including relevant planning and design details indicating the pollution control measures to be taken. MEPA shall review such data and grant written permit within a period not exceeding 3 months after the date of receiving such data from other departments and facilities, prior to execution of such facilities.
- 4 — Owners and operators of existing facilities are required to supply specific required data to MEPA following notification by MEPA. MEPA may request the carrying out of tests, investigations or analysis to insure compliance with the standards in any existing facility. The owners and operators of existing facilities shall be deemed responsible for submitting data relating to the existing facilities even if they don't receive notification by MEPA requesting such information.

#### **16. Enforcement**

- 1 — It shall be the responsibility of MEPA to ensure that compliance with these standards is enforced.
- 2 — Every application for a license to construct a new facility or introduce a major modification to an existing facility which is submitted to the competent authority must enclose a certificate stating that MEPA has evaluated the existing facility or the plans for the new facility and ascertained that the subject facility complies with these standards.

- 3 — In case where MEPA finds that the design of a planned new facility does not incorporate adequate control measures to comply with the standards, MEPA shall so inform the applicable licensing authority and request that a license not be issued to the facility until it rectifies the specific defects cited by MEPA. The facility owners shall also be informed.
- 4 — In case where MEPA finds that an existing facility is contravening these standards, MEPA shall so inform that facility and request that it be rectified according to a designated schedule. If the contravention continues, MEPA may address a final warning to the facility. If the warning fails to produce positive results, MEPA shall inform the licensing authority concerned and request that the license of the facility be suspended or withdrawn.
- 5 — MEPA shall carry out spot inspection of any facility to assess compliance with these standards without prior notice or warning.



