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Emission measurement by exhaust duct sampling

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Summary

Results from emission measurements done in September on the exhaust ducts V and A from the primary air emission treatment facilities of Alcoa Fjarðaál, Reyðarfjörður, are reported here.

The following factors were measured: Total particulate content, fluoride content, flow velocity and volume, as well as carbon monoxide content and sulphur dioxide content.

Total average particulate content was found to be on average 1,9 mg/Nm³ and <0,4 mg/Nm³ in the exhaust ducts with a sum of less or equal to 3,4 kg/hr emitted. Total fluoride was on average 0,45-0,57mg/Nm³ or total 1,4 kg/hr emitted.

| Table 3.1 | | Exhaust duct V | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Particulates | F dust | F gas | CO | SO₂ |
| | Concentration mg/Nm³ | 1,9 | 0,06 | 0,39 | 814 | 161 |
| | Amount kg/klst | 3,1 | 0,10 | 0,63 | 1315 | 259 |
| Exhaust duct V | Velocity m/s | | Flow volume dry Nm³/klst | Temp °C | Humidity % | |
| | Average | 18,8 | 1.615.000 | 95 | 0,7 | |

| Table 3.2 | | Exhaust duct A | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Particulates | F dust | F gas | CO | SO₂ |
| | Concentration mg/Nm³ | < 0,4 | 0,07 | 0,50 | 904 | 202 |
| | Amount kg/klst | 0,3 | 0,10 | 0,78 | 1400 | 313 |
| Exhaust duct A | Velocity m/s | | Flow volume dry Nm³/klst | Temp °C | Humidity % | |
| | Average | 17,8 | 1.550.000 | 90 | 0,6 | |

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Air velocity and measurement of particulates

1. Introduction

Exhaust duct sampling at Alcoa Fjarðaál was carried out on 19-21.9.12. Measured factors were particulates, gaseous and particulate fluorides (F_{gas} and F_{dust}). Additionally carbon monoxide (CO) and sulfur dioxide (SO_2) were measured.

2. Measurement and sampling

2.1 Method and execution

Particulates: Determination of dust or particulate material in air or gasstream, flowing at an air velocity to be determined, in a closed conduit or channel. The particulate content is determined by weighing and the amount of air is measured by volume measurement. The sample is withdrawn from the conduit using isokinetic sampling and filtered through a glass wool filter, that has been previously dried and weighed. After sampling the filter is dried again and weighed. The air volume is corrected to NTP (0°C, 1013 hPa) and the particulate content is calculated in mg/Nm^3 . The detection limit for a 1 m^3 sample is about $1 \text{ mg}/\text{Nm}^3$ and is proportionally smaller the larger the sample volume.

Air velocity: Isokinetic sampling means that the speed of the air stream through the sampler orifice is the same as the speed of the air in the conduit. The air velocity head is determined using a pitot tube and differential manometer and the air velocity calculated, taking account also of temperature, pressure, humidity and composition of the air or density. The number and position of traverse points are dependent on the dimensions of the conduit. From the air velocity and the cross sectional area of the conduit, the flow volume is determined and the conditions for isokinetic sampling. The method applies to air velocity streams of 4-40 m/s.

Fluoride: Samples are drawn through a 37 mm cellulose acetate membrane filter (0,8 μm) and then through an impinger train of three bottles containing 0.1 M NaOH solution. The gas volume is measured by gas meter. The particulate fluoride is determined from the dust collected on the filter. The gaseous fluoride is determined from the total collected fluoride in the impinger train solution. The concentration of fluoride is determined by ion-specific electrode measurement.

Equipment: Strohlein STE4 sampling heads, filters and filter compartment, water trap, drying filter, gas volume meter, flow meter, pump. The range of the equipment assumes 1-4 m^3/hr sampling. Pitot tube, differential manometer (corresp. to $40 \pm 1 \text{ mm}$ water), pressure meter, thermometer. Impinger train, heated inlet for gaseous fluoride sampling.

References: VDI 2066, Bl.1 og 2, Vejledning nr.7, 1974, Miljøstyrelsen, Denmark.

2.2 Air velocity of exhaust stream

There are two exhaust ducts from the aluminum smelter, duct V (west) and duct A (east). Measurements with pitot tube were done in the 4 sampling access openings on the horizontal exhaust duct V. 6 traverse points were measured in each access opening and the measurement was carried out three times during the sampling period. The average results are below:

| Table 2.1 | | Exhaust duct V | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Air velocity | Flow volume | Flow volume | Flow vol dry |
| | | m/s | m³/klst | Nm³/klst | Nm³/klst |
| N | 20.9.12 | 19,7 | | | |
| S | 21.9.12 | 18,4 | | | |
| T | 21.9.12 | 18,4 | | | |
| B | 20.9.12 | 18,6 | | | |
| Exhaust duct V | Average | 18,8 | 2.170.000 | 1.625.000 | 1.615.000 |

Only three of the four sampling openings could be accessed on exhaust duct A. The execution of the measurement was in other respects the same.

| Table 2.2 | | Exhaust duct A | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Air velocity | Flow volume | Flow volume | Flow vol dry |
| | | m/s | m³/klst | Nm³/klst | Nm³/klst |
| N | 19.9.12 | 17,4 | | | |
| S | 20.9.12 | 18,2 | | | |
| B | 20.9.12 | 17,8 | | | |
| Exhaust duct A | Average | 17,8 | 2.060.000 | 1.560.000 | 1.550.000 |

2.3 Total particulate, particulate fluoride and gaseous fluoride

The sample collector is introduced through the access openings and a partial airstream is withdrawn. The exhaust sample is taken isokinetically using average air velocity, thus aiming for a kinetic ratio of 1.1-1.3. The total sampled volume is measured by gas volume meter. One sample from each opening is drawn using a 8 mm orifice Strohlein STE4 sampler containing glass wool filters. The particulates are measured in the collected filters along with 2-3 blank filters.

Total fluoride as separated particulate and gaseous fluoride is collected simultaneously by a separate collection channel. The samples are drawn through a 37 mm cellulose acetate membrane (0.8 µm) and then through an impinger train of three bottles containing 0.1 M NaOH solution. The gas volume is measured by gas meter. The concentration of fluoride collected on the particulate filters and in the solution is then determined by ion-specific electrode measurement. The results can be seen in tables 2.3 and 2.4.

| Table 2.3 | | Exhaust duct V | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Particulates mg/Nm ³ | F dust mg/Nm ³ | F gas mg/Nm ³ | F total mg/Nm ³ |
| North N | 20.9.12 | 3,14 | 0,05 | 0,31 | 0,35 |
| Top T | 21.9.12 | 3,04 | 0,07 | 0,42 | 0,49 |
| South S | 21.9.12 | 0,32 | 0,06 | 0,29 | 0,35 |
| Bottom B | 20.9.12 | 1,23 | 0,07 | 0,55 | 0,62 |
| Exhaust duct V | 20.-21.9.12 | | | | |
| | Average ¹ | 1,9 | 0,06 | 0,39 | 0,45 |
| | St. dev. ² | 1,4 | 0,01 | 0,12 | 0,13 |

¹ Averages based on total amount and volume sampled, not arithmetic mean of individual results

² St.dev. based on individual results

| Table 2.4 | | Exhaust duct A | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Particulates mg/Nm ³ | F dust mg/Nm ³ | F gas mg/Nm ³ | F total mg/Nm ³ |
| North N | 19.9.12 | 0,33 (<0,4) | 0,06 | 0,60 | 0,66 |
| Top T | | | | | |
| South S | 20.9.12 | 0,18 (<0,4) | 0,06 | 0,42 | 0,48 |
| Bottom B | 20.9.12 | 0,00 (<0,4) | 0,08 | 0,49 | 0,57 |
| Exhaust duct A | 19.-20.9.12 | | | | |
| | Average ¹ | 0,16 (< 0,4) | 0,07 | 0,50 | 0,57 |
| | St. dev. ² | 0,2 | 0,01 | 0,09 | 0,09 |

¹ Averages based on total amount and volume sampled, not arithmetic mean of individual results

² St.dev. based on individual results

The detection limit for particulates is 0,4 mg/Nm³ for the approximately 2,7 cubic normal meter samples.

The result is then that particulates are 1,1 mg/Nm³ on average in the emission from the common exhaust chimney. This corresponds to 3,4 kg/hr total particulate emission.

Total fluorides are 0,51 mg/Nm³ on average in the emission from the common exhaust chimney. This corresponds to a 1,6 kg/hr emission of total fluorides.

2.4 Other factors measured

Carbon monoxide and sulfur dioxide in the exhaust were also measured, using a Testo 350/454 flue gas analyzer. The results are averages from a 1 hr measurement or more in each sample access opening, using a recording interval of 20 sec.

| Table 2.5 Exhaust duct V | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | CO mg/Nm³ | SO₂ mg/Nm³ |
| North N 20.9.2012 | 796 | 168 |
| Top T 20.9.2012 | 839 | 171 |
| South S 21.9.2012 | 808 | 143 |
| Exhaust duct V | | |
| Average 20-21.9.2012 | 814 | 161 |

| Table 2.6 Exhaust duct A | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | CO mg/Nm³ | SO₂ mg/Nm³ |
| North N 20.9.2012 | 913 | 193 |
| South S 19.9.2012 | 895 | 210 |
| Exhaust duct A | | |
| Average 19-20.9.2012 | 904 | 202 |

The values in each sampling point are usually fairly stable, with RSD% typically 2-10% in the measurement interval.

3. Summary

Average results are reported below.

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| Alcoa-Fjarðaál | | | | 20.-21.9.2012 | | Vestari útblástursleggur V | | |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Lofthraða- og rykmæling | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Þvermál rá: Staðs.í rás | | Straumþrýstingur | | Lofthraði |
| Prýst.um hv. | 1017 | mbör | 30,9 | cm | cm | mm vatn | mbör | m/s |
| Prýst.í rás | 1022 | mbör | | | 640 | 13 | 18,0 | 1,77 |
| | | | | | | 45 | 17,5 | 1,72 |
| | | | | | | 77 | 20,0 | 1,96 |
| Hítast.um hv. | 300 | °K | | | | 115 | 21,0 | 2,06 |
| Hítast.í rás | 368 | °K | 95 | | | 160 | 21,0 | 2,06 |
| | | | | | | 230 | 20,0 | 1,96 |
| Þverm. rás | 6,4 | m | | | | 0 | 16,0 | 1,57 |
| Lofthraði rás | 18,76 | m/s | | | | | | 18,02 |
| Straummassi | 2172710 | m ³ /klst | | | | | | |
| í rás | 1626140 | Nm ³ /klst | | | | | | |
| þurrt | 1615378 | Nm ³ /klst | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Æskil.straummassi | | | | Staðs.í rás | | Straumþrýstingur | | Lofthraði |
| í mælíbún. | 2,54 | Nm ³ /klst | Hlutf.flæðim. | | | mm vatn | mbör | m/s |
| | 2,64 | m ³ /klst | | 101 | | 13 | 16,5 | 1,62 |
| | | | | | | 45 | 16,5 | 1,62 |
| þurrt | 2,52 | m ³ /klst | | 98 | | 77 | 18,0 | 1,77 |
| Þverm. dísu | 8 | mm | | | | 115 | 18,0 | 1,77 |
| Hítast.mælíb. | 286 | °K | | 13 | | 160 | 17,5 | 1,72 |
| | | | | | | 230 | 17,0 | 1,67 |
| | | | | | | 0 | 13,0 | 1,28 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Mæling B: | 7 | | | | | | | |
| Loftmagn | 2,90806 | m ³ | 3432,98 | 3435,978 | Meðaltal B | 16,64 | 1,63 | 18,36 |
| | 2,775 | Nm ³ | | | | | | |
| Tími | 64 | mín | Hittni | | Staðs.í rás | Straumþrýstingur | | Lofthraði |
| Flæði | 2,60 | Nm ³ /klst | | 1,03 | | mm vatn | mbör | m/s |
| Ryk í síu | 0,0034 | g | | | | 13 | 13,0 | 1,28 |
| Ryk í lofti | 1,23 | mg/Nm ³ | | | | 45 | 15,5 | 1,52 |
| Ryk í útbl. | 1,99 | kg/klst | | | | 77 | 16,0 | 1,57 |
| | | | | | | 115 | 17,0 | 1,67 |
| | | | | | | 160 | 18,0 | 1,77 |
| Mæling N: | 8 | | | | | 230 | 20,0 | 1,96 |
| Loftmagn | 2,83434 | m ³ | 3435,978 | 3438,9 | | 0 | 18,0 | 1,77 |
| | 2,705 | Nm ³ | | | | | | 19,11 |
| Tími | 66 | mín | Hittni | | Meðaltal C | 16,79 | 1,65 | 18,42 |
| Flæði | 2,46 | Nm ³ /klst | | 0,97 | | | | |
| Ryk í síu | 0,0085 | g | | | | | | |
| Ryk í lofti | 3,14 | mg/Nm ³ | | | Staðs.í rás | Straumþrýstingur | | Lofthraði |
| Ryk í útbl. | 5,11 | kg/klst | | | | mm vatn | mbör | m/s |
| | | | | | | 13 | 15,5 | 1,52 |
| | | | | | | 45 | 16,0 | 1,57 |
| Mæling T: | 9 | | | | | 77 | 17,5 | 1,72 |
| Loftmagn | 2,79069 | m ³ | 3438,9 | 3441,777 | | 115 | 18,5 | 1,81 |
| | 2,663 | Nm ³ | | | | 160 | 18,0 | 1,77 |
| Tími | 65 | mín | Hittni | | | 230 | 17,0 | 1,67 |
| Flæði | 2,46 | Nm ³ /klst | | 0,97 | | | | 18,58 |
| Ryk í síu | 0,0081 | g | | | | | | |
| Ryk í lofti | 3,04 | mg/Nm ³ | | | | | | |
| Ryk í útbl. | 4,95 | kg/klst | | | Meðaltal D | 17,08 | 1,68 | 18,61 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Mæling S: | 10 | | | | Vatnsinnih. | Loftmagn | Rúmmáls% | g/kg, g/Nm: |
| Loftmagn | 2,91776 | m ³ | 3441,777 | 3444,785 | 57,9 | 10,93 | 0,66 | 4,11 |
| | 2,784 | Nm ³ | | | | | | 5,30 |
| Tími | 64 | mín | Hittni | | | | | |
| Flæði | 2,61 | Nm ³ /klst | | 1,03 | | | | |
| Ryk í síu | 0,0009 | g | | | | | | |
| Ryk í lofti | 0,32 | mg/Nm ³ | | | | | | |
| Ryk í útbl. | 0,53 | kg/klst | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Meðaltal | 1,91 | mg/Nm ³ | | | | | | |
| | 3,11 | kg/klst | | | | | | |

| Alcoa-Fjarðaál | | | 19.-20.9.12 | | Austari útblástursleggur A | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|------------|----------------------------|------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--|-----------|--|
| Lofthraða- og rykmæling | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Þvermál rás | | Staðs.í rás | | Straumþrýstingur | | Lofthraði | |
| Þrýst.umhv. | | | | | mm vatn | mbör | | | | | | |
| 1015 | mbör | 30,9 | cm | cm | 13 | 12,5 | 1,23 | 15,84 | | | | |
| 1020 | mbör | | 640 | | 45 | 14,5 | 1,42 | 17,06 | | | | |
| | | | | | 77 | 16,5 | 1,62 | 18,19 | | | | |
| 290 | °K | | | | 115 | 18,0 | 1,77 | 19,00 | | | | |
| 363 | °K | 90 | | | 160 | 18,0 | 1,77 | 19,00 | | | | |
| | | | | | 230 | 19,0 | 1,86 | 19,52 | | | | |
| 6,4 | m | | | | 0 | 18,0 | 1,77 | 19,00 | | | | |
| 17,80 | m/s | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2061949 | m ³ /klst | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1561438 | Nm ³ /klst | | | | Meðaltal A | | 16,64 | 1,63 | 18,23 | | | |
| 1552370 | Nm ³ /klst | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Æskil.straummassi | | | | | Staðs.í rás | | Straumþrýstingur | | Lofthraði | | | |
| í mælíbún. | | | Hlutf.flæðim. | | mm vatn | mbör | | | | | | |
| 2,44 | Nm ³ /klst | | | | 13 | 11,5 | 1,13 | 15,19 | | | | |
| 2,53 | m ³ /klst | | 97 | | 45 | 13,5 | 1,32 | 16,46 | | | | |
| 2,43 | m ³ /klst | | 94 | | 77 | 16,5 | 1,62 | 18,19 | | | | |
| 8 | mm | | | | 115 | 17,5 | 1,72 | 18,74 | | | | |
| 285 | °K | 12 | | | 160 | 17,5 | 1,72 | 18,74 | | | | |
| | | | Bl.vigt | Kvst.gasm. | 230 | 18,5 | 1,81 | 19,26 | | | | |
| | | | | 0,97 | 0 | 14,0 | 1,37 | 16,76 | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | 0 | 13,0 | 1,28 | 16,15 | | | | |
| 2,87993 | m ³ | 3424,129 | 3427,098 | Meðaltal B | 15,25 | 1,50 | 17,44 | | | | | |
| 2,758 | Nm ³ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tími | | | Hittni | | Staðs.í rás | | Straumþrýstingur | | Lofthraði | | | |
| 65 | mín | | | | mm vatn | mbör | | | | | | |
| 2,55 | Nm ³ /klst | 1,05 | | | 13 | 13,0 | 1,28 | 16,15 | | | | |
| 0,0009 | g | | | | 45 | 13,0 | 1,28 | 16,15 | | | | |
| 0,33 | mg/Nm ³ | | | | 77 | 15,5 | 1,52 | 17,63 | | | | |
| 0,51 | kg/klst | | | | 115 | 18,0 | 1,77 | 19,00 | | | | |
| | | | | | 160 | 17,0 | 1,67 | 18,47 | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | 230 | 16,5 | 1,62 | 18,19 | | | | |
| 2,83822 | m ³ | 3427,098 | 3430,024 | | 0 | 17,0 | 1,67 | 18,47 | | | | |
| 2,718 | Nm ³ | | | | 0 | 17,0 | 1,67 | 18,47 | | | | |
| 64 | mín | | | | 0 | 16,0 | 1,57 | 17,92 | | | | |
| 2,55 | Nm ³ /klst | 1,04 | | | Meðaltal C | | 15,75 | 1,55 | 17,75 | | | |
| 0,0005 | g | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0,18 | mg/Nm ³ | | | | Staðs.í rás | | Straumþrýstingur | | Lofthraði | | | |
| 0,29 | kg/klst | | | | mm vatn | mbör | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mæling T: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | m ³ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0,000 | Nm ³ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tími | | | Hittni | | | | | | | | | |
| #DIV/0! | Nm ³ /klst | #DIV/0! | | | | | | | | | | |
| | g | | | | | | | | | | | |
| #DIV/0! | mg/Nm ³ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| #DIV/0! | kg/klst | | | | Meðaltal D | | #DIV/0! | #DIV/0! | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mæling B: | | | | | Vatnsinnih. | | Loftmagn | Rúm máls% | g/kg, g/Nm ³ | | | |
| 2,83822 | m ³ | 3430,024 | 3432,95 | 38,1 | 8,19 | 0,58 | 3,60 | | | | | |
| 2,718 | Nm ³ | | | | | | 4,65 | | | | | |
| Tími | | | Hittni | | | | | | | | | |
| 63 | mín | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2,59 | Nm ³ /klst | 1,06 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0,0000 | g | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0,00 | mg/Nm ³ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0,00 | kg/klst | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Meðaltal | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0,17 | mg/Nm ³ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0,27 | kg/klst | | | | | | | | | | | |