

# Proposed Amended Rule 1153.1

## Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Commercial Food Ovens

**Working Group Meeting #3  
July 27, 2022**

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# Agenda

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Baseline Emissions

BARCT Assessment

Technology Demonstration and Emerging  
Technology

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# Summary of Working Group Meeting #2

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- Working Group Meeting #2 held on June 8, 2022
- Staff presented:
  - Background on Rule 1153.1
  - Overview of BARCT Assessment and Cost-Effectiveness
  - First three steps of BARCT Technology Assessment
    - Current South Coast AQMD requirements
    - Emission Limits of Existing Units
    - Other Regulatory Requirements
- Stakeholders provided comments

# Follow-Up to Stakeholder Comments

## Comments From Last Working Group Meeting

- Three key comments received during last working group meeting:

### **Comment #1:**

Provide further details on the source test results staff presented

### **Comment #2:**

Consider the additional cost for thermal oxidizers or afterburners required downstream of bakery ovens to control VOCs

### **Comment #3:**

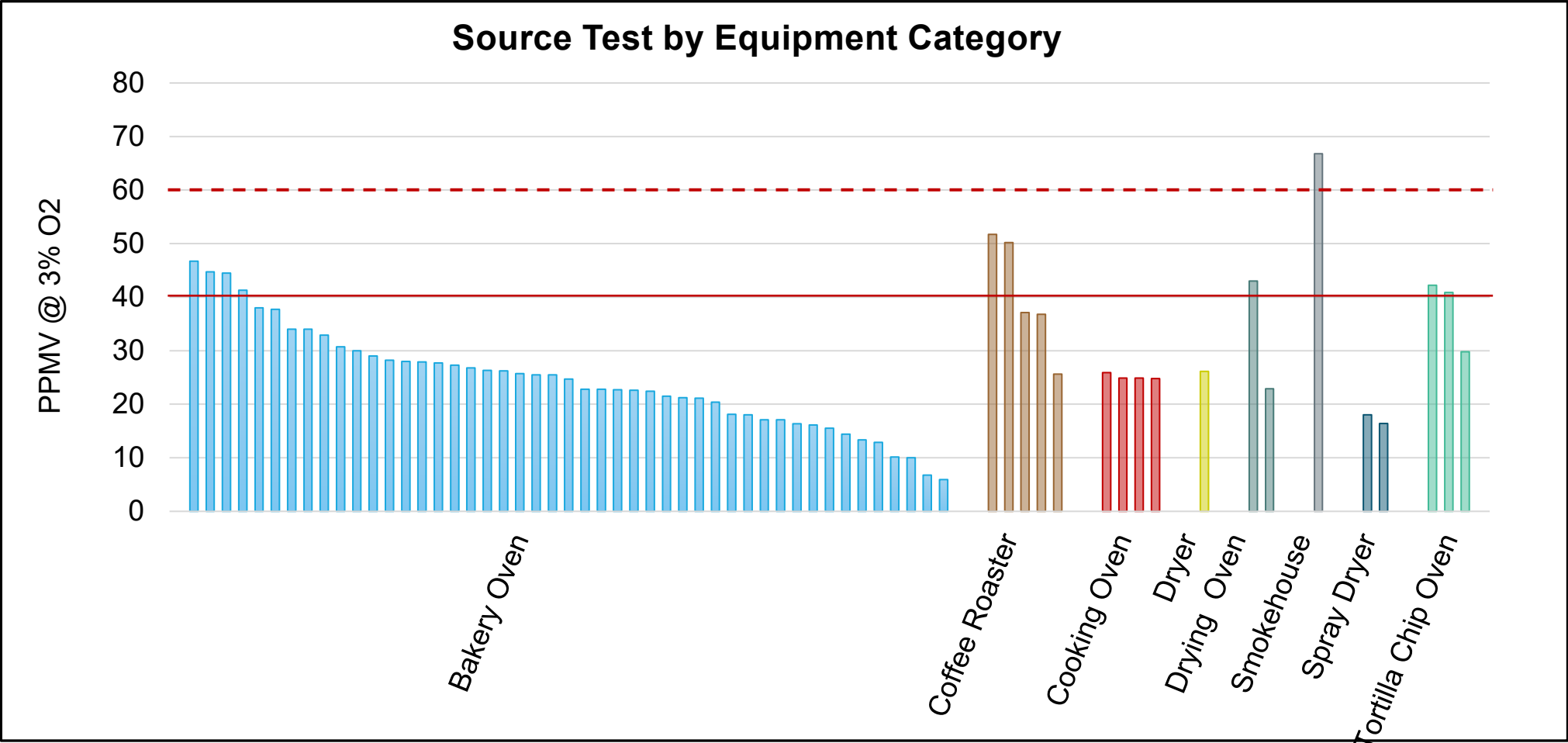
Consider Rondo Energy heat battery system technology for commercial food ovens

# Source Test Results

- Stakeholder requested additional information on the source test results presented
  - Number of units source tested
  - If the source test results were from new units installed at BACT
- Revised table includes requested information

Equipment Type	Permit Limit (<500 °F)	Source Test	Permit Limit (≥500 °F)	Source Test	Number of Units Source Tested	Number of Units at BACT
	(ppmv at 3% O <sub>2</sub> , dry)					
Food Ovens	30 to 60	5 to 46	25 to 60	17 to 44	54	10
Dryers	30 to 40	19 to 28	N/A	N/A	4	0
Roasters	30	13 to 37	60	49 to 52	5	1
Smokehouses	30 to 102**	15 to 67	N/A	N/A	5	0

# NOx Emissions by Equipment Type



# Thermal Oxidizers/Afterburners

## Comment

- Facilities may have to replace thermal oxidizers to comply with Rule 1147, staff should consider those costs
- Thermal oxidizers or afterburners used to control VOCs add NOx emissions causing compliance challenges

## Staff Response

- Cost effectiveness assessment for thermal oxidizers or afterburners to achieve NOx limits were evaluated during the Rule 1147 amendment
- Paragraph (d)(7) establishes compliance options for facilities with multiple food ovens with a common exhaust
  - Test each unit separately to demonstrate compliance
  - Test after the last unit of the series to demonstrate that all units meet
- Staff will consider expanding provision to allow same flexibility for thermal oxidizer or afterburner with a common exhaust



# Rondo Energy Heat Battery

## Comment

- Staff should look at Rondo Energy's heat battery system as an alternative heat source for food ovens
- Potentially replace the need for natural gas
- Zero emission technology can provide clean heat energy when combined with renewable energy sources

## Staff Response

- Staff met with Rondo Energy to discuss the technology on July 12<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the technology and the potential for technology transfer to commercial ovens
- Discussion on technology will be discussed in later slides regarding emerging technology

# Baseline Emissions

# Revised Baseline Emissions

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- Staff will rely on 2019 emissions as the baseline
  - Most representative
- Total of 97 permitted facilities
  - 6 RECLAIM
  - 91 non-RECLAIM
- RECLAIM Universe: 6 facilities, 1 facility uses steam boiler subject to Rule 1146 as heat source
  - Working Group Meeting #1, NOx emissions included emissions for all units at the facilities, not just Rule 1153.1 units (e.g., units subject to 1146 and 1147)
  - Revised baseline: 0.028 tpd

# Non- RECLAIM Emissions

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- Non-RECLAIM universe:
  - 91 facilities, including those exempt due to low-emitting exemption
  - Only have emissions for 9 facilities that are required to submit AER
    - Total of 0.047 tpd NOx emission
- Staff made some assumption to estimate emissions for other 82 facilities based on:
  - Equipment type
  - Operational days per week (average)
  - Burner size
    - Compared to facilities equipment category with similar sized burners and emissions data
    - Averaged the emissions for similar equipment to estimate lbs/day

# Emissions Baseline Estimate

## Non-RECLAIM Facility 2019 Emission Estimates

Equipment	Burner Size (MMBtu/hr)	Number of Facilities*	Operational Days per Week	NOx Emissions Assumption (lbs/day)	NOx Emissions (tons/year)	NOx Emissions Estimate (tons/day)
<b>Roasters</b>	3 or less	38	5	0.9	4.4	0.012
<b>Dryers/Spray dryers</b>	3.2 or less	5	7	4.5	4.1	0.011
<b>Smokehouses/ Drying Ovens</b>	5 or less	4	7	4.5	3.3	0.009
<b>Baking &amp; Cooking Ovens</b>	7.2 or less	33	7	5.2	31.2	0.085
<b>Non-RECLAIM with AER</b>	9 Facilities					0.047
* One smokehouse oven is steam heated, did not include in emissions estimates					<b>RECLAIM</b>	0.028
					<b>Rule Total</b>	0.192

# Class and Category

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# Class and Category of Equipment

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Rule 1153.1 currently does not distinguish between types of food ovens

- Different types of ovens use different burners
  - Ribbon burners
  - Infrared burners (IR)
  - Combination Ribbon/IR
  - Traditional LNB (direct or indirect fired)
- Staff reviewed universe and is considering including different class and categories of ovens
  - Roasters
  - Smokehouses
  - Tortilla ovens
  - Bakery ovens
  - Cooking ovens

# BACT Guidelines for Food Ovens

- Best Available Retrofit Control Technologies (BACT) establishes guidelines based on type of burners used in commercial food ovens
- Staff reviewed facility permits and confirmed that burner type will vary based on equipment type or category
  - Burner type and cost will depend on food product being produced and equipment type
- For BARCT assessment, staff will consider separate equipment categories

<b>BACT NOx Limits ppmv at 3% O<sub>2</sub>, dry</b>		
<b>Subcategory</b>	<b>Process Temp. ≤500 °F</b>	<b>Process Temp. &gt;500 °F</b>
Ribbon Burner	30	60

<b>BACT NOx Limits ppmv @ 3% O<sub>2</sub>, dry</b>	
<b>Subcategory</b>	
Other Direct Fired Burners	30
Infrared Burners (IR)	30



# Bakery Ovens and Tortilla Ovens

- Conveyor type, continually take in food product for cooking
- Some ovens bake multiple products on same oven line
- Large tunnel ovens
- Tortilla ovens operate at  $>500^{\circ}\text{F}$
- Burner type used are ribbon, combination ribbon/infrared (IR)
- Burner type selection will vary based on product being cooked and operational characteristics
  - Large ovens can have up to 73 ribbon burners across the entire line
- Ovens are designed for a specific type of burner
- Cost of ribbon burners are more than traditional LNB used in other categories



# Dryers, Drying Ovens, and Cooking Ovens

- Dryers:
  - Spray dryers used to make food flavoring powders
  - Rotary and fluidized bed used in food and feed drying
  - Operate below 500°F
  - Some units use steam as heat source
    - Steam provided via boilers subjected to Rule 1146
- Drying Ovens:
  - Used to dry food products such as meats and baked products prior to frying
  - Operate below 500°F
- Cooking Ovens:
  - Used to cook meat products



# Smokehouses

## Smokehouses:

Batch operations, product put in and removed when complete

- Used to smoke and dry meat products
- Equipment in category are comprised of a smoke generator and oven
- Smoke generators used are electric and ovens are direct fired units with a single burner
  - Smoke ovens operates between 110 to 190 °F
- All units in category can either be indirect or direct fired units with one or two burners
- LNB is feasible control and commercially available



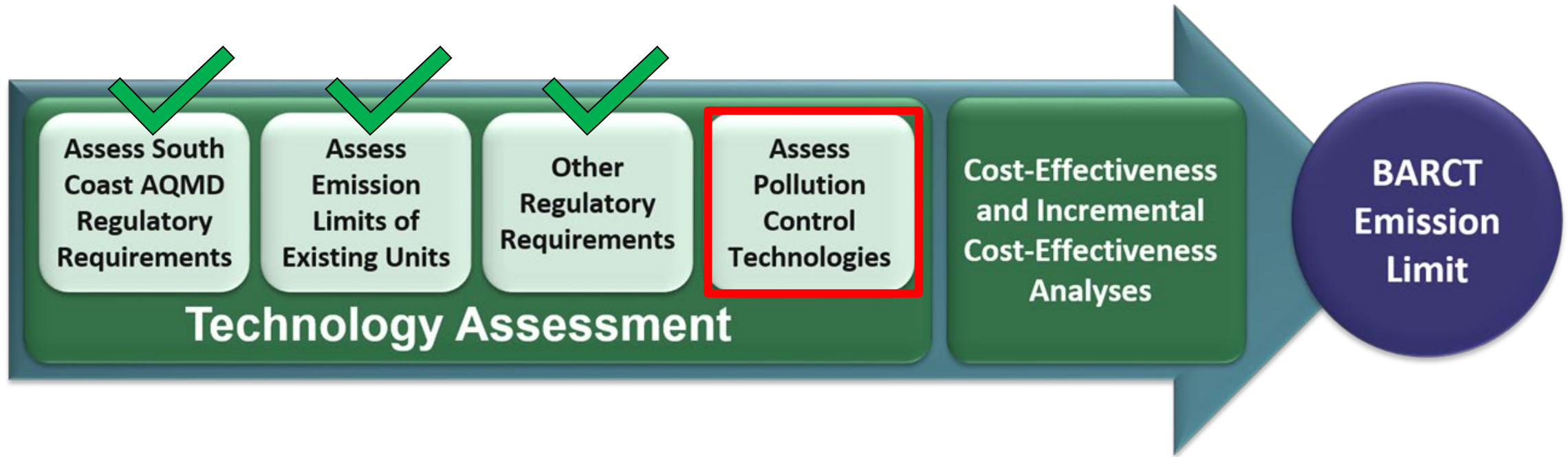
# Roasters

- Batch operations
- Used in coffee and nut roasting operations
- Most are indirect-fired units with one or two LNB burners
- Most have a permit limit of 30 or 40 ppm
  - Some older units have a 60 ppm permit limit
- All roasters are located at non-RECLAIM facilities
- Most units emit less than one pound per day and are exempt
- Traditional LNB is feasible option and is commercially available



# **BARCT Assessment Continued**

# Assessment of Pollution Control Technologies



# Assessment of Pollution Control Technologies

## Objective:

Identify and evaluate control technologies, approaches, and potential emission reductions

- Staff will consider:
  - Commercially available NO<sub>x</sub> control technologies
    - Combustion control (e.g., low NO<sub>x</sub> burners)
    - Post-combustion control (add-on controls)
  - Burner retrofit
  - Unit replacement
  - Emerging Technology

# NOx Control Techniques



## Combustion Control

Minimizing NOx at the point of formation during the combustion Process utilizing Low NOx burners



## Post-Combustion Control

Treatment of flue gas by converting NOx to different form

- Each NOx control technique will have varying degree of reduction efficiency and associated cost



# Key NOx Control Technologies

Potential Control Technologies			
Control Type	Key Features	Considerations	Initial Conclusions
<b>LoTOx™ w/Wet Gas Scrubber</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low operating temperature</li> <li>• Multi-pollutant control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires wastewater treatment</li> <li>• Large space requirements</li> <li>• <b>High capital and operating costs</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not technically feasible due to space requirements</li> <li>• Not cost effective due to low emissions and high costs</li> </ul>
<b>Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High NOx removal</li> <li>• Requires high operating temperatures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large space requirements</li> <li>• Hazardous chemical storage</li> <li>• Waste disposal</li> <li>• <b>High capital and operating cost</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not technically feasible due to temperature and space requirements</li> <li>• Not cost effective due to low emissions and high costs</li> </ul>
<b>Low-NOx Burners (LNB)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low operating cost</li> <li>• Most ovens can be retrofit with low-NOx burners reducing overall costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can have complex designs</li> <li>• May need further fan capacity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most Feasible option</li> <li>• Several options and burner types available for various applications</li> </ul>

# Preliminary Conclusion on Technology Assessment

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- Post combustion control such as SCR require high flue gas temperatures which may require additional burners and equipment for proper operation
  - Not applicable to all units
  - Requires the use of hazardous chemicals at food manufacturer facilities
  - High capital and annual operating costs
- Combustion control technology such as low NOx burners are the most feasible option and applicable to most commercial food ovens
  - Burner control is commercially available from many manufacturers
- Staff will consider burner technology for the BARCT Assessment

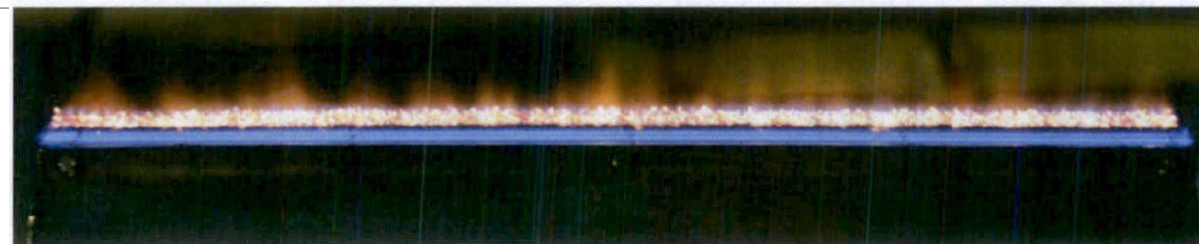
# Burner Control Technology for Food Ovens

- Food ovens are designed for a specific type of burner
- Most bakery and tortilla ovens use ribbon burners that can achieve NO<sub>x</sub> levels between 25 to 30 ppm
  - Modern ribbon burners along with control systems meet a 30 ppm NO<sub>x</sub> limit
  - Some units have replaced or upgraded to newer burner controls such as combination ribbon IR and currently meet a 30 ppm NO<sub>x</sub> limit
  - Cost for ribbon burners exceed that for traditional low-NO<sub>x</sub> burners
- Other types of food ovens and dryers use traditional low-NO<sub>x</sub> burners for air heating and/or infrared burners meet a NO<sub>x</sub> limit of 30 ppm
- Roasters are indirect-fired units that use traditional low-NO<sub>x</sub> burners that meet a 30 ppm limit

# Technology Demonstration and Emerging Technology

# Technology Demonstration

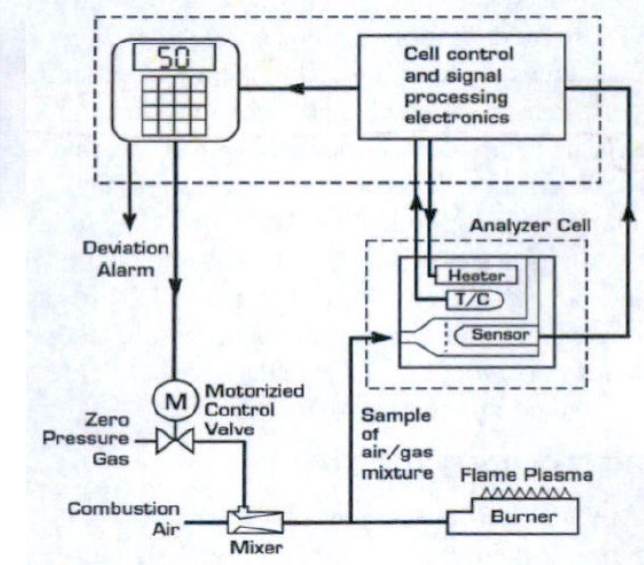
- South Coast AQMD, Gas Technology Institute, and Flynn Burners currently have a demonstration project at local commercial bakery
- Goal is 25% reduction in NOx emissions
  - Striving to achieve 30 ppm NOx
- The demonstration will utilize:
  - Combination infrared/ribbon burner arranged in five zones
  - Flame analyzers and advanced combustion flow controls
- Project was delayed due to COVID-19
  - Data collection will resume in August 2022
- Staff planning site visit to assess progress



Infrared-Ribbon Simultaneous Operation

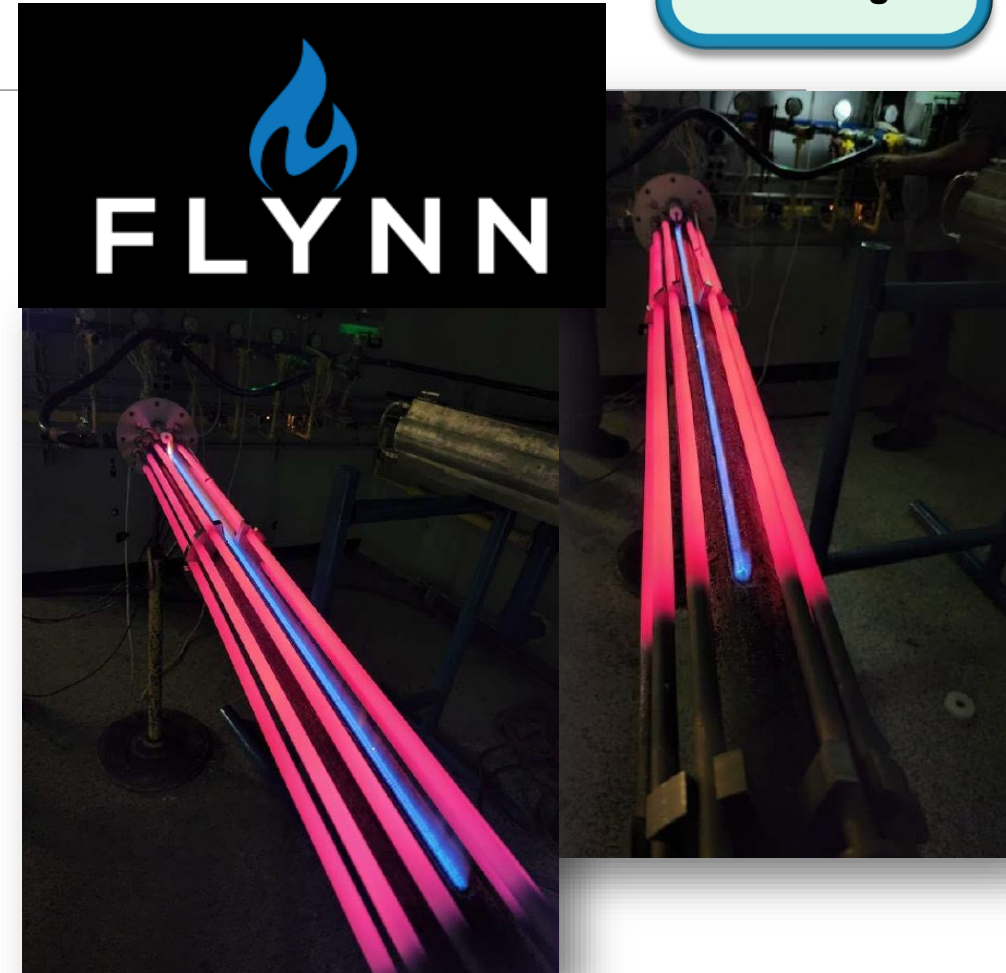


Ribbon Fire Only



# Emerging Technology: Hybrid Electric-Ribbon Burners

- Hybrid electric-ribbon burner technology currently being developed by Flynn Burners
- Uses gas burner and electric heating elements
  - Initially fired on gas, then switch to electric mode under normal baking or cooking operations
  - Near-zero or zero emission under normal operations
- Potential option for bakery ovens that use ribbon burners in baking process
- Requires increased electricity to operate



# Electric Bakery Ovens

- Electric tunnel oven technology currently available from AMF Den Boer
- Heat is generated by electrical elements directly above and under product line
- Retrofit option available where combustion burners are replaced with heating elements
  - Unit sits on top of oven
- Since there is no moisture from combustion gases, good option for: pizza, flatbreads, cookies, biscuits, and rusk
- Cost of additional electricity required is a challenge



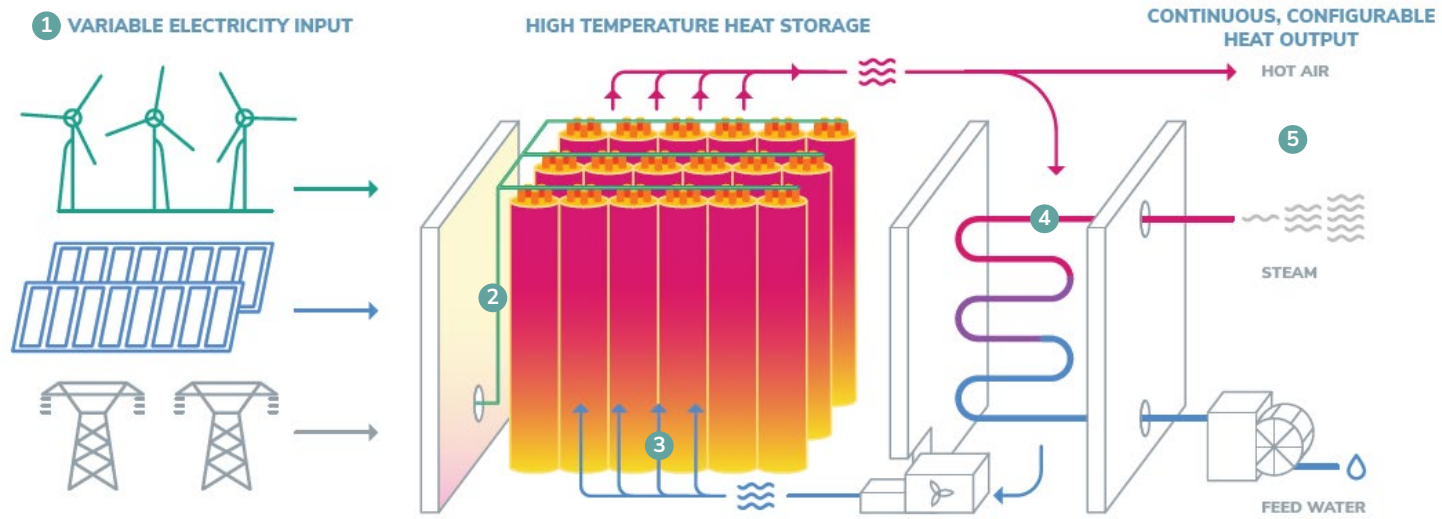
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## Rondo Heat Battery - HB100

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- 4 Air can be used to generate steam through a boiler package.
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RONDO HB100 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS	
Typical Daily Output <sub>th</sub>	160 MWh   545 MMBTU
Max. Charge Rate <sub>el</sub>	15-30 MW
Max. Discharge Rate <sub>th</sub>	10 MW   34 MMBTU/hour heat
Depth of Discharge	100%
Number of Cycles	Unlimited, 50 years
Round Trip Efficiency	> 98%
Typical Connections Electrical - 3 phase	4160V
Temperature Range	80°C - 1100°C (180°F - 2000°F)
Footprint	14 x 10 meters   46 x 30 feet



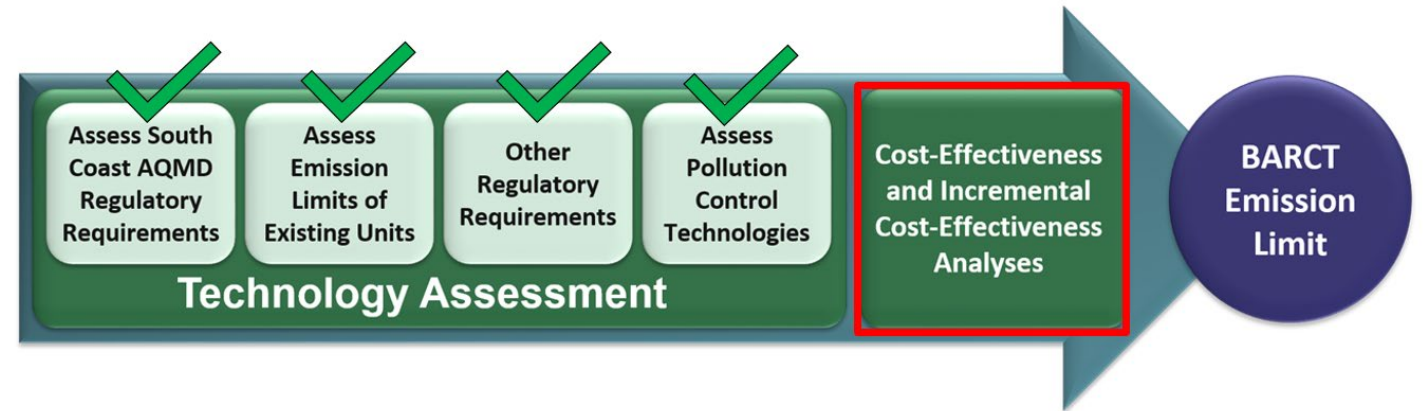
# Preliminary Conclusions on Pollution Control Technologies

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- Low-NOx burners can achieve NOx levels of 30 ppm
  - Bakery and tortilla ovens utilize ribbon style burners that are potentially more challenging and have higher cost ~ \$2 to 4.2 million per burner
  - Other equipment categories utilize traditional low-NOx burner have lower burner cost ~ \$5 to 10,000
- New food ovens can achieve 30 ppm
  - BACT determination
- Emerging technologies can achieve zero or near-zero

# Initial NOx BARCT Limit

- All units could achieve 30 ppm based on technology assessment
- Next meeting staff will conduct cost effectiveness of the initial BARCT NOx limit



## Initial BARCT NOx Limit:

- 30 ppm

# Next Steps



Continue Site Visits and Stakeholder Meetings



Continue Meeting with Technology Vendors



Cost-Effectiveness Analysis



Release Preliminary Draft Documents



Public Workshop 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022

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