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This document summarizes the CO2 capture ratio performance of the Quest facility for the reporting period.

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# 1. CO2 CAPTURE RATIO INTRODUCTION

This document provides the annual  $CO_2$  capture ratio performance of the Quest CCS facility. The  $CO_2$  capture ratio is defined as the percentage of  $CO_2$  in the three HMU raw hydrogen streams that is removed in the amine absorbers (V-24118, V-24218, and V-44118), separated in the  $CO_2$  stripper, compressed, and sent to the  $CO_2$  pipeline for injection. The typical  $CO_2$  content in the absorber feed gas (raw hydrogen stream) is between 16 and 18% by volume.

## 2. 2017 PERFORMANCE

The  $CO_2$  capture ratio data has been provided on a daily basis, and reported as the combined  $CO_2$  capture ratio for the three HMUs. The data for the reporting period was from January 1 through December 31, 2017. The average capture ratio for the reporting period was 82.6%. See Figure 1 below for the daily averaged data.



The data from Figure 1 shows that there were a few periods where performance on a daily basis was below the typical 80% capture ratio expected. The following events in 2017 contributed to these periods of reduced CO2 capture ratio performance:

• February 23-24, 2017: A Power surge in the Cogeneration unit lead to a trip of the Amine charge pumps in the Quest capture unit.

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- May 6-14 , 2017: Quest spring turnaround to complete a compressor inspection and exchanger cleaning.
- May 16, 2017: Quest compressor trip testing after implementing an MOC to rerate the C-24701 compressor from 12MPa to 13.58MPa.
- June 5-23, 2017: HMU3 trip resulting in reduced hydrogen production. Prolonged start up activities at reduced capture was required to prove unit reliability which resulted in reduced overall capture ratio's.
- July 23-24, 2017: HMU3 restart after unplanned shutdown.
- August 25, 2017: Follow up Quest C-24701 compressor pinion inspection and lube oil nozzle replacement.
- September 28-October 11, 2017: Reduced hydrogen demand at the Upgrader resulted in turndown conditions in the Upgrader HMUs. When the HMUs go into turndown, capture ratios are reduced due to a low fuel gas pressure constraint. This constraint is a result of removing large volumes of CO<sub>2</sub> from the PSA feed streams via the absorbers, resulting in lower tail gas volumetric flowrates, and hence less pressure in the fuel gas piping to the reformer burners. Hydrogen plants are equipped with low fuel gas pressure differential trips as part of the safety system, so a minimum fuel gas pressure is maintained for reliability.
- November 13-24, 2017: RHC3/4 valve packing leak resulting in reduced hydrogen demand.
- November 13, 2017: Loss of amine circulation due to amine charge pump trip on low suction pressure.
- December 9, 2017: Loss of amine circulation due to amine charge pump trip on low suction pressure.
- December 29-31, 2017: Capture ratio was reduced to allow CO2 back into the fuel gas system to increase fuel gas pressure and decrease the heating value. This was done to allow for better control of the firing system at low hydrogen production rates.

Overall, capture ratio performance was very strong for the year, sustaining ratios near 85% for the majority of the year outside of the periods listed above. This once again shows that the installed Quest technology/capacity is capable of strong, sustained CO<sub>2</sub> capture ratios with reliable performance and stable hydrogen demand.

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