

Appendix B: Best Available Techniques (BAT) Assessment

Environmental Permit Application for a Bespoke Installation at

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1. Introduction

This Best Available Techniques (BAT) assessment has been prepared in support of a bespoke installation environmental permit application on behalf of Spango Generation Limited "the Operator" for Avonmouth Gas Generation Plant at Land off Severn Road, Hallen, South Gloucestershire, BS10 7RZ "the Installation".

The Installation is carrying out an activity covered by Annex I of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED), "Combustion of fuels in installations with a total rated thermal input of 50 MW or more". Chapter II of the IED sets out that the Operator must demonstrate it is using the best available techniques (BAT) for any Annex I activity to obtain an environmental permit from the relevant authority.

The generators have a net rated thermal input of less than 15MWth so the Installation is not subject to Chapter III of the IED, "Large Combustion Plant". However, it is considered that the European Commission (2017) Best Available Techniques (BAT) Reference document for Large Combustion Plants (LCP BREF)¹ is the best guidance to use in assessing BAT for peaking plant. The techniques utilised by the Installation have therefore been assessed against the BAT conclusions within the LCP BREF in Section 2.

The EA produced a working draft document "BAT guidance for >50 MWth gas and liquid fuel combustion plant exporting electricity under commercial arrangements for <1500 hrs per annum" in August 2018. The plant has also been assessed against the criteria given within that document in Section 3.

2. LCP BREF BAT Conclusions

The compliance measures in place at the Installation for each of the relevant BAT conclusions of the LCP BREF are summarised in Table 1 for Section 10.1 "General BAT Conclusions", and Table 2 for Section 10.4.1 "BAT conclusions for the combustion of natural gas".

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¹ European Commission (2017) Best Available Techniques (BAT) Reference document for Large Combustion Plants https://eippcb.jrc.ec.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2019-11/JRC 107769 LCPBref 2017.pdf

² EA (August 2018) BAT guidance for >50 MWth gas and liquid fuel combustion plant exporting electricity under commercial arrangements for <1500 hrs per annum (Working draft v1.0) https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/permit-reviews-for-large-combustion-plant-lcp/supporting_documents/BAT%20for%20balancing%20plant%20guidance%20working%20draft%20ver%201.pdf



Table 1: General BAT Conclusions

BAT	BAT Conclusion	Compliance Measures	Status
Ref.			
2.1	Environmental Management Systems		
BAT 1	management system (EMS) that incorporates all of the following features: i. commitment of the management, including senior management; ii. definition, by the management, of an environmental policy that includes the continuous improvement of the environmental performance of the installation;	The Operator will develop an Environmental Management System (EMS) prior to commencement of operations that will be compliant with all relevant legislation.	Compliant
	vi. review, by senior management, of the EMS and its continuing suitability, adequacy and effectiveness;		



- vii. following the development of cleaner technologies;
- viii. consideration for the environmental impacts from the eventual decommissioning of the installation at the stage of designing a new plant, and throughout its operating life including;
 - a. avoiding underground structures
 - b. incorporating features that facilitate dismantling
 - c. choosing surface finishes that are easily decontaminated
 - d. using an equipment configuration that minimises trapped chemicals and facilitates drainage or cleaning
 - e. designing flexible, self-contained equipment that enables phased closure
 - f. using biodegradable and recyclable materials where possible;
- ix. application of sectoral benchmarking on a regular basis. Specifically for this sector, it is also important to consider the following features of the EMS, described where appropriate in the relevant BAT;
- x. quality assurance/quality control programmes to ensure that the characteristics of all fuels are fully determined and controlled (see BAT 9);
- xi. a management plan in order to reduce emissions to air and/or to water during other than normal operating conditions, including start-up and shutdown periods (see BAT 10 and BAT 11);
- xii. a waste management plan to ensure that waste is avoided, prepared for reuse, recycled or otherwise recovered, including the use of techniques given in BAT 16;
- xiii. a systematic method to identify and deal with potential uncontrolled and/or unplanned emissions to the environment, in particular:
 - a. emissions to soil and groundwater from the handling and storage of fuels, additives, by-products and wastes
 - b. emissions associated with self-heating and/or self-ignition of fuel in the storage and handling activities;
- xiv. a dust management plan to prevent or, where that is not practicable, to reduce diffuse emissions from loading, unloading, storage and/or handling of fuels, residues and additives;
- xv. a noise management plan where a noise nuisance at sensitive receptors is expected or sustained, including;
 - a. a protocol for conducting noise monitoring at the plant boundary
 - b. a noise reduction programme
 - c. a protocol for response to noise incidents containing appropriate actions and timelines
 - d. a review of historic noise incidents, corrective actions and dissemination of noise incident knowledge to the affected parties;



	plan including: a. a protocol for b. where necess emissions c. a protocol to d. a review of hi knowledge to	•	entify and eliminate or reduce the odour		
2.2	2. Monitoring				
BAT 2	energy efficiency of the gasific according to EN standards, aff affect the net electrical efficie	ot available, BAT is to use ISO, national or o	rrying out a performance test at full load, each modification that could significantly l/or the net mechanical energy efficiency of	The generators will be performance tested during the commissioning process in line with relevant standards to confirm the net electrical efficiency.	Compliant
BAT 3	BAT is to monitor key process	parameters relevant for emissions to air an	Emissions to air will be monitored periodically to MCERTS standards	Compliant	
	Stream	Parameter (s)	Monitoring	including the parameters flow,	
	Flue-gas	Flow	Periodic or continuous determination	oxygen content, temperature,	
		Oxygen content, temperature and pressure	Periodic or continuous determination	pressure and water vapour content.	
		Water vapour content (1)			
	Waste water from flue-gas treatment	Flow, pH, and temperature	Continuous measurement	There are no emissions to water.	
	(1) The continuous mea flue-gas is dried before	surement of the water vapour content of thore analysis.	ne flue-gas is not necessary if the sampled		



AT 4	BAT is to monitor emissions to air with at least the frequency given below and in accordance with EN standards. If EN standards are not available, BAT is to use ISO, national or other international standards that ensure the provision of data of an equivalent scientific quality.						Each generator has a net rated thermal input of > 1MWth and < 50MWth individually so are subject	Compliant
	Substance/ Parameter	Fuel/Process/Type of combustion plant	Combustion Standard (s) thermal input	Standard (s)	d Minimum monitoring frequency	Monitoring associated with	to the Medium Combustion Plant Directive (MCPD) monitoring requirements.	
	NOx	Natural-gas-fired boilers, engines, and turbines	All sizes	Generic EN Standards	Continuous (1) (2)	BAT 42 BAT 43	Air emissions for NOx and CO will be monitored periodically using	
	СО	Natural-gas-fired boilers, engines, and turbines		Generic EN Standards	Continuous (1) (2)	BAT 49 BAT 56	MCERTS methodology to the following standards: • NOx: BS EN 14792	
	CH4	Natural-gas-fired boilers, engines, and turbines	All sizes	EN ISO 25139	Once every year	BAT 45	• CO: BS EN 15058	
	 (1) In the case of plants with a rated thermal input of < 100 MW operated < 1 500 h/yr, the minimum monitoring frequency may be at least once every six months. For gas turbines, periodic monitoring is carried out with a combustion plant load of > 70 %. (2) In the case of natural-gas-fired turbines with a rated thermal input of < 100 MW operated < 1 500 h/yr, or in the case of existing OCGTs, PEMS may be used instead. 							
T 5	BAT is to monitor emissions to water from flue-gas treatment with at least the frequency given in the table and in accordance with EN standards. If EN standards are not available, BAT is to use ISO, national or other international standards that ensure the provision of data of an equivalent scientific quality.					No flue gas treatment will be used in the generators so there will be no emissions to water that would require monitoring.	N/A	
2.3	. Genera	l Environmental a	nd Combusti	on Perform	nance			
Т 6	CO and unbur	In order to improve the general environmental performance of combustion plants and to reduce emissions to air of CO and unburnt substances, BAT is to ensure optimised combustion and to use an appropriate combination of the techniques given below:						
	Technique	Description		Ap	pplicability		-	



а	Fuel blending and mixing	Ensure stable combustion conditions and/or reduce the emission of pollutants by mixing	Generally applicable	As natural gas is fuelled directly from the National Transmission	N/A
		different qualities of the same fuel type		System, there will be no fuel blending or mixing on site.	
b	Maintenance of the combustion system	Regular planned maintenance according to suppliers' recommendations		The Operator will ensure all equipment is kept maintained in line with suppliers recommendations.	Compliant
С	Advanced control system	The use of a computer-based automatic system to control the combustion efficiency and support the prevention and/or reduction of emissions. This also includes the use of high-performance monitoring.	The applicability to old combustion plants may be constrained by the need to retrofit the combustion system and/or control command system	The Operator will use a computer- based control system to ensure combustion efficiency.	Compliant
d	Good design of the combustion equipment	Good design of furnace, combustion chambers, burners and associated devices	Generally applicable to new combustion plants	All design of all plant and equipment installed on site is considered to be the most appropriate for it's intended operations.	Compliant
е	Fuel choice	Select or switch totally or partially to another fuel(s) with a better environmental profile (e.g. with low sulphur and/or mercury content) amongst the available fuels, including in start-up situations or when back-up fuels are used	Applicable within the constraints associated with the availability of suitable types of fuel with a better environmental profile as a whole, which may be impacted by the energy policy of the Member State, or by the integrated site's fuel balance in the case of combustion of industrial process fuels. For existing combustion plants, the type of fuel chosen may be limited by the configuration and the design of the plant	Although non-renewable, natural gas is considered to be a low carbon fuel choice and the cleanest for combustion.	Compliant



BAT 7		duce emissions of ammonia to air from the use of selective catalytic reduction (SCR) and/or selective	There will be no SCR fitted as the	N/A
	•	reduction (SNCR) for the abatement of NOX emissions, BAT is to optimise the design and/or operation	generators achieve the BAT	
	the reagent d	SNCR (e.g. optimised reagent to NOX ratio, homogeneous reagent distribution and optimum size of	Emission Limit Values (ELVs) by using lean burn technology as a	
	the reagent u	iops).	primary abatement measure.	
BAT 8	In order to pre	event or reduce emissions to air during normal operating conditions, BAT is to ensure, by appropriate	The Operator will ensure the lean	Compliant
	•	tion and maintenance, that the emission abatement systems are used at optimal capacity and	burn technology is kept well	
	availability.	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,	maintained to ensure optimal	
	,		capacity and availability.	
BAT 9	In order to im	prove the general environmental performance of combustion and/or gasification plants and to reduce	Natural gas to fuel the plant will	N/A
	emissions to a	ir, BAT is to include the following elements in the quality assurance/quality control programmes for all	come from the National	
	the fuels used	l, as part of the environmental management system (see BAT 1):	Transmission Network via a	
	i. In	itial full characterisation of the fuel used including at least the parameters listed below and in	regulated transporter.	
		ccordance with EN standards. ISO, national or other international standards may be used provided		
		ney ensure the provision of data of an equivalent scientific quality;		
		egular testing of the fuel quality to check that it is consistent with the initial characterisation and		
		ccording to the plant design specifications. The frequency of testing and the parameters chosen from		
		ne table below are based on the variability of the fuel and an assessment of the relevance of pollutant		
		eleases (e.g. concentration in fuel, flue-gas treatment employed);		
		ubsequent adjustment of the plant settings as and when needed and practicable (e.g. integration of		
	th	ne fuel characterisation and control in the advanced control system (see description in Section 10.8.1)).		
	Initial charact	erisation and regular testing of the fuel can be performed by the operator and/or the fuel supplier. If		
		the supplier, the full results are provided to the operator in the form of a product (fuel) supplier		
	specification a	and/or guarantee.		
	Fuel	Substances/Parameters subject to characterisation		
	Natural gas	• LHV		
		• CH4, C2H6, C3, C4+, CO2, N2, Wobbe index		
BAT 10	In order to red	duce emissions to air and/or to water during other than normal operating conditions (OTNOC), BAT is	Prior to the commencement of the	Compliant
	to set up and	implement a management plan as part of the environmental management system (see BAT 1),	plant, a management plan in	
	commensurat	e with the relevance of potential pollutant releases, that includes the following elements:	relation to OTNOC will be	
			developed which captures the	



		 emissions to air, very shutdown loads for set-up and implement review and record corrective actions periodic assessment 	water and/or soil (e.g. low-load design co or stable generation in gas turbines); mentation of a specific preventive mainte ding of emissions caused by OTNOC and a s if necessary;	associated circumstances and implementation of C (e.g. frequency of events, duration, emissions	design elements relevant to OTNOC, a preventative maintenance plan and recording and assessment programme.	
BAT 11	BAT	T is to appropriately m	Emissions will be sampled appropriately during the unlikely event of an OTNOC.	Compliant		
2.4	·. [Energy Efficienc	У			
BAT 12			nergy efficiency of combustion, gasificati nbination of the techniques given in the t	on and/or IGCC units operated ≥ 1 500 h/yr, BAT is table.	The plant is intended to operate for < 1,500 hours per year.	N/A
2.5	5. \	Water Usage an	d Emissions to Water			
BAT 13		order to reduce water of the techniques given be	usage and the volume of contaminated welow.	There will be a negligible amount of water used on site as operational purposes would be	Compliant	
	Te	chnique	Description	Applicability	limited to replacement of water	
	а	Water recycling	Residual aqueous streams, including runoff water, from the plant are reused for other purposes. The degree of recycling is limited by the quality requirements of the recipient water stream and the water balance of the plant	Not applicable to waste water from cooling systems when water treatment chemicals and/or high concentrations of salts from seawater are present	within the cooling system and welfare facilities. All efforts will be made by the Operator to reduce and recycle water where it is reasonably practicable.	
	b	Dry bottom ash handling	Dry, hot bottom ash falls from the furnace onto a mechanical conveyor system and is cooled	Only applicable to plants combusting solid fuels. There may be technical restrictions that		



		down by ambient air. No water is used in the process.	prevent retrofitting to existing combustion plants		
BAT 14	· ·	the contamination of uncontaminated waste	The waste water streams on site would be limited to surface water and sewage as there are no processes that produce waste water. Sewage will be handled by a dedicated system and run off will be handled by the surface water drainage system.	Compliant	
BAT 15		missions to water from flue-gas treatment, BA use secondary techniques as close as possible t	· · ·	Flue-gas treatment will not be carried out on site.	N/A
2.6	. Waste Mana	agement			
BAT 16				There will be a negligible amount of waste produced during normal operations. Waste will be managed using the waste hierarchy and disposed of by appropriately licensed facilities.	Compliant
	. Noise Emiss				
BAT 17	In order to reduce n Technique	oise emissions, BAT is to use one or a combination	ation of the techniques given below. Applicability	Noise generating equipment will be housed in appropriately attenuated	Compliant
	a Operational measures	These include: • improved inspection and maintenan equipment • closing of doors and windows of end if possible	Generally applicable nce of	enclosures or buildings to minimise the amount of noise being released. A noise impact assessment is included within Appendix G and	



b	Low-noise equipment	 equipment operated by experienced staff avoidance of noisy activities at night, if possible provisions for noise control during maintenance activities This potentially includes compressors, pumps and disks 	Generally applicable when the equipment is new or replaced	concludes the Installation is unlikely to result in an adverse impact on the nearest residential receptors (which are over 650m away), or the neighbouring industrial estate.
С	Noise attenuation	Noise propagation can be reduced by inserting obstacles between the emitter and the receiver. Appropriate obstacles include protection walls, embankments and buildings	Generally applicable to new plants. In the case of existing plants, the insertion of obstacles may be restricted by lack of space	
d	Noise-control equipment	This includes: noise-reducers equipment insulation enclosure of noisy equipment soundproofing of buildings	The applicability may be restricted by lack of space	
е	Appropriate location of equipment and buildings	Noise levels can be reduced by increasing the distance between the emitter and the receiver and by using buildings as noise screens	Generally applicable to new plants. In the case of existing plants, the relocation of equipment and production units may be restricted by lack of space or by excessive costs	



Table 2: BAT conclusions for the combustion of natural gas

BAT Ref.	BAT Conclusion		Compliance Measures	Status	
2.8	. Energy Efficien	су			
BAT 40	In order to increase the	energy efficiency of natural gas combustion, BAT is to use an ag	propriate combination of	The Installation is planned to	N/A but
	the techniques given in E			operate for less than 1,500 hours	Compliant
	Type of combustion uni			and produce NOx levels of	
		Net electrical efficiency (%)		95mg/Nm3, which are much lower	
		New unit		than 190mg/Nm3. Furthermore,	
	Gas engine	39.5-44 ⁽²⁾	the generators have a nameplate		
		not apply to units operated < 1 500 h/yr.	efficiency of 45.3% which is above		
	(2) These levels may be than 190 mg/Nm3	difficult to achieve in the case of engines tuned in order to rea	the threshold listed in the table.		
2.9 BAT 41	In order to prevent or re-	OC and CH ₄ Emissions to Air	in boilers, BAT is to use one	There are no boilers on site.	N/A
DAT 42		techniques given in the table.	in and touching a DAT in to use	There are no section in a section	NI/A
BAT 42	•	duce NOX emissions to air from the combustion of natural gas the techniques given in the table.	in gas turbines, BAT is to use	There are no gas turbines on site.	N/A
BAT 43	In order to prevent or reor a combination of the t	duce NOX emissions to air from the combustion of natural gas	NOx emissions will be minimised by design.	Compliant	
	Technique	Description	Applicability	_ ====================================	
	a Advanced control system	The use of a computer-based automatic system to control the combustion efficiency and support the prevention and/or reduction of emissions. This also includes the use of high-performance monitoring.	The applicability to old combustion plants may be constrained by the need to retrofit the combustion	The design of the plant incorporates an automated process control system to maintain combustion efficiency, minimising	Compliant



		This technique is often used in combination with other techniques or may be used alone for combustion plants operated < 500 h/yr	system and/or control command system		
b	Lean-burn concept	The control of the peak flame temperature through leanburn conditions is the primary combustion approach to limiting NOX formation in gas engines. Lean combustion decreases the fuel to air ratio in the zones where NOX is generated so that the peak flame temperature is less than the stoichiometric adiabatic flame temperature, therefore reducing thermal NOX formation. The optimisation of this concept is called the 'advanced lean-burn concept' Generally used in combination with SCR	Only applicable to new gas- fired engines	No SCR fitted	N/A
С	Advanced lean-burn concept	The control of the peak flame temperature through leanburn conditions is the primary combustion approach to limiting NOX formation in gas engines. Lean combustion decreases the fuel to air ratio in the zones where NOX is generated so that the peak flame temperature is less than the stoichiometric adiabatic flame temperature, therefore reducing thermal NOX formation. The optimisation of this concept is called the 'advanced lean-burn concept'	Only applicable to new spark plug ignited engines	Using the advanced lean burn concept, the generators will meet the relevant ELV for NOx, 95mg/Nm³ (15% O₂), set by the MCPD.	Compliar
d	Selective catalytic reduction (SCR)	Selective reduction of nitrogen oxides with ammonia or urea in the presence of a catalyst. The technique is based on the reduction of NOX to nitrogen in a catalytic bed by reaction with ammonia (in general aqueous solution) at an optimum operating temperature of around 300–450 °C. Several layers of catalyst may be applied. A higher NOX reduction is achieved with the use of several catalyst layers. The technique design can be modular, and special catalysts and/or preheating can be used to cope with low loads or with a wide flue-gas temperature window. 'Induct' or 'slip' SCR is a technique that combines SNCR with downstream SCR which reduces the ammonia slip from the	Retrofitting existing combustion plants may be constrained by the availability of sufficient space. Not applicable to combustion plants operated < 500 h/yr. There may be technical and economic restrictions for retrofitting existing combustion plants operated between 500 h/yr	No SCR fitted as the primary abatement measures are considered BAT for the proposed operational profile of the plant to provide balancing services for less than 1,500 hours per year.	N/A



BAT 44	In order to prevent or reduce combustion and/or to use oxide	The combustion of the plant will be optimised to ensure efficiency and minimise the levels of CO emissions.	Compliant		
	BAT-associated emission level and engines	s (BAT-AELs) for NOX emissions	As the generator units are less than 15MWth individually, they are exempt from achieving the ELVs set	N/A	
	Type of combustion plant	BAT-AELs (mg/Nm³)			by the LCP BREF. As the units are
		Yearly average (1)	Daily average or average over the sampling period	larger than 1MWth but smaller than 50MWth, they need to meet	
		New plant	New plant	the ELVs set by the MCPD instead,	
	Engine (2)	20-75	55-85	which is 95mg/Nm ³ for NOx.	
	levels of CO emission table.	ioning of an existing technique as at the higher end of the indice apply to spark-ignited and dua			
	As an indication, the yearly av operated ≥ 1 500 h/yr and for	erage CO emission levels will gonew engines.			
BAT 45		ne volatile organic compounds park-ignited leanburn gas engi	The combustion of the plant will be optimised to ensure efficiency and minimise the levels of NMVOC and CH ₄ emissions.	Compliant	



3. EA Working Draft BAT Requirements

Table 3 gives a summary of the compliance measures in place at the Installation in line with the BAT requirements listed in the EA's working draft document, "BAT guidance for >50 MWth gas and liquid fuel combustion plant exporting electricity under commercial arrangements for <1500 hrs per annum".

Table 3: EA Working Draft BAT Requirements

BAT Requiren	nents	Compliance Measures	Status			
3.1. Plan	nt Operational Cons	traints (Table 1)				
Performance			Constraints		NOx emissions achieved by	Compliant
Category	NOx emissions compared to 500mg/Nm³ (dry, 15% O ₂) threshold	Nameplate efficiency compared to threshold value in Table 2	ELV	Maximum period of commercial generation per annum (hours)	primary abatement measures (advanced lean burn technology) are 95mg/Nm³ (15% O2).	
Α	Below	Above	IED/LCP BREF limits for 500- 1500 plant	1500		
В	Below	Above	None	500		
С	Below	Below	None	100-500		
D	Above	Any	None	100		
	nt Efficiency (Table 2	2)	1			
Plant technology and fuel			Efficiency threshold (%)		Nameplate electrical	Compliant
			New plant ¹		efficiency of the Jenbacher	
Engine & gas fuel			35.6		JMS 624 GS-N.L. generators	
• • •	is based on nameplate value lant which is the BREF value		I LCP BREF. low is 1	1% point below BREF value except	is 45.3%.	



4. Conclusion

This report has summarised the techniques utilised at the Installation against each of the applicable published BAT standards from the LCP BREF and the EA's working draft "BAT guidance for >50 MWth gas and liquid fuel combustion plant exporting electricity under commercial arrangements for <1500 hrs per annum".

This report finds that the Installation is compliant with all applicable LCP BREF BAT Conclusions and reasoning has been given for why this report considers any of the BAT Conclusions to be non-applicable.

Furthermore, the Installation exceeds the BAT requirements as detailed by the EA's working draft BAT guidance document. Through the use of primary abatement measures (advanced lean burn technology), the generators will meet the relevant ELV for NOx emissions set by the MCPD at 95mg/Nm³ (15% O2). The nameplate efficiency of the Jenbacher engines is 45.3% which exceeds the efficiency threshold for new plant of 35.6%.

It is not considered that SCR would be an appropriate technology to utilise at the Installation due to the intended operational profile to provide balancing services for fewer than 1,500 hours per year.