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MEGTEC Completes Rebuild of Norbord 60,000 scfm RCO

MEGTEC Systems successfully completed the rebuild of a thermal oxidizer at Norbord's Joanna, SC OSB mill. The oxidizer was originally designed to operate as a Regenerative Catalytic Oxidizer (RCO) with an operating temperature of 700 °F but was damaged by a combination of catalyst poisons and other operational/control issues. As a result, the oxidizer had been operated as a Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer (RTO) for more than three years.

The rebuild, which consisted of removal and replacement of the heat exchange media, catalyst, cold face (media) support structure, internal insulation, and poppet valves, was completed during a 5-day plant shutdown.

Upon completion of the rebuild, the unit was re-started in RCO mode. Testing performed by Norbord to conform with EPA guidelines found that the unit meets their permit levels at an operating temperature below the previous RCO operating set point of 700 °F. Thus, the rebuild restored environmental performance and reduced operating costs.

MEGTEC Systems, a Division of Sequa Corporation, is a leader in RTO/RCO design for the wood products industry with particular expertise in solving the problems of media plugging and alkali attack associated with wood dryer exhaust. MEGTEC Systems has installed over 2,500 oxidation systems worldwide in multiple industries and operates a 250,000 square foot manufacturing facility in De Pere, WI. Further information can be found on the company web site at www.megtec.com.

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