

Is the scrubber considered a pilot?

The condenser/scrubber is a pilot and was built to assess its odour reducing potential. Although scrubbers are used in a variety of applications, we still need to validate if the odour that the community has identified will be reduced with this type of technology. Our pilots are small scale preliminary studies conducted before implementation in order to check the feasibility and where needed, improve the design of the technology. The scrubber, much like our other pilots, attempts to avoid time being wasted on an inadequately designed project.

What will the next pilot be after the scrubber?

Once we have evaluated the effectiveness of the scrubber and the decision is made to move to our next identified technology, we will be moving forward with the Hydroxyls generator pilot.

Will you hold a larger community meeting with the whole community?

Yes, we will. While the webinar format has proven effective and convenient, we want an opportunity to speak face-to-face with our community members. Once we have had the opportunity to review the pilot test data and develop a plan forward we will invite the broader community to meet with us to review our updates. A tentative date will be delivered soon.

Who conducted your HCB Testing?

CRA (Conestoga-Rovers and Associates) conducted the testing. We have worked with them closely throughout this process and they are very familiar with the approved MOE standard test methods as well as our linerboard process. We are pleased with the results that their tests generated which accurately places our HCB emissions value at much lower than was previously reported. (Please see our Webinar Update for more detailed information on values)

For a long time I did not detect odour, then a few weeks ago, I noticed it again. Do you know why?

Our measures of pH and VFA's have shown very consistent results over the winter months. The odour you are experiencing is possibly due to the change in weather. First, as the weather is becoming warmer, there is a greater opportunity to be outdoors and there are more opportunities to be outside and detect any odours that may be present. Secondly, it is well documented in published literature that environmental conditions will affect the sense of smell and thus minimum detection threshold may be changed. As we continue to implement our process changes, we will rely on your feedback to determine if you are noticing odour.

Will this Webinar format be the continued format for meetings?

If we receive positive feedback from the input group, then we will use this form as part of our usual formats (website, meetings, conference calls)

When will you be implementing the "higher" dispersion method?

We have not decided to do this yet. We are systematically looking at ways to change our process to address root cause of odour. After the abatement technologies have been evaluated with the pilot testing, Atlantic will review what the appropriate next step will be.

Have you made the changes to the 111 Progress plant to reduce the noise from the machinery there?

Yes, we have installed a new variable frequency drive and a new motor. From our evaluations and community feedback, this new piece of equipment is working well to reduce the noise coming from the Torbed.

What can we expect in the coming months?

You can expect that Atlantic continues to work hard at finding a solution. We ask that the community remember that there is no “one size fits all” standardized application of odour management practices, but there are numerous effective odour prevention and control measures with a proven success record. While we examine these practices and technologies, we ask for your patience and your continued feedback. Through proper management, and with the use of a variety of good practices, odours can be prevented, minimized and managed.

We are well on our way.