

# Alternative Work Practice (AWP)



The Keys to OGI Operator Training

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### **Overview**

- Operator Training/Verification
  - 90-day Training for Certification
  - In Class Training/Infrared Theory
  - In Class Training Industry Operations
  - In Field Training
    - Sensitivity Test
    - Framing a Scene
    - 3 Angles
    - Backgrounds and their effect on visibility
    - Pipe Crawl
    - Steam and Exhaust
  - QA/QC and Audit Program





# In Class Infrared Theory

- Heat TransferPrinciples
- Thermal States
- Thermal Equilibrium
- Steady State/Transient
- Infrared Theory

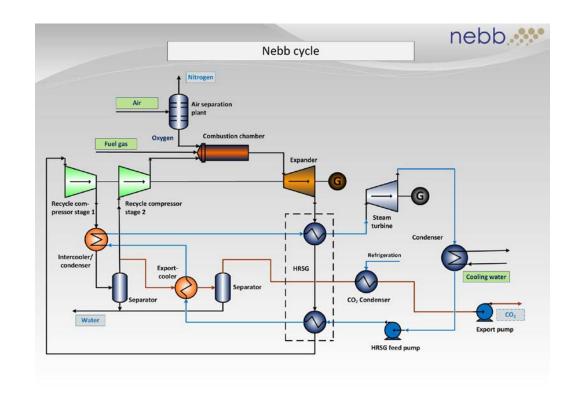
### Optical Gas Imaging (OGI)





# In Class Training: Operations In Industry

- Understand Potential Leak Points
- How Heated and Cooled Process can impact Sensitivity
- Cover the impact of the Temperature Cycles on Leak Creation
- Learn Language of Industry
- Identify Applicable Streams for Scanning





### In Field Training

- Trainee starts on a 2 man Team with Trainer
- 1st Week is Observation by Trainee
- Lead Technician Covers:
  - Sensitivity Test
  - Framing a Scene
  - Background Temps.
  - Pipe Crawl
  - Steam and Exhaust
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Week is Initial Scan Time
- 3rd through 5 th Weeks are comparative Scans
- 6<sup>th</sup> through 8 <sup>th</sup> Weeks are observed by Lead
   Tech with corrections and checks





### Sensitivity Test

- Release 100% Methane at 0.5 GPH
- Record Maximum Distance where release is still visible
- Utilize range finder to determine distance
- Use range finder during scan to make sure that the maximum allowed distance is not exceeded





### Framing a Scene

- Stand 6' to 10' from components
- Stand still
- View components within the camera image
- Check for movement
- If movement is seen, then identify leak source
- If no movement is present move to next scene





# When Possible 3 Angles of Scan

- 1st angle should include multiple components (BIG PICTURE)
  - Identify any large leaks
  - Scan for optimal background with good Temp.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> angle one side of component
- 3<sup>rd</sup> angle on opposite side







### Imposter Leaks

#### PIPE CRAWL

- When the heat from a pipe mimics gas movement
- Identified by looking for movement past the outline of pipe

#### STEAM

- Dissipates quickly
- Methane clouds hold for a significant distance

#### EXHAUST

- Acts similar to steam (dissipates when heat is lost)
- Originates at exhaust pipe (heat can be seen from great distance)







### Final Test & Audits

- Observation by Trainer
- Trainer follows behind Trainee with additional camera
- Must accomplish zero missed leaks
- Quarterly audits performed on Techs
  - Announced follow
  - Unannounced review of previously scanned facility
- Daily review of documents
- 25% review of Duration Videos





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## QUESTIONS?

