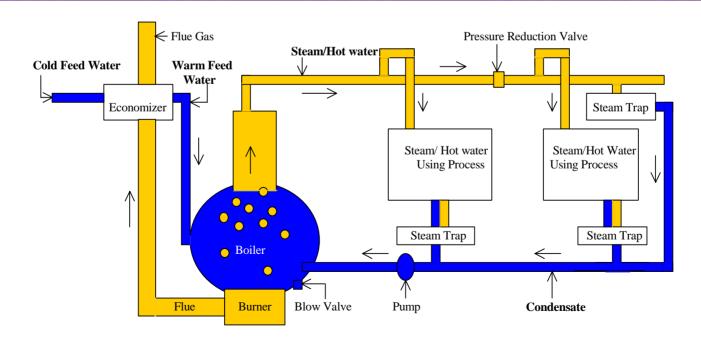
## Offsets Methodology for an Example Boiler Project Proposed by SC Johnson

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## **Potential Boiler Offsets**

- May occur in the industrial or commercial sectors
- Four major project types:
  - Replacement of an existing boiler
  - Retrofit of an existing boiler
  - Fuel (or mix) change of an existing boiler (may need retrofit of burners)
  - Upgrade of distribution system (including condensate return)

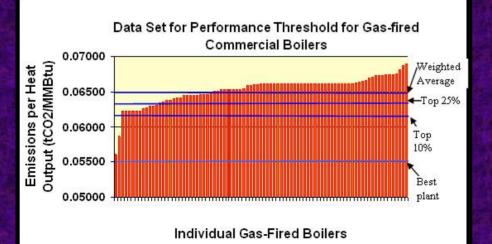


## Developing the Performance Threshold for Commercial and Industrial Boilers

#### **Commercial Boilers**

Performance threshold is rate-based

- Wider range of performance of new commercial boilers
- Boilers are usually purchased offthe-shelf



#### **Industrial Boilers**

- Performance threshold is technology-based
  - Relatively narrow range of design efficiencies
  - Site-specific permitting requirements
- Performance threshold equal to performance of boiler meeting engineers specifications of the site <u>with</u> a non-condensing economizer.
  - To be additional, proposed project must include additional "options" to reduce GHG emissions.

## SC Johnson Project Background

**Project Description:** Replace ten-year old gas-fired industrial boiler (60MMBtu/hr steam) at a local industrial facility in Racine, WI with a new, state of the art, gas-fired boiler with the same capacity.

- Current boiler, and its replacement, operate 5000 hrs/yr.
- The current boiler does not have specific GHG emission reduction features installed.
- New boiler will have condensing economizer, combustion air pre-heaters, blowdown heat recovery and advanced burner and controls.

•Key Services Provided by the Project: Used for space heating and process needs, will provide some absorptive chilling.

Technology/Practice Introduced: Gas-fired condensing economizer, combustion air pre-heaters, blowdown heat recovery, and advanced burner and controls

Project Size/Output: 60MMBtu/yr that makes steam at 150psi and 350F

Location/Spatial Area: Racine, WI

# **Determine Regulatory Eligibility**

- Any new industrial boiler is subject to the following Federal Clean Air Act Requirements
  - National Ambient Air Quality Requirements
  - New Source Performance Standards
  - National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants
  - Construction Permits
- There are no Federal, State or Local regulations that require the new boiler to install options to reduce GHG emissions.
- The proposed industrial boiler will meet all air permitting requirements. As the project is not being undertaken to <u>come into compliance with</u> these requirements it is considered "eligible" as an offset. Any GHG emissions impacts of meeting CAA requirements are factored into the baseline.

## **Project Boundary**

 Physical Boundary: The boiler itself plus the optional components (which affect the boiler exhaust, the incoming combustion air, the feedwater, and the heat recovery system)

GHG Accounting Boundary: CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub>

 Temporal Boundary: Assess emission reductions over the course of a year to take into account any seasonal fluctuations in emissions from boiler operation

Leakage: The project is not expected to result in leakage (i.e., increases in emissions outside the project boundary).

## Performance Threshold

- Performance threshold is based on technologies in use across the United States (i.e., a technology threshold).
- Industrial boilers typically not "off-the-shelf"- designed based on company needs and air quality permitting requirements.
  - Common practice in the U.S. is a boiler that (1) meets company requirements and (2) installs a non-condensing economizer.
- Performance threshold = the emissions performance of the boiler, as determined by the boiler manufacture, that will meet the company's requirements and has a noncondensing economizer installed.

Industrial Boiler and Optional Components	Efficiency Range and Incremental Improvement*	Manufacturer Specified Efficiency Value*	Resulting Overall Efficiency*	Performance Threshold for Project
Nominal New Boiler Efficiency	75% - 83%	80%	80%	
Non-Condensing Economizer	1% - 7%	5%	85%	Project includes
Advanced Burner and Controls	1% - 2%	1%	86%	options beyond non-
Condensing Economizer	1% - 2%	1%	87%	condensing
Combustion Pre-heater	1% - 2%	1%	88%	economizer, therefore
Blowdown Heat Recovery	1%	1 %	89%	is additional!

\* Thermal Efficiency

## Estimate Baseline Emissions and Emission Reductions

Estimated Project and Baseline Emissions						
Baseline Boiler Attributes	Baseline	Project Case	Net GHG Emission Reductions			
Heat Output (Million Btu / hr)	60	60				
Heat Input (Million Btu / hr)	75	67.4				
Load Factor (%)	80%	80%				
<b>Operating Hours (hrs/yr)</b>	5,000	5,000				
Thermal Efficiency (%)	80%	89%				
Fuel Use (Billion Btu / yr)	300.0	269.7				
CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions rate (t C02 /Billion Btu)	53.06	53.06				
CH <sub>4</sub> Emissions rate (tCO2e/Billion Btu)	0.11	0.11				
N <sub>2</sub> 0 Emissions rate (tCO2e/Billion Btu)	0.03	0.03				
CO <sub>2</sub> e Emissions (t CO <sub>2</sub> e) / yr	15,960	14,348	1,612			
Remaining life of boiler (years)	20	20	20			
Cumulative CO <sub>2</sub> emissions over remaining life (t CO <sub>2</sub> )	319,200	286,960	32,239			

### Implementation, Monitoring and Calculation

### Monitoring options include:

- Direct fuel volume measurement
- Steam flow measurement
- Direct Stack CO<sub>2</sub> measurement
- Dealer certified fuel volume measurement
- Emission reductions would be calculated as the difference between the baseline emissions and the monitored project emissions