## Texas Commission on Environmental Quality New Technology Implementation Grant (NTIG) Program Operation Phase Annual/Final Status Report

| Contract Number: | 582-19-90660-0402                                       |
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| Grantee:         | University of Texas at Arlington                        |
|                  | September 2020 - August 2021<br>Submitted: Aug 31, 2021 |

## Section I. Accomplishments

Provide a bulleted list of operations of the facility during the past year. Include exact numbers and/or estimates.

- The TEP (Thermal Energy Plant) Boilers 1 and 2 have been running in normal operation all year with the exception of the winter storm event in February.
- Boiler 1 has a run time of 2263 hours Boiler 2 has a run time of 1866 hours on natural gas.
- Boiler 1 has a run time of 46 hours Boiler 2 has a run time of 29 hours on diesel fuel (During winter storm event).
- Estimated NOx saving is 60% over retrofitted burner system.

#### Section II. Key Events and Issues

Report any key events that occurred during this reporting period. Please include any major project updates that impacted operations.

- Staff operators were provided training from the burner controls manufacturer.
- February 2021 winter storm affected normal operations. All boilers were run on diesel fuel for a period of time to reduce natural gas emissions.

Report any anticipated or unanticipated problem(s).

• February 2021 winter storm required to run boilers on diesel fuel. We had problems starting the boilers on diesel fuel with the new burner system.

*Proposed Solution(s): Report any possible solution(s) to the anticipated or unanticipated problem(s).* 

• Specific required training by the manufacturer is required.

Action(s) Conducted and Results: Describe the action(s) taken to resolve the anticipated or unanticipated problem(s). Were the actions successful in resolving the problem?

- The manufacturer was brought to the site to train our personnel on starting the boilers on diesel fuel. The training included a demonstration of switching fuel sources to the boiler.
- The new training was successful, and we have implemented this procedure for all of our boilers in the yearly required training.

# Section III. Provide a summary of the overall state of the facility and grant funded equipment.

- The TEP has been running in normal operation and the newly installed burner controls have been operational and in excellent condition.
- Periodic preventative maintenance is performed on the burner control systems and recorded per manufacturers recommendations.

### Section IV. Goals and Issues for Upcoming Period

Provide a brief description of the project goal(s) you hope to realize during the next reporting period.

- Continue to run these boilers as recommended so our emission footprint in minimized.
- Continue to look at new technology that will make sense for UTA to reduce emissions further.
- Maintain yearly training and preventative maintenance to ensure proper operation in the future.

| Authorized Official/Project Representative's Name and Signature (blue ink): | Date: | August 30, 2021 |
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