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1.0 Purpose/Scope

This procedure provides a standardized method for conducting periodic validation of the effectiveness of local exhaust ventilation (LEV) systems. This procedure is based on routine testing of the acceptable operating parameters of the system determined in initial system evaluations using IH 62400. By completing this SOP, BNL will:

- Document the performance of LEV systems and verify operation in accordance with design specifications
- Verify compliance of operations with applicable codes

Periodic tests are to be made:

- Throughout the life of the system to ensure continuing performance. BNL's frequency for periodic testing is:
 - **12** months (or per manufacturer's recommendation) when OELs are exceeded,
 - **36** months is recommended when OELs are not exceeded and the ventilation system is not critical for worker protection.
- Whenever major modifications are made to the system
- On start-up of a system that has been dismantled, out-of-service, and reassembled, and
- When complaints of poor performance are made by operating personnel.

2.0 Responsibilities

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This procedure will be implemented through the SHSD Industrial Hygiene Group Leader. Other BNL organizations conducting the measurement (for example, RCD Facility Support Group) are responsible to implement similar programs for this type of engineering control surveillance.

3.0 Definitions

See IH62400.

4.0 Prerequisites

- 4.1 Prior to testing a local exhaust system, verify the calibration and operability of the test equipment.
- 4.2 Observe area postings and obtain approval to enter the test area, as required.

5.0 Precautions

5.1 Hazard Determination:

- 5.1.1 This test may be done in areas where chemicals or radiological contamination is known or suspected to be present. These contaminants can have significant health effects and must receive a hazard evaluation by a cognizant ESH professional.
- 5.1.2 The test equipment design does not cause significant ergonomic concerns in routine use.

5.2 Personal Protective Equipment

- 5.2.1 Eye: Safety Glasses with side shields are required.
- 5.2.2 Hand: Contact with work surfaces should be minimized as it could pose a health risk. Use of this operation in areas of known or suspected chemical or radiological contamination requires the use of disposable gloves. Exam-style, splash gloves are acceptable. Acceptable elastomers are: Nitrile, PVC, and Natural Rubber.
- 5.2.3 Body:
 - If contact of the body with contaminated surfaces is anticipated, a disposable suit should be used. Acceptable Chemical Protective Clothing (CPC) materials include: Tyvek®, KleenGuard®, and cotton. Disposable garments must be

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discarded as per Hazardous Waste Management Division instruction.

- If contact with potentially contaminated surfaces is not expected, protective clothing is optional. However, if personal clothing items become contaminated, they must be surrendered for BNL cleaning or disposal.

5.2.4 Foot:

- If contact of the feet is anticipated with contaminated surface, disposable shoe coverings, boots or booties should be used. Acceptable CPC material include: Tyvek®, KleenGuard®, and rubber.
- If contact with potentially contaminated surfaces is not expected, shoe coverings are optional. However, if personal shoes become contaminated, they must be surrendered for BNL cleaning or disposal.

5.2.5 Respiratory: Under normal use, respiratory protection is not required. If chemical or radiological levels from contamination in the area cause the OSHA, ACGIH, or DOE standards to be exceeded, respirators are required.

5.3 Environmental Impact: This operation may involve release of and exposure to hazardous chemical (smoke tubes). The gases, vapors, or aerosols that the exhaust systems are used to capture could cause exposure to the tester. Appropriate measures to minimize inhalation of gas contaminants must be made.

5.3.1 Air testing meters used in this procedure do not generate Hazardous Wastes.

5.3.2 The smoke testing equipment may generate a very low in airborne concentration that is not of environmental or personal exposure consequence under typical exposure levels. Do not intentionally breathe the mist from the smoke tube. Consult the MSDS for personnel precautions

5.4 Work Planning: All requirements of work permits and work planning system reviews must be met in performing this procedure.

5.5 Job Risk Assessment: Consult the *Job Risk Assessment* [SHSD-JRA-02](#) for the risk analysis of this operation based on the hazards and controls of this SOP.

6.0 Procedure

6.1 Testing Equipment:

- Air ventilation tester: Velometer, Anenometer, Balometer, Smoke



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tubes or candles, etc. Follow the appropriate SHSD IH SOP on the operation of the meter/equipment.

6.2 Pre-Testing Inspection of LEV system equipment

- 6.2.1 Verify that the exhaust ventilation system is operating.
- 6.2.2 Inspect the exhaust system and its associated ductwork and mechanical components for any obvious signs of damage (e.g., missing or damaged seals, breached ductwork, excessive rust, or unusually loud motor noise). Notify Plant Engineering and the system owner of these conditions. Do not test if the system is not operable or not of adequate integrity.
- 6.2.3 Verify that changes have not been made since the *initial evaluation*. Changes that would require a new *initial evaluation* include changes in the type of hazards, the rate of hazard generation, or mechanism of hazard generation.
- 6.2.4 If there are questions or concerns regarding the operation of the system, review the original design drawing, manufacturer's literature, or any other appropriate information.

6.3 Measuring Operational Parameters

- 6.3.1 Following the drawing of the system or digital photograph on the specific *LEV System Periodic Validation Test* record form for the exhaust system to be tested, locate the pre-determined sampling point.
- 6.3.2 From the specific *LEV System Periodic Validation Test* record form, determine the appropriate operational parameter(s) for the ventilation system.
- 6.3.3 Measure the appropriate operational parameter(s) using an IH Series 62nnn SOP or RCD Facility Support SOP on the test method. If a BNL SOP is not available, follow the manufacturer's recommendation in conducting the measurement.
- 6.3.4 Record the results on the *LEV System Periodic Validation Test Record* and the *Local Exhaust Ventilation* test label or tag.

- 6.4 Record-keeping: Provide A copy of the *LEV System Periodic Validation Test Record* to the Divisional Safety Coordinator, the Process/Operation and Exhaust system owner/management, and any other interested parties. The original test report is retained by organization responsible for periodic testing in accordance with the record keeping requirements of SEP ADM-001. A copy of the record should be sent to SHSD IH lab.

The only official copy is on-line at the SHSD IH Group website.
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7.0 Implementation and Training

7.1 Tests shall be performed by persons who have demonstrated the competence to satisfactorily perform the tests as evidenced by experience and training. All persons must have met the qualification criteria set in IH50300 *BNL IH Program and IH Group Training & Qualification Matrix*.

7.2 The re-qualification period shall be 3 years.

8.0 References

- 8.1 American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH). Industrial Ventilation: A Manual of Recommended Practice.
- 8.2 American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH). *Guidelines for Testing Ventilation Systems*; 1991.

9.0 Attachments

- 9.1 *Local Exhaust Ventilation Test* sticker
- 9.2 *Local Exhaust Ventilation Periodic Validation* form
- 9.3 *Job Performance Measure*

10.0 Documentation

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ATTACHMENT 9.1

Periodic Validation Test Sticker/Label

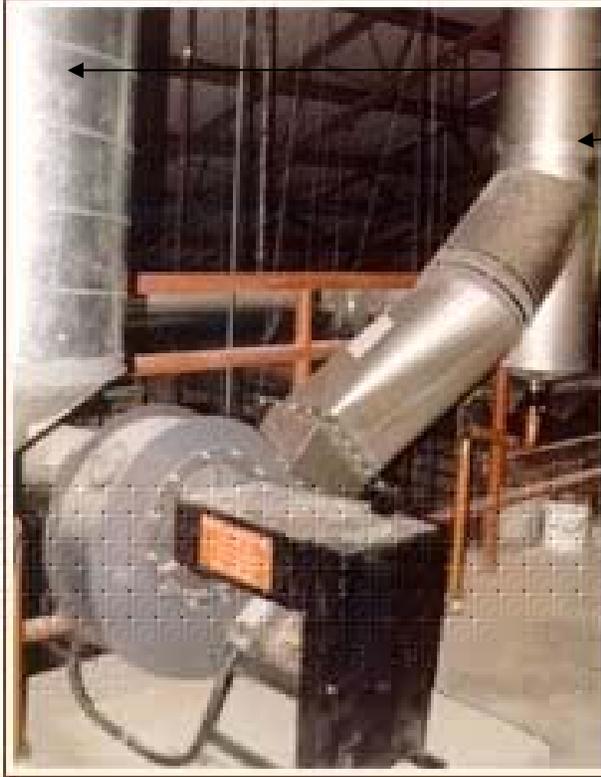
Local Exhaust System test			
Equipment ID:			
Operating Parameters Validation Test			
Test Date	Test by: Full Name	Pass/Fail	Next Due

System Identification

DIVISION	BUILDING	ROOM/AREA
SYSTEM DESCRIPTION		<p>Sample</p> <p>This FORM is prepared uniquely for each piece of equipment</p>
SYSTEM TYPE	MANUFACTURER	
EQUIPMENT ID#	MODEL	SERIAL#
BLDG MANAGER	ESH Coordinator	OTHER CONTACT

EVALUATOR(S) NAME	SIGNATURE	TEST DATE
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System Description (Photograph or Drawing)



Sample Point A

Sample Point B



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LOCAL EXHAUST VENTILATION
PERIODIC VALIDATION
 Environment, Safety & Health Directorate

Field Observations and Measurements-

METER:	METER SN		
METER CALIB. DATE	COMMENTS		
Parameter:	Point	Acceptable Operational specification	Observed Measurement
	A		
	B		
	C		
	D		

METER:	METER SN		
METER CALIB. DATE	COMMENTS		
Parameter:	Point	Acceptable Operational specification	Observed Measurement
	A		
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**Local Exhaust Ventilation- Periodic Evaluation
Job Performance Measure (JPM) Completion Certificate**

Candidate's Name	Life Number:	Qualification Number: HP-IHP- 62410
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Knowledge of the Principles of Exhaust Ventilation Investigations

Criteria	Qualifying Standard	Unsatisfactory	Recovered	Satisfactory
Hazard Analysis	Understands the need to perform a hazard analysis of the sampling area and potential exposure to the sampler.			
Personal Protective Equipment	Understands the need to be aware of potential exposures to the sampler and how to determine appropriate PPE.			
Sampling Protocol	Understands the ventilation system design parameters and logic necessary to appropriately select sampling locations for accurate measurements.			
Analysis of data	Understands the need to perform analysis on the sampling data to assess the effectiveness of the ventilation system and potential exposure to the sampler, worker, public and environment. Also, to recommend corrective actions as necessary.			

Practical Skill Evaluation: Demonstration of Sampling Methodology

Criteria	Qualifying Performance Standard	Unsatisfactory	Recovered	Satisfactory
Sampling Equipment	Knows where equipment needed for the procedure is located and how to properly sign it out.			
Obtaining design specifications	Describe finding the sources from "Initial Evaluation Forms" that states the design specifications of the equipment to be tested.			
Selecting the proper parameters to measure	Can describe which design specification are appropriate for be measured and what an acceptable variation in measured versus design value would be.			
Meter Operation	Demonstrates the proper meters that would be used to determine if design specifications are met.			
Record forms	Shows how to correctly and completely fill all forms associated with this SOP.			
Data Analysis	Knows the correct criteria and operating ranges. Shows how to correctly analyze data and compare to acceptable criteria.			
Report preparation and distribution	Knows how to document the assessment and the correct distribution.			

I accept the responsibility for performing this task as demonstrated within this JPM and the corresponding SOP.

Candidate Signature:	Date:
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I certify the candidate has satisfactorily performed each of the above listed steps and is capable of performing the task unsupervised.

Evaluator Signature:	Date:
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