

Quantum Laser for NOx Measurements

A Case Study

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What We Did

- Customer wanted to install the Emerson CT-4400 Quantum Laser for NOx measurement
- CiSCO agreed only if we could install it in parallel with the Chemiluminescent NOx analyzer already in place (951C)
- We installed the Quantum Laser analyzer in the Spring of 2026, but the plant did not operate until July 2026
- The CT-4400 unit is treated just like the Chemiluminescent analyzer
- This is an extractive CEMS – probe, heated sample line, sample dryer, etc.
- Data collection, daily calibration checks, CGA/Linearities for both analyzers for side-by-side comparison

What We Found

- Data from both analyzers is consistent and closely follows each other
 - Average Laser reading – 3.52 ppm (Minimum – 3.1 ppm; Maximum – 4.4 ppm)
 - Average 951C reading – 3.75 ppm (Minimum – 3.4 ppm; Maximum – 4.1 ppm)
 - Only one hour in 3 weeks of continuous run was the CT-4400 reading higher than 951C (of note – the highest NOx reading for both analyzers was during that hour)

What We Found

- Daily calibrations passed consistently and with only one fail – that fail was on NOx Low range Span gas and both analyzers failed by the same amount (it was a manual calibration). The plant appears to have been doing maintenance at that time.
- Low range – 10 ppm cal gas reference gas 9.3 ppm
- High range – 150 ppm cal gas reference gas 135.5 ppm
 - CT-4400 Average Absolute difference for Low Span – 0.08 ppm
 - 951C Average Absolute difference for Low Span – 0.19 ppm
 - CT-4400 Average Absolute difference for Low Zero – 0.05 ppm
 - 951C Average Absolute difference for Low Zero – 0.19 ppm
 - CT-4400 Average Absolute difference for High Span – 0.97 ppm
 - 951C Average Absolute difference for High Span – 0.80 ppm
 - CT-4400 Average Absolute difference for High Zero – 0.13 ppm
 - 951C Average Absolute difference for High Zero – 1.76 ppm

What We Found

- CGA/Linearity Checks passed for both analyzers

Turbine - 1 NOx/H (Laser) Linearity FREDERICKSON POWER PLANT				
Test Information		Analyzer and Monitor Information		
Test Date	8/28/2026	Range	High	
Test Reason		Instrument Span	150 ppm	
Grace Period	No	Component ID	111	
Aborted	No	Manufacturer	ROSEMOUNT	
Result	Passed	Model	CT4400	
Unit online during QA test	Passed	Serial Number	CT440020156	

Run	Time	Reference Gas	CEMS Response	Cylinder Information
Low Gas				
1	12:49 PM	38.7	40.4	
2	12:59 PM	38.7	40.6	
3	1:09 PM	38.7	40.7	
Mean (ppm)		38.7	40.6	Allowable Reference Values: 30-45 ppm (20-30% of span)
Difference of means (R-A) (ppm)		1.9	Limit 5	Passed Cylinder ID: CC474262 EPA Vendor ID: O12024 Cylinder contains: NO,BALN
Linearity Error (%)		4.9	Limit 5.0	Passed
Mid Gas				
1	12:52 PM	88.5	91.0	
2	1:02 PM	88.5	90.9	
3	1:12 PM	88.5	91.3	
Mean (ppm)		88.5	91.1	Allowable Reference Values: 75-90 ppm (50-60% of span)
Difference of means (R-A) (ppm)		2.6	Limit 5	Passed Cylinder ID: CC471137 EPA Vendor ID: R72021 Cylinder contains: NO,BALN
Linearity Error (%)		2.9	Limit 5.0	Passed
High Gas				
1	12:56 PM	135.5	136.0	
2	1:05 PM	135.5	136.2	
3	1:15 PM	135.5	136.3	
Mean (ppm)		135.5	136.2	Allowable Reference Values: 120-150 ppm (80-100% of span)
Difference of means (R-A) (ppm)		0.7	Limit 5	Passed Cylinder ID: EB0018936 Expiration Date: 12/17/2033 EPA Vendor ID: P12025 Cylinder contains: NO,BALN
Linearity Error (%)		0.5	Limit 5.0	Passed

Linearity Error (LE) Determination
 $LE (\%) = (|R-A| / R) * 100$
R = Reference gas value
A = Mean of actual CEMS responses

Turbine - 1 NOx/H (Chemiluminescence) Linearity FREDERICKSON POWER PLANT				
Test Information		Analyzer and Monitor Information		
Test Date	8/28/2026	Range	High	
Test Reason		Instrument Span	150 ppm	
Grace Period	No	Component ID	110	
Aborted	No	Manufacturer	ROSEMOUNT	
Result	Passed	Model	951C	
Unit online during QA test	Passed	Serial Number	U1006299	

Run	Time	Reference Gas	CEMS Response	Cylinder Information
Low Gas				
1	12:49 PM	38.7	38.4	
2	12:59 PM	38.7	38.6	
3	1:09 PM	38.7	38.5	
Mean (ppm)		38.7	38.5	Allowable Reference Values: 30-45 ppm (20-30% of span)
Difference of means (R-A) (ppm)		0.2	Limit 5	Passed Cylinder ID: CC474262 EPA Vendor ID: O12024 Cylinder contains: NO,BALN
Linearity Error (%)		0.5	Limit 5.0	Passed
Mid Gas				
1	12:52 PM	88.5	88.4	
2	1:02 PM	88.5	88.6	
3	1:12 PM	88.5	88.8	
Mean (ppm)		88.5	88.6	Allowable Reference Values: 75-90 ppm (50-60% of span)
Difference of means (R-A) (ppm)		0.1	Limit 5	Passed Cylinder ID: CC471137 EPA Vendor ID: R72021 Cylinder contains: NO,BALN
Linearity Error (%)		0.1	Limit 5.0	Passed
High Gas				
1	12:56 PM	135.5	134.6	
2	1:05 PM	135.5	134.2	
3	1:15 PM	135.5	134.8	
Mean (ppm)		135.5	134.5	Allowable Reference Values: 120-150 ppm (80-100% of span)
Difference of means (R-A) (ppm)		1.0	Limit 5	Passed Cylinder ID: EB0018936 Expiration Date: 12/17/2033 EPA Vendor ID: P12025 Cylinder contains: NO,BALN
Linearity Error (%)		0.7	Limit 5.0	Passed

Linearity Error (LE) Determination
 $LE (\%) = (|R-A| / R) * 100$
R = Reference gas value
A = Mean of actual CEMS responses



What We Found

- CGA/Linearity Checks passed for both analyzers

Turbine - 1 NOx/L (Laser) CGA FREDERICKSON POWER PLANT					
Test Information			Analyzer and Monitor Information		
Test Date	8/27/2026		Range	Low	
Result	Passed		Instrument Span	10 ppm	
			Manufacturer	ROSEMOUNT	
			Model	CT4400	
			Serial Number	CT440020156	
Run	Time	Reference Gas	CEMS Response	Cylinder Information	
Low Gas					
1	11:50 AM	2.72	2.36	Allowable Reference Values: 2-3 ppm (20-30% of span) Cylinder ID: CC90762 EPA Vendor ID: P12024 Cylinder contains: NO BALN	
2	11:56 AM	2.72	2.35		
3	12:03 PM	2.72	2.38		
Mean (ppm)		2.72	2.36		
Difference of means (Cm-Ca) (ppm)		-0.4	Limit 2	Passed	
CEMS Accuracy (%)		-13.2	Limit 15	Passed	
Mid Gas					
1	11:53 AM	5.50	5.31	Allowable Reference Values: 5-6 ppm (50-60% of span) Cylinder ID: CC82704 EPA Vendor ID: P12026 Cylinder contains: NO,BALN	
2	11:59 AM	5.50	5.33		
3	12:06 PM	5.50	5.32		
Mean (ppm)		5.50	5.32		
Difference of means (Cm-Ca) (ppm)		-0.2	Limit 2	Passed	
CEMS Accuracy (%)		-3.3	Limit 15	Passed	
CEMS Accuracy Determination (%)					
Accuracy (%) = ((Cm - Ca) / Ca) * 100					
Ca = Reference gas value					
Cm = Mean of actual CEMS responses					

Turbine - 1 NOx/L (Chemiluminescence) CGA FREDERICKSON POWER PLANT					
Test Information			Analyzer and Monitor Information		
Test Date	8/27/2026		Range	Low	
Result	Passed		Instrument Span	10 ppm	
			Manufacturer	ROSEMOUNT	
			Model	951C	
			Serial Number	U1006299	
Run	Time	Reference Gas	CEMS Response	Cylinder Information	
Low Gas					
1	11:50 AM	2.72	2.62	Allowable Reference Values: 2-3 ppm (20-30% of span) Cylinder ID: CC90762 EPA Vendor ID: P12024 Cylinder contains: NO,BALN	
2	11:56 AM	2.72	2.63		
3	12:03 PM	2.72	2.62		
Mean (ppm)		2.72	2.62		
Difference of means (Cm-Ca) (ppm)		-0.1	Limit 2	Passed	
CEMS Accuracy (%)		-3.7	Limit 15	Passed	
Mid Gas					
1	11:53 AM	5.50	5.32	Allowable Reference Values: 5-6 ppm (50-60% of span) Cylinder ID: CC82704 EPA Vendor ID: P12026 Cylinder contains: NO,BALN	
2	11:59 AM	5.50	5.32		
3	12:06 PM	5.50	5.32		
Mean (ppm)		5.50	5.32		
Difference of means (Cm-Ca) (ppm)		-0.2	Limit 2	Passed	
CEMS Accuracy (%)		-3.3	Limit 15	Passed	
CEMS Accuracy Determination (%) Accuracy (%) = ((Cm - Ca) / Ca) * 100 Ca = Reference gas value Cm = Mean of actual CEMS responses					



What's Next

- Passed RATA on 9/1/2026 using CT-4400 analyzer
- Keep collecting data and verifying compliance and functionality
- Determine maintenance needs as analyzer continues to run

What to Consider

- Does this analyzer save on anything (time, money, ...)
- This type of laser analyzer still needs a sample handling system
- Other than occasional filter change, no reason to climb stack

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