

# Iowa State University

## Utility Enterprise Fact Sheet

The utility enterprise employs 77 people and operates and maintains 2 central plants on the main campus and 2 satellite facilities at the Veterinary Medicine Complex and the Applied Science Center. The utility also operates and maintains systems to deliver utility services to campus buildings.

The utility operates as a rate-based auxiliary enterprise and has a \$33.0 million annual budget including all wages, operating and maintenance costs, capital expenditures, debt service and depreciation charges.

Iowa State has operated a central co-generation facility since 1891. The current production facilities contain the following major equipment and have a replacement value of \$282 million.

- 6 Boilers – total steam capacity of 900,000 pounds per hour
- 4 Turbine Generators – total electrical capacity 46 megawatts
- 5 Chillers – total cooling capacity of 21,000 tons
- 4 Air Compressors – total compressed air capacity of 3,750 cubic feet per minute
- Water Plant – rated at 1 million gallons per day

The main plant on the northeast corner of main campus combined with the north chilled water plant annually:

- Consumes 159,525 tons of coal
- Consumes 16,602 tons of limestone
- Generates 26,980 tons of ash
- Provides 203,017,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity
- Generates 2,763,420,000 pounds of steam
- Provides 34,089,000 ton-hours of cooling

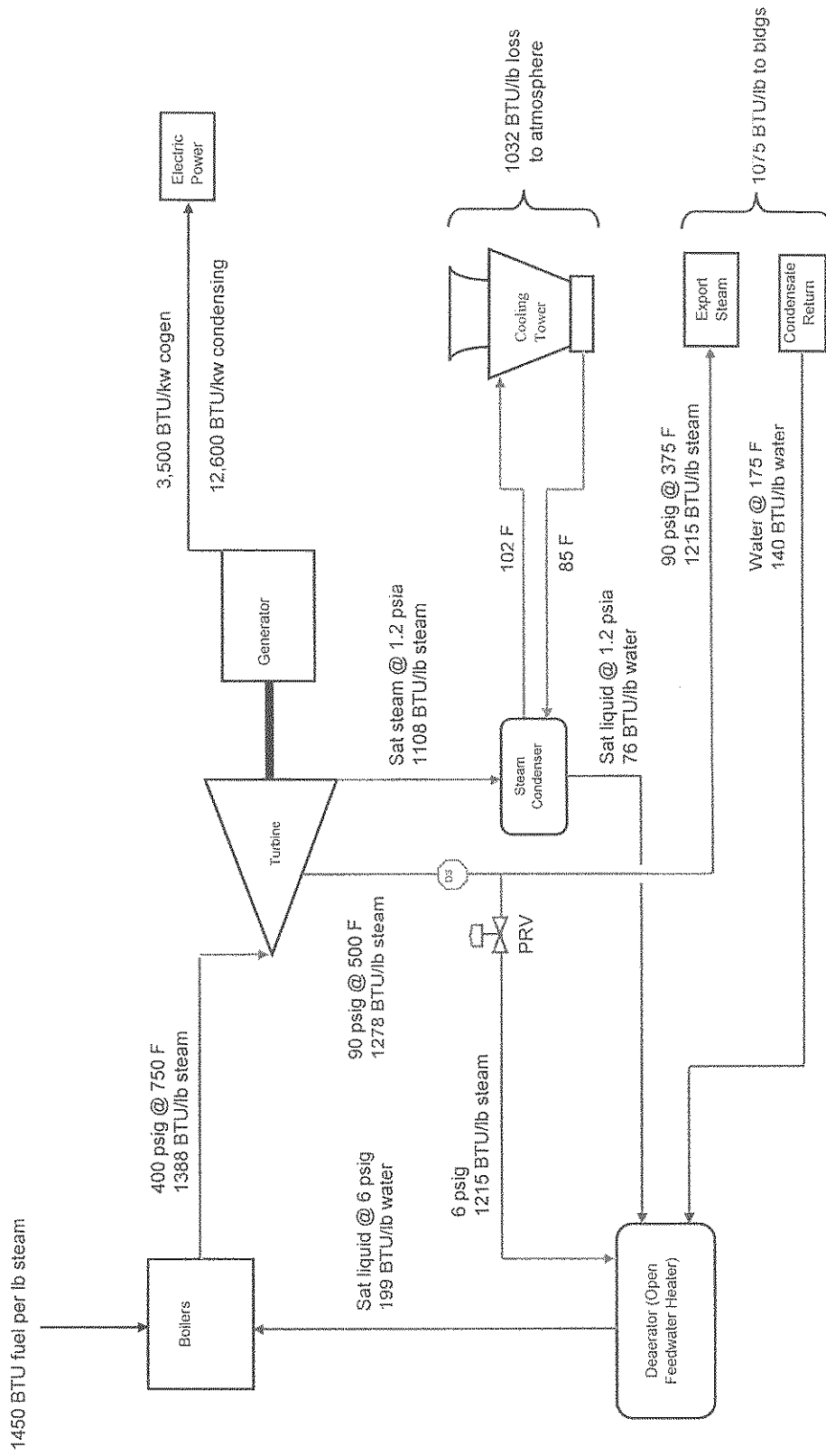
We also deliver or collect from campus buildings annually:

- 1,080,232,000 lbs of steam
- 22,581,000 cubic feet of natural gas
- 328,246,000 gallons of water
- 226,671,000 gallons of sewage

We also operate and maintain the following utility distribution systems with a replacement value of \$157 million.

- Steam tunnels – 4.55 miles
- Direct-buried steam and condensate systems – 2.6 miles
- Chilled water systems – 5.3 miles
- Domestic water systems – 8.3 miles
- Natural gas systems – 4.5 miles
- Sanitary sewer systems – 10.3 miles
- Storm sewer systems – 25.2 miles
- Compressed air systems – 3.5 miles
- Traffic lights - 7
- Street, walkway and parking lot lights – 1,900
- Electrical substations – 7
- Electrical transformers – 515
- High voltage electrical cables – 16.7 miles
- Telecom distribution cables – 90 miles

# Iowa State University Power Plant Steam Cycle



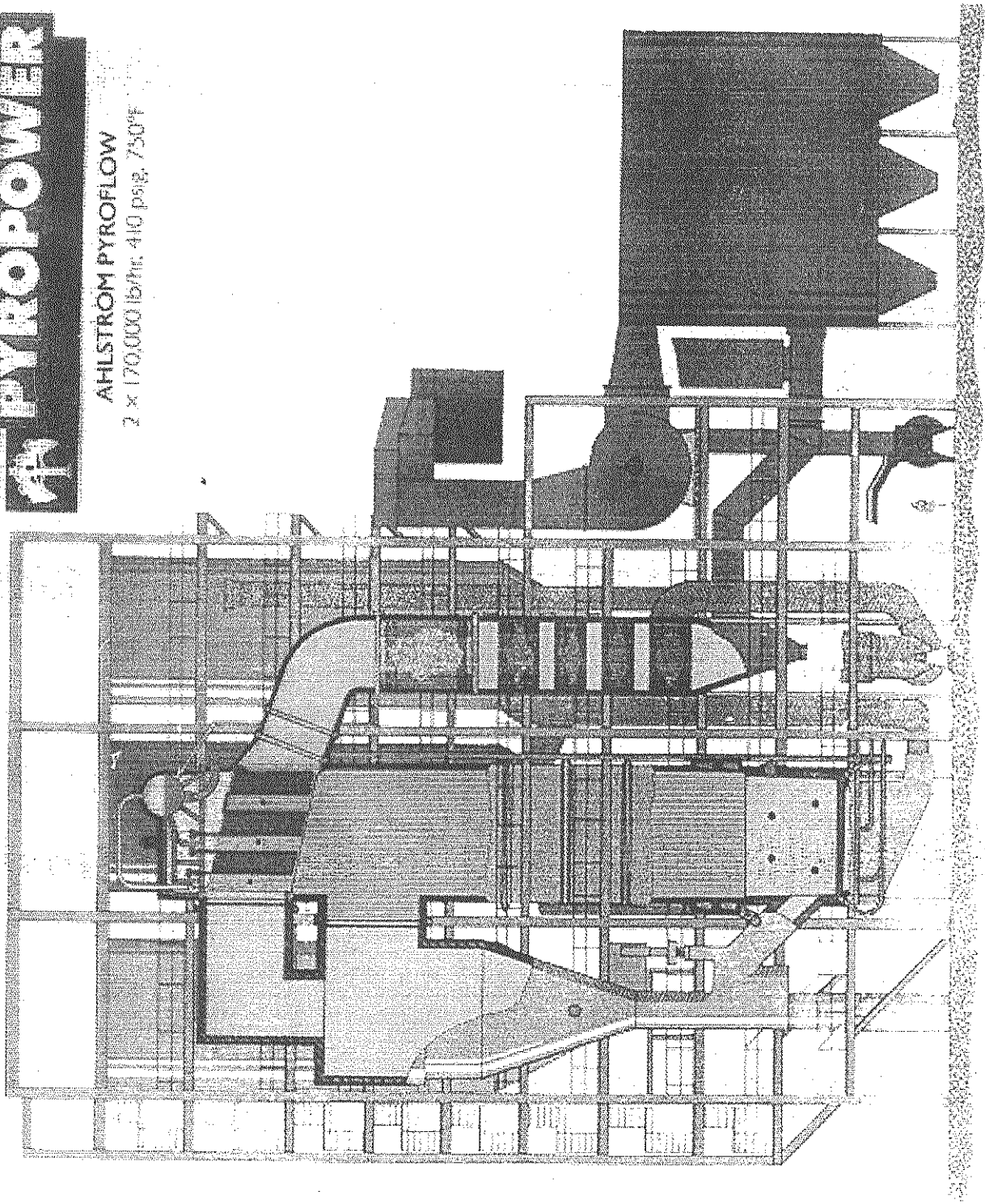
**Iowa State University  
Power Plant  
Emissions Limits**

|                       | Limit   | Normal Level                                    | Reporting Period  |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Stoker Boilers</b> |   |   |   |
| Sulfur Dioxide        | 5.00 lb/mmBTU                                 | 3.87 lb/mmBTU                                   | Monthly Average   |
| Particulate           | 0.389 lb/mmBTU<br>40% Opacity                 | 0.05-0.35 lb/mmBTU<br>15% Opacity               | Performance Test<br>6 minute average                              |
| <b>CFB Boilers</b>    |   |   |   |
| Sulfur Dioxide        | 1.00 lb/mmBTU<br>1.42 lb/mmBTU<br>90% Removal | 0.35 lb/mmBTU<br>0.35 lb/mmBTU<br>90.5% Removal | 30 day rolling avg.<br>3 hour rolling avg.<br>30 day rolling avg. |
| Nitrogen Oxides       | 0.40 lb/mmBTU<br>0.40 lb/mmBTU                | 0.15 lb/mmBTU<br>0.15 lb/mmBTU                  | 3 hour rolling avg.<br>30 day rolling avg.                        |
| Particulate           | 0.034 lb/mmBTU<br>10% Opacity                 | 0.020 lb/mmBTU<br>< 5% Opacity                  | Performance Test<br>6 minute average                              |
| Carbon Monoxide       | 200 ppm                                       | <50 ppm   | 3 hour rolling avg.   |
| Fluoride              | 0.039 lb/mmBTU                                | 0.0085 lb/mmBTU                                 | Performance Test  |
| Lead                  | 0.0015 lb/mmBTU                               | 0.00011 lb/mmBTU                                | Performance Test  |
| Beryllium             | 0.00063 lb/mmBTU                              | 0.0000024 lb/mmBTU                              | Performance Test  |

lb/mmBTU is pounds of pollutant per million BTU of fuel input to the boiler

# PYROPOWER

AHLSTROM PYROFLOW  
2 x 170,000 lb/hr, 410 psig, 750°F



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## Mechanical collectors

Mechanical dust collectors, often called cyclones or multicyclones, have been used extensively to separate large particles from a flue gas stream. The cyclonic flow of gas within the collector and the centrifugal force on the particulate drive the particulate out of the flue gas (Fig. 10). Hoppers below the cyclones collect the particulate and feed an ash removal system. The mechanical collector is most effective on particles larger than 10 microns. For smaller particles, the collection efficiency drops considerably below 90%.

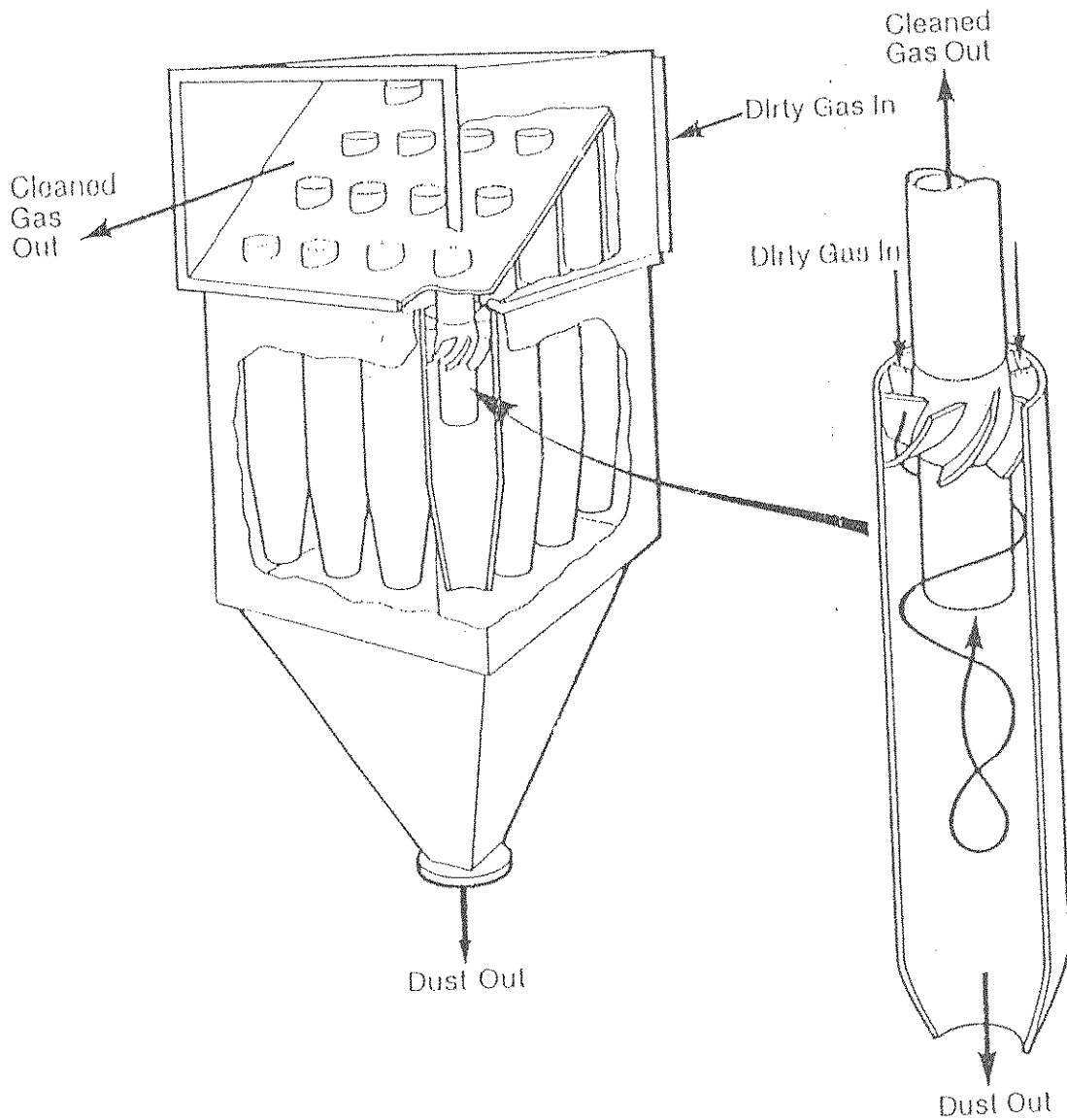


Fig. 10 Mechanical collector.

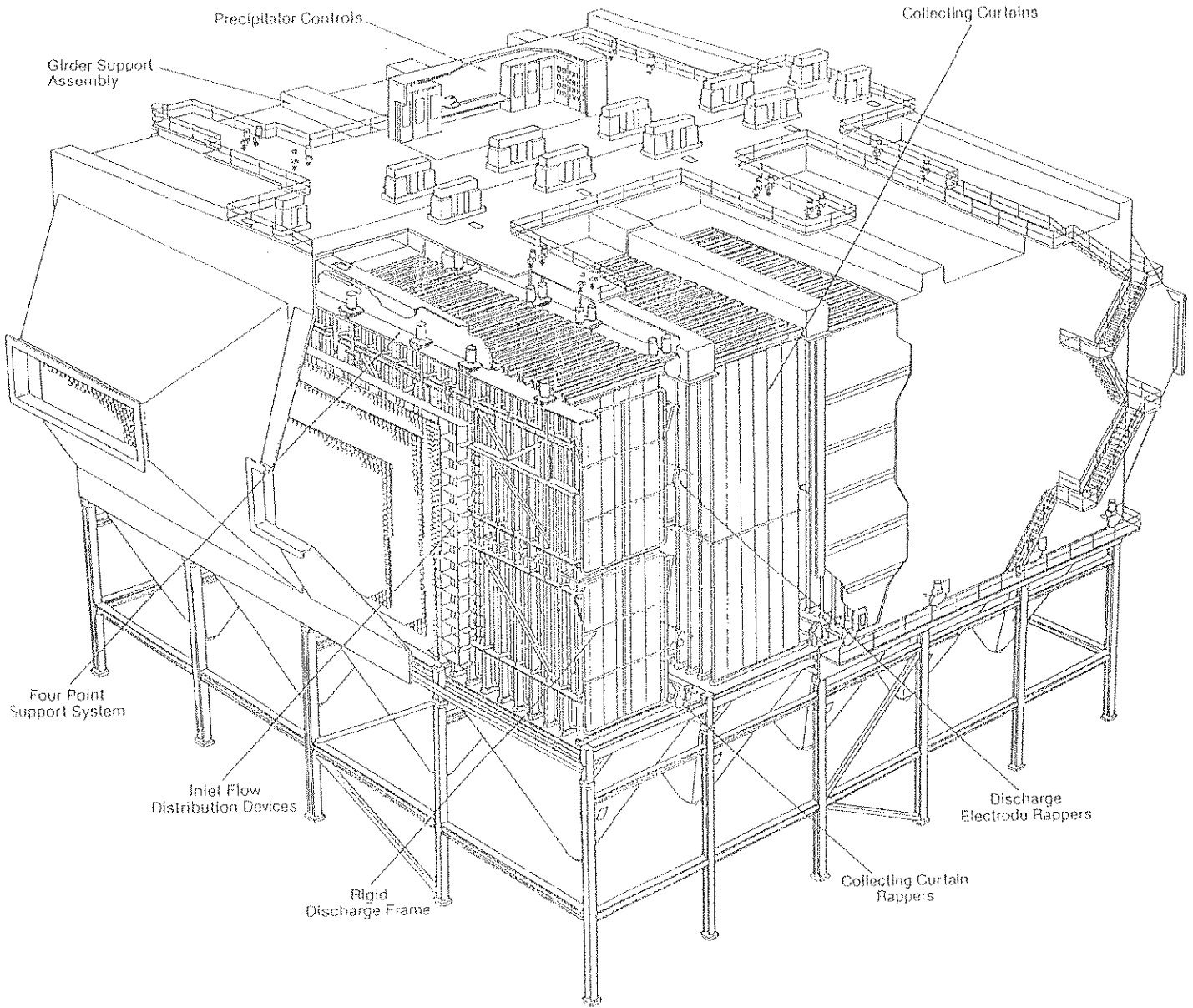


Fig. 6 B&W/Rothemuhle rigid frame electrostatic precipitator.

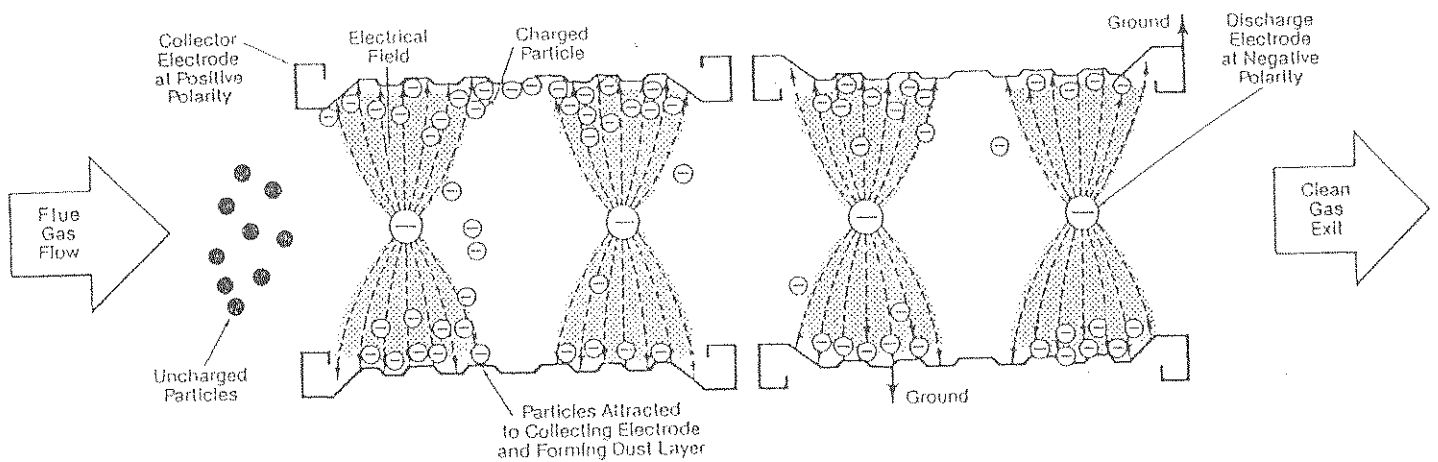


Fig. 3 Particle charging and collection within an ESP.

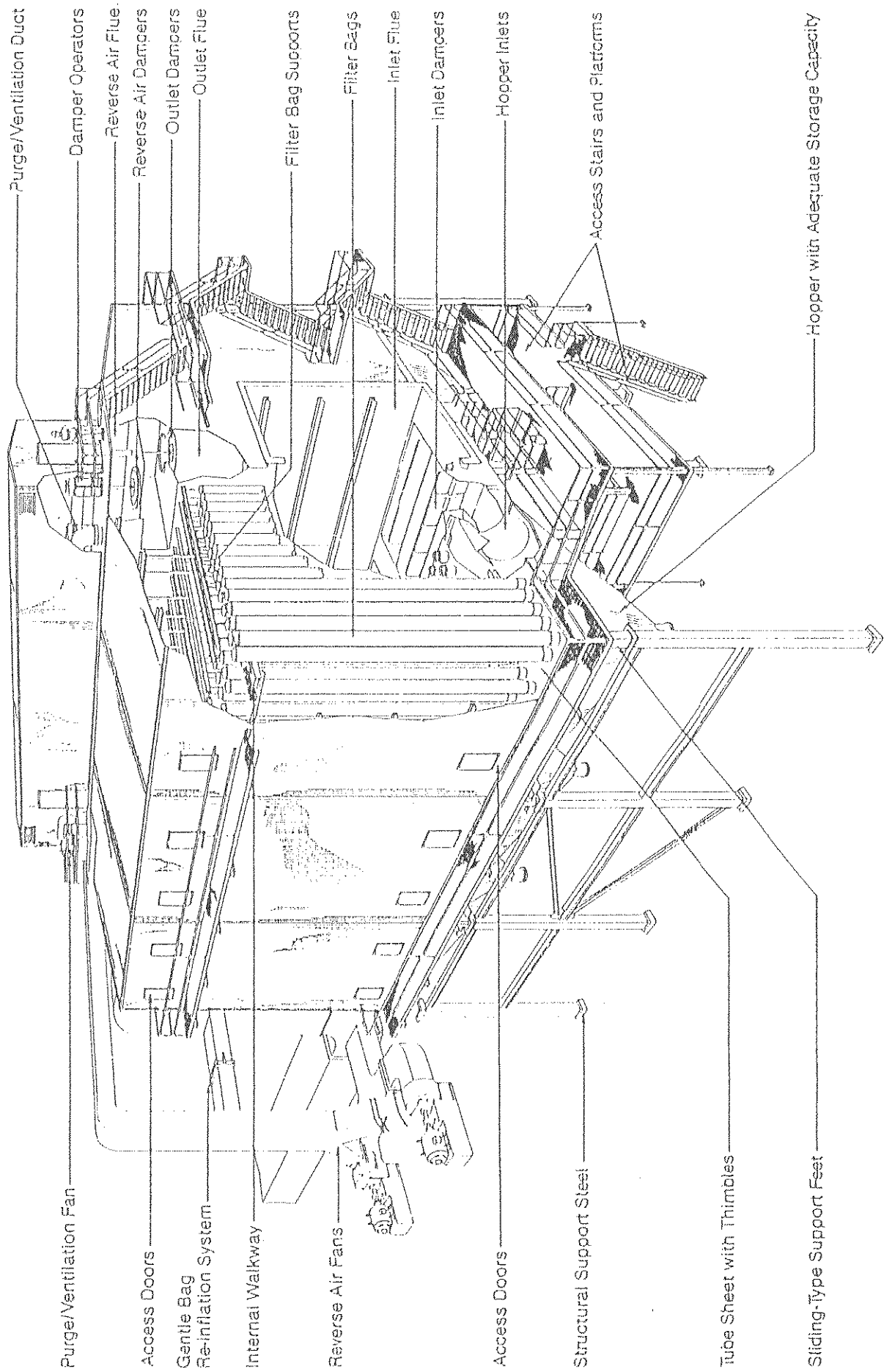


Fig. 8 Fabric filter or baghouse.

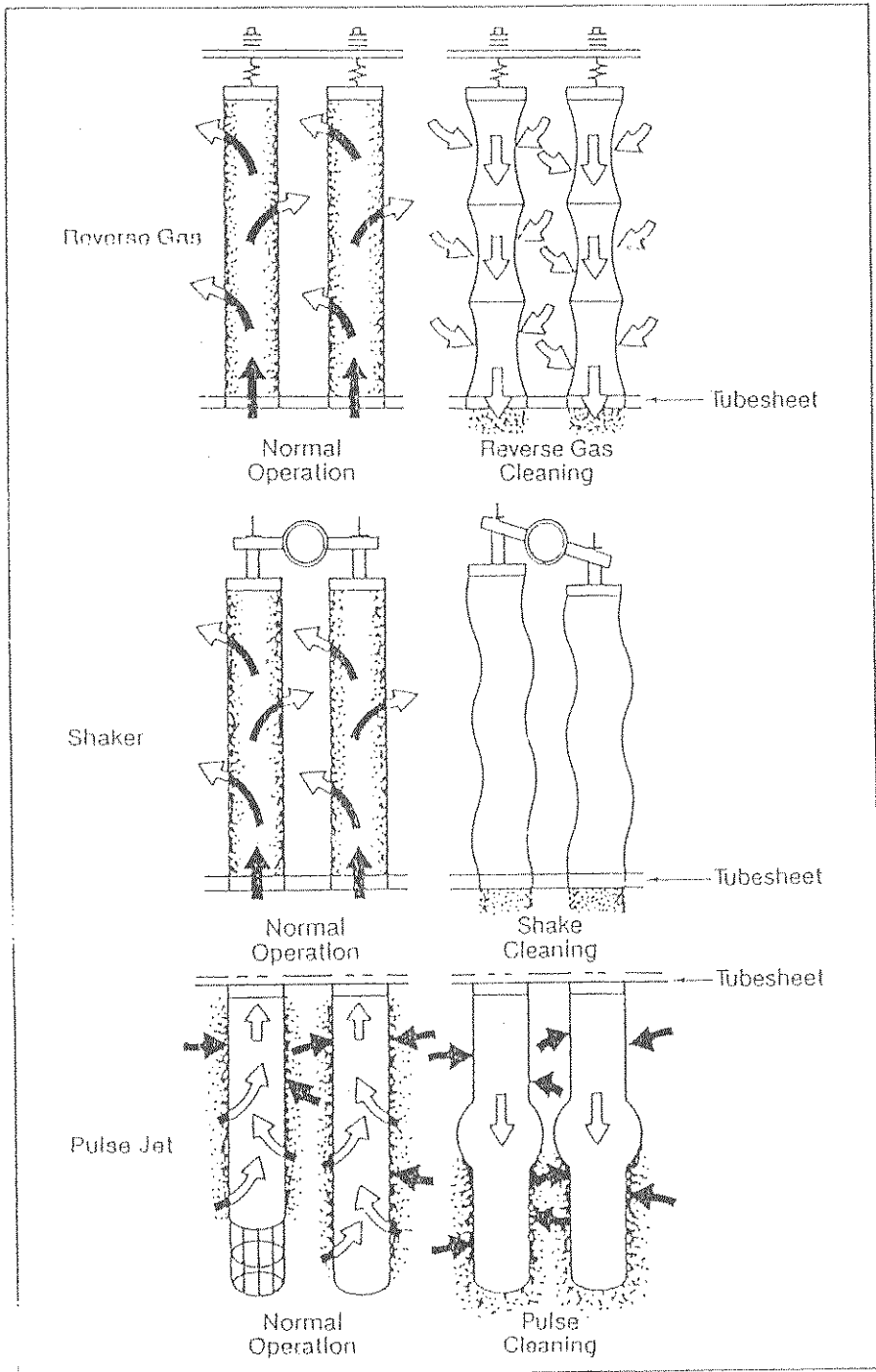


Fig. 9 Fabric filter types.



## Emissions Comparison

Typical Emissions in tons for 200,000,000 kwh of electricity \*

|                         | Older<br>Coal Plant | 1980's<br>Coal<br>Plants | Today's<br>Coal Plant | Today's<br>gas plants | Nuclear<br>plants | Wind<br>Generator |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sulfur Dioxide (tons)   | 1,440               | 600                      | 92                    | 0                     | 0                 | 0                 |
| Nitrogen Oxides (tons)  | 720                 | 150                      | 64                    | 64                    | 0                 | 0                 |
| Carbon Dioxide (tons)   | 275,000             | 291,667                  | 180,000               | 86,667                | 0                 | 0                 |
| High Level Waste (tons) | 0                   | 0                        | 0                     | 0                     | 0.07              | 0                 |

## Energy Production Costs

|                              |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Heat Rate (Btu/kwh)          | 12,000   | 10,000   | 9,200    | 8,000    | NA       | NA       |
| Fuel Cost (\$ per mmBTU)     | \$ 3.00  | \$ 2.20  | \$ 1.50  | \$ 8.00  | NA       | NA       |
| Production Cost (\$ per kwh) | \$ 0.036 | \$ 0.022 | \$ 0.014 | \$ 0.064 | \$ 0.018 | \$ 0.040 |

\* equivalent to recent ISU annual consumption

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**Actual Emissions and Fees**

| Pollutant             | 2002                          | 2003                          | 2004                          | 2005                          | 2006                          |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                       | Actual Emissions<br>Tons/Year | Actual Emissions<br>Tons/Year | Actual Emissions<br>Tons/Year | Actual Emissions<br>Tons/Year | Actual Emissions<br>Tons/Year |
| PM-10 (Boilers)       | 29.170                        | 29.860                        | 29.230                        | 33.590                        | 12.360                        |
| PM-10 (Non-boilers)   | 11.350                        | 11.910                        | 11.860                        | 12.060                        | 12.660                        |
| SOX                   | 2060.420                      | 2298.310                      | 2260.460                      | 2909.800                      | 3238.100                      |
| NOX                   | 451.850                       | 442.590                       | 458.500                       | 457.010                       | 519.500                       |
| Hydrogen Chloride     | 291.610                       | 203.830                       | 110.230                       | 169.500                       | 134.330                       |
| Lead                  | 0.040                         | 0.050                         | 0.006                         | 0.030                         | 0.007                         |
| Beryllium             | 0.020                         | 0.020                         | 0.001                         | 0.020                         | 0.001                         |
| Mercury               | 0.004                         | 0.004                         | 0.004                         | 0.004                         | 0.005                         |
| Hydrogen Fluoride     | 6.340                         | 3.870                         | 8.284                         | 4.260                         | 2.190                         |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>2850.80</b>                | <b>2990.44</b>                | <b>2878.58</b>                | <b>3586.27</b>                | <b>3919.15</b>                |
| Emissions Fee per ton | \$ 30.75                      | \$ 32.25                      | \$ 31.60                      | \$ 32.75                      | \$ 32.42                      |
| <b>Total Fees</b>     | <b>\$ 87,662.22</b>           | <b>\$ 96,441.82</b>           | <b>\$ 90,962.97</b>           | <b>\$ 117,450.47</b>          | <b>\$ 127,058.94</b>          |

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Emissions Reduction Opportunities**

**Continue cogeneration**

- 15,300 tons less coal consumed
- 1,600 tons less limestone consumed
- 2,585 tons less ash produced
- \$1.24 million saved
- Emissions reductions
  - 37,000 tons less CO<sub>2</sub>
  - 310 tons less SO<sub>2</sub>
  - 50 tons less NO<sub>x</sub>

**Do not consume energy**

- Shut off things you don't need such as lights, A/V equipment, etc
- Improve efficiencies of operating equipment
- Adjust thermostats
- 100% efficient at reducing emissions
- Saves money for other things

**Add pollution control equipment**

- Effective but very expensive
  - Baghouse - \$6.0 million
  - Scrubbers - \$12-15 million
  - New coal boiler - \$40 million plus

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Emissions Reduction Opportunities  
(continued)**

**Switch Fuels**

- Low sulfur eastern coals – cost is 25% greater than current fuel
- Low sulfur western coals – BTU content 25% lower, not suitable for ISU boilers, possible for blending with current fuel
- Biomass – Costs appear to be higher, BTU content 40% lower, possible for blending with current fuel
- Natural gas – Cost is 100+ % higher

## Coal vs Biomass Comparison

| Fuel Information               |                 |              |            |            |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|                                | Midwestern Coal | Western Coal | Waste Wood | Oat Hulls  |
| As Received                    |                 |              |            |            |
| Heating Value BTU/lb           | 11,707          | 8,838        | 6,435      | 6,934      |
| % Moisture                     | 10.07           | 26.05        | 20.22      | 10.43      |
| % Ash                          | 8.17            | 5.63         | 6.52       | 5.22       |
| % Sulfur                       | 2.43            | 0.21         | 0.44       | 0.04       |
| Dry Basis                      |                 |              |            |            |
| % Carbon                       | 72.23           | 71.09        | 47.83      | 48.58      |
| % Hydrogen                     | 4.99            | 4.80         | 5.74       | 5.26       |
| % Nitrogen                     | 1.46            | 1.00         | 0.54       | 0.73       |
| % Oxygen                       | 8.42            | 16.83        | 37.15      | 39.55      |
| % Chlorine                     | 0.15            | 0.00         | 0.06       | 0.17       |
| Density lbs/cu ft              | 48              | 48           | 22         | 10         |
| FY07 Fuel Requirements         |                 |              |            |            |
| million BTU of fuel into plant | 3,915,804       | 3,915,804    | 3,915,804  | 3,915,804  |
| Fuel required - tons           | 167,242         | 221,532      | 304,258    | 282,363    |
| Percent tonnage increase       |                 | 132%         | 182%       | 169%       |
| Fuel required - cubic feet     | 6,968,416       | 9,230,510    | 27,659,843 | 56,472,512 |
| Percent fuel volume increase   |                 | 132%         | 397%       | 810%       |
| Truck capacity tons/truck      | 25              | 25           | 20         | 9          |
| Trucks req'd per year          | 6,690           | 8,861        | 15,213     | 31,374     |

# Economic Study of Coal Based Power Production & CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

## Study Basis:

- 550 megawatts net output from plant
- Wet Scrubbers for SO<sub>2</sub> reduction
- SCR for NO<sub>x</sub> reduction
- Coal cost of \$1.80 per mmBTU
- Natural gas cost of \$6.75 per mmBTU

## Plants Studied:

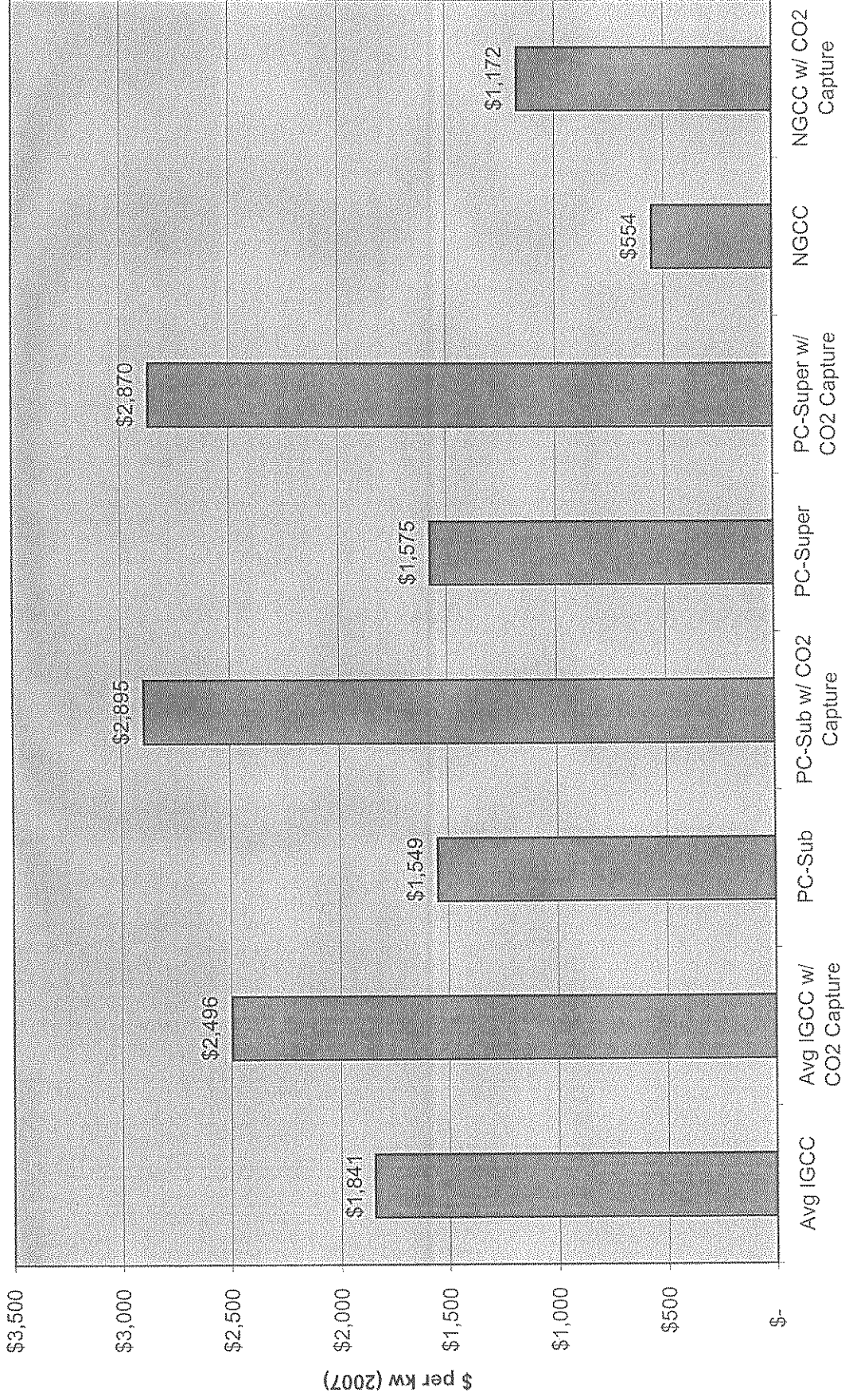
- Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Coal Plant with and w/o CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- Subcritical Pulverized Coal Plant with & w/o CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- Supercritical Pulverized Coal Plant with & w/o CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- Natural Gas Combined Cycle Plant with and w/o CO<sub>2</sub> capture

## Carbon Capture Assumptions:

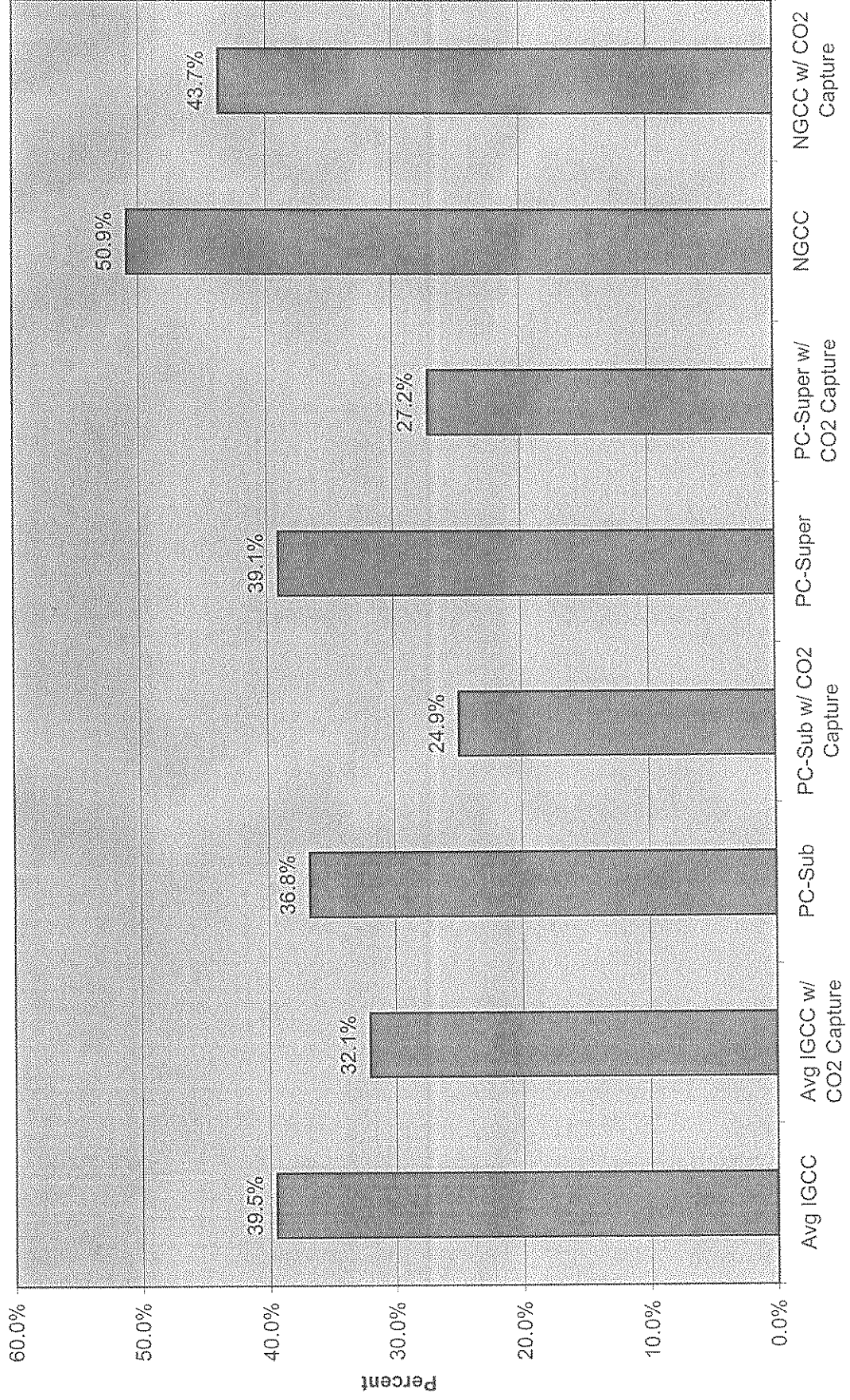
- Collect and compress CO<sub>2</sub> to 2200 psi
- 50 miles of pipeline to transport CO<sub>2</sub>
- Injection of CO<sub>2</sub> to over 4,000 ft for sequestration
- Long term monitoring (80 years) of storage integrity

Source: Final Results of NTEL Baseline Study, May 2007

# Capital Cost For Plant Construction

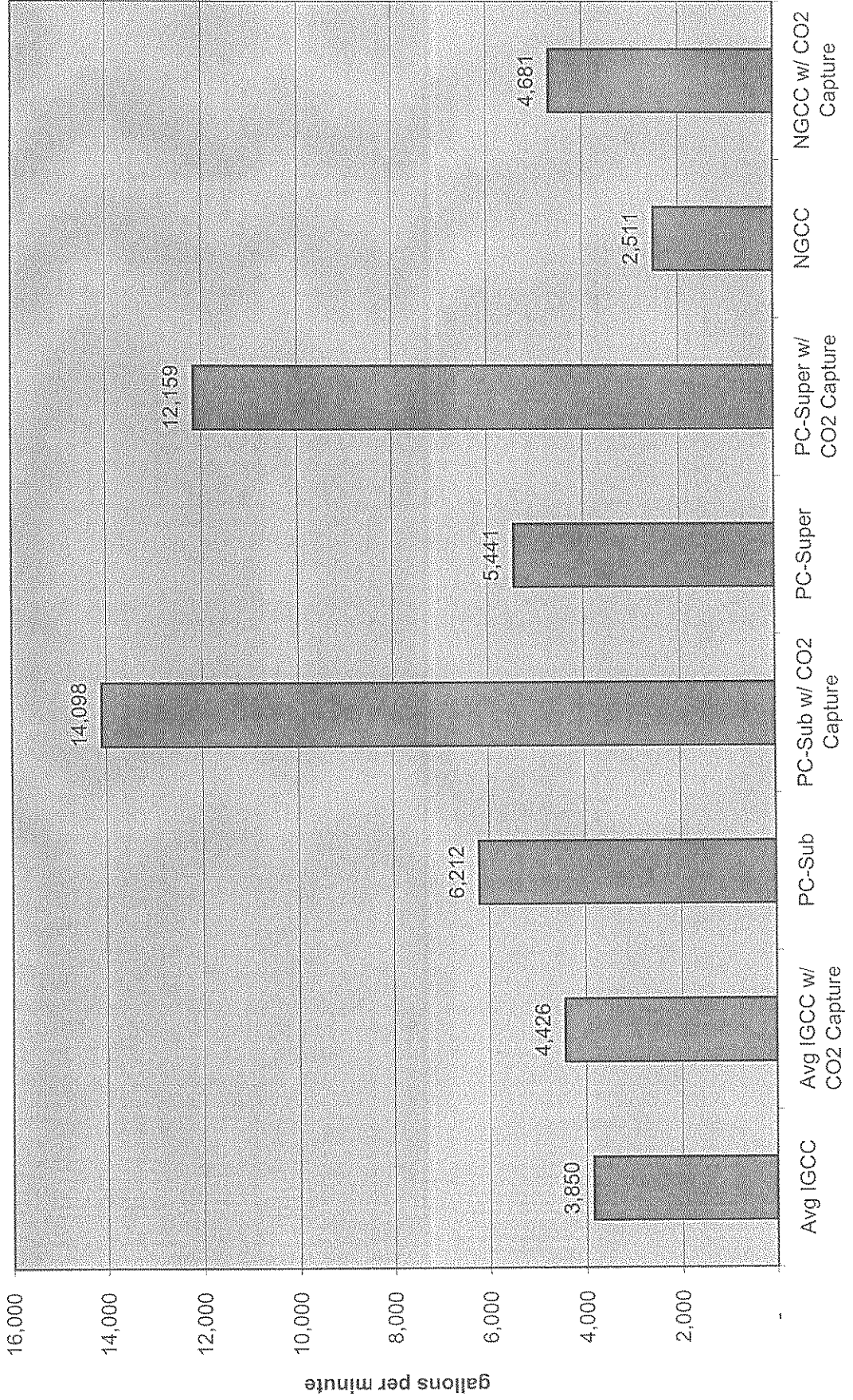


# Net Plant Efficiency





# Raw Water Consumption



# Cost of Electricity

