

*DEQ Public Information Session – Bladen County  
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**Chemours Permit Application  
to Install Thermal Oxidizer/Scrubber System**

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## *Chemours Air Quality Permit Application to Install Thermal Oxidizer/Scrubber System*

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# Project Background

## January 2018

- Chemours begins testing emissions points for GenX
- Rainwater sampling begins

## April 6, 2018

- DAQ Notifies Chemours of Intent to Open Air Permit within 60 days
- Response required by April 27.

## April 27, 2018

- Chemours Responds to April 6<sup>th</sup> Letter with alternate conditions:
- 99% overall reduction of GenX emissions from baseline
- Installation of Thermal Oxidizer/Scrubber System and Carbon Adsorbers
- Other

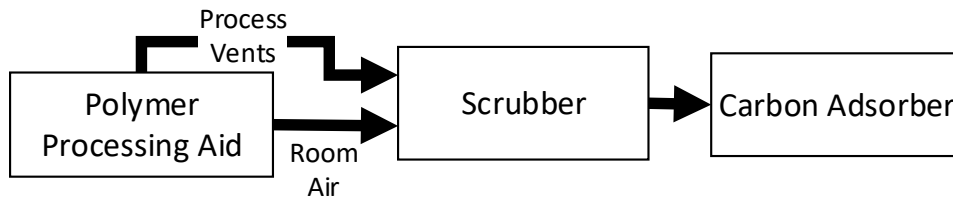
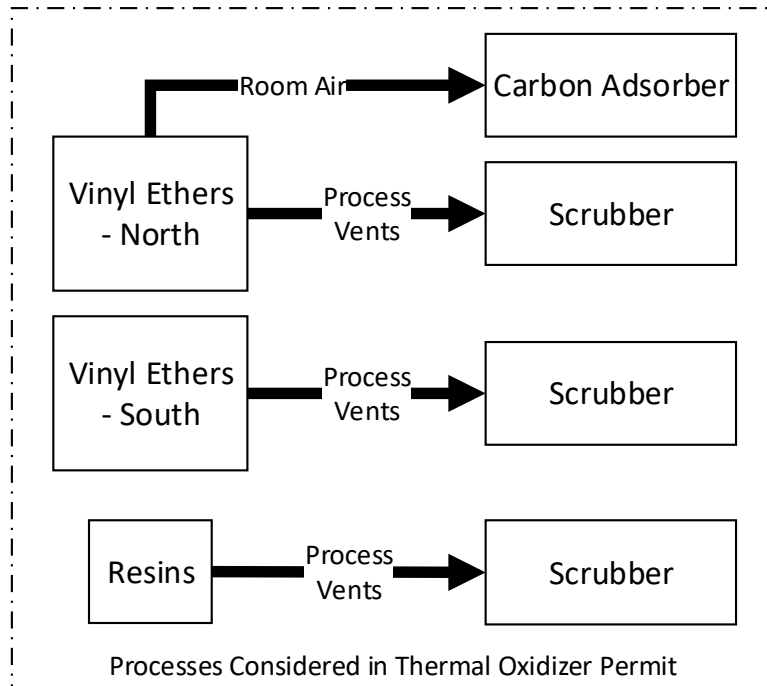
## May 2018

- Chemours begins operation of Carbon Adsorption Systems
- PPA Room Air and Process Vents
- VEN Room Air

## July 2, 2018

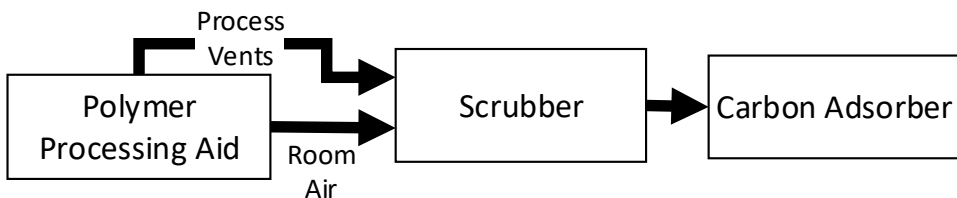
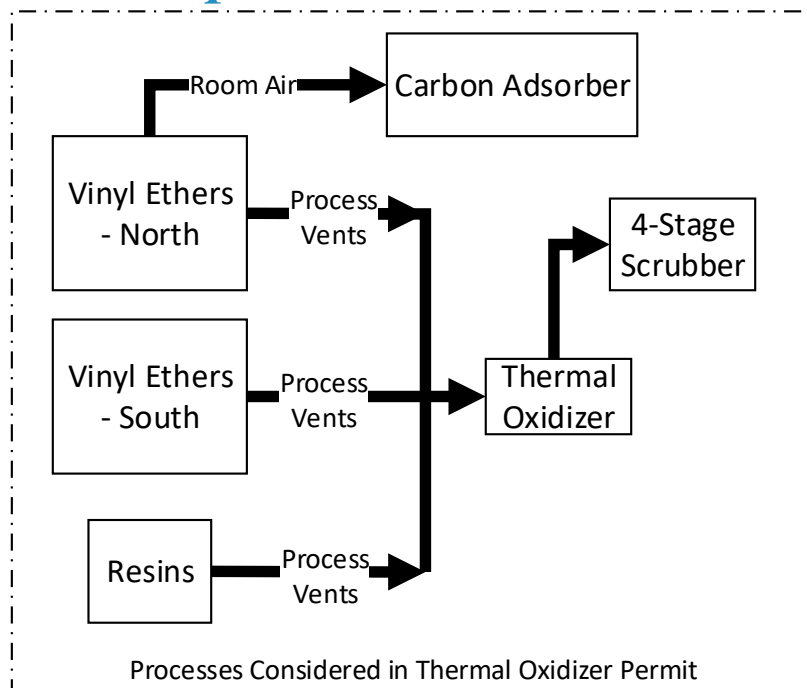
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## Current Facility Configuration



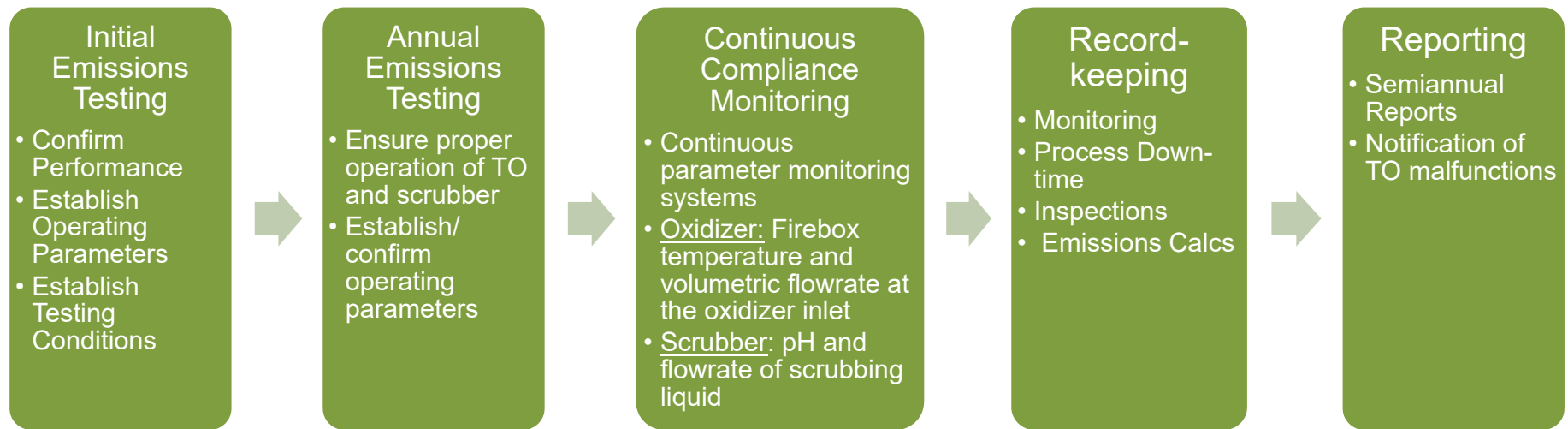
- Carbon adsorbers installed - May 2018.
  - Emission Reductions confirmed by performance testing
  - VEN carbon adsorber = 98.7% control
  - PPA carbon adsorber = 99.6% control
- Scrubbers are effective at reducing reactive per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) but not all PFAS.
  - e.g., GenX is a reactive PFAS
  - Non-reactive PFAS pass through the scrubbers uncontrolled

## Proposed Thermal Oxidizer/Scrubber System Installation



- Removing scrubbers from Vinyl Ethers - North & South and Resins
- Installing a Thermal Oxidizer (TO) and 4-stage Caustic scrubber system
  - Destruction of fluorinated and sulfur-containing compounds will generate HF and SO<sub>2</sub>, respectively
  - HF and SO<sub>2</sub> will be removed in the scrubber
- Once all control devices are operational, an overall GenX emission reduction of 99% from the 2016 baseline (facility-wide)
- Permit will include emission limits:
  - TO: required to reduce VOC and total PFAS emissions from process vents by 99.99%
  - Scrubber: required to reduce SO<sub>2</sub> and HF emissions generated in TO by 99.95%

# Compliance Methods



Permit requires thermal oxidizer and scrubber to be operating at all times that the process is operational.

## *Estimated Timeline*

- Draft Permit – Early/Mid October
- 30-Day Public Notice Period – when Draft Permit is available
- Public Meeting/Hearing – TBD
- Final Permitting Action – End of November 2018



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More Information Available Online:

<https://deq.nc.gov/news/hot-topics/genx-investigation>

