

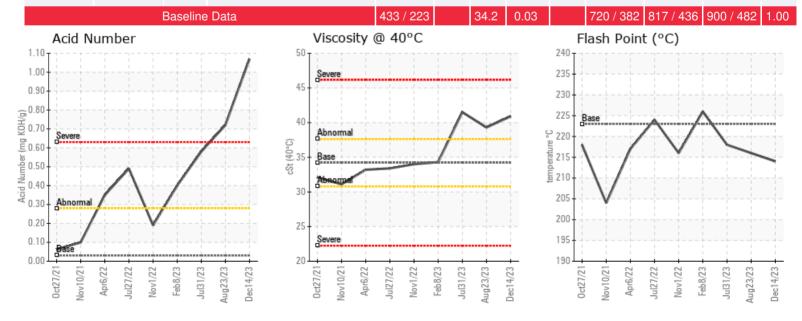
Tel: (403)318-1291 E-Mail: jcoffin@vestaenergy.com Fluid: PETRO CANADA PETRO-THERM Make: ASPIRE MANUFACTURING

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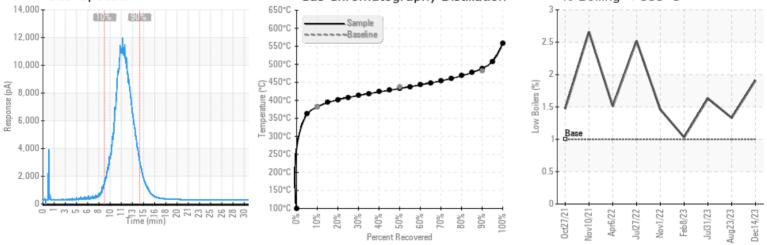
Recommendation: The fluid has elevated Acid Number and Solid Contents, meaning the oil oxidation has been accelerated in the past 5 months. As discussed in the past, please consider implementing the following improvements ASAP: 1. Reduce the expansion tank temperature from the current 100C to 60C or lower. 2. Add a blanket in the expansion tank to isolate the hot fluid. The blanket can be the same as the Medium #1. 3. Please consider installing a second circulation pump, just incase the current pump has a premature failure. Iron level is increasing over the time, which is not typically from a wear and tear. Most likely, the iron is a third party contamination. Please trouble-shoot the source of the iron (i.e. the pipe corrosion, or third fluid contamination, etc.)

Comments: Solid levels are severely high. Acid Number (AN) is severely high. Visc @ 40°C is abnormally high.

Sample Date	Received Date	Fluid Age	Sample Location	Flash Point (COC)	Water (KF)	Viscosity (40°C)	Acid Number	Solids	GCD 10%	GCD 50%	GCD 90%	GCD % < 335°C
	mm/dd/yy			°F/°C	ppm	cSt	mg/KOH/ g	%wt	°F/°C	°F/°C	°F/°C	%
12/14/23	12/15/23	0.0m		417 / 214	116	<mark>40.9</mark>	1.07	1.60	719 / 381	811 / 433	911 / 488	1.91
08/23/23	08/25/23	0.0m	DE ETH TOWER	421 / 216	72.7	<mark>39.3</mark>	0.72	1.14	722 / 383	811 / 433	909 / 487	1.33
07/31/23	08/02/23	12.0m		424 / 218	148.1	<mark>41.5</mark>	0.58	2.03	721 / 383	812 / 433	909 / 487	1.63
02/08/23	02/09/23	9.0m		439 / 226	34.1	34.3	0.40	0.381	729 / 387	813 / 434	910 / 488	1.03
11/01/22	11/14/22	12.0m	DEETH REBOILER	421 / 216	258.0	34.0	0.19	0.203	724 / 384	811 / 433	907 / 486	1.46







## Historical Comments

08/23/23	This is the second sample in 30 days after instructing a good sampling port flushing, so that I think it is a representative sample. The elevated oil viscosity, acid number and solid contents are all the results of the fluid oxidation and degradation. Please add gas/nitrogen blanket in the expansion tank, also keep the expansion tank fluid temperature =< 50C. System filtration needs to be arranged. Yutong will follow up with Jason. Solid levels are severely high. Acid Number (AN) is severely high. Visc @ 40°C is abnormally high.
07/31/23	The sample has adequate distillation points comparing with the fresh fluid. However, the solid content has been elevated substantially only after 5 months operation since the last sample in Feb 2023. The viscosity and acid number test results are also higher than the previous samples. Referring to the system design parameters, please double check the fluid flow rate and expansion tank typical temperature. If they are all adequate enough, then please re-sample ASAP before taking any additional actions. Please use the same sample port, flush the port by 50 liters fluid, then take a representative sample. Yutong will contact Jason along with the Petro-Canada Lubricants local distributor to follow up the details. An increase in the iron level is noted. Solid levels are severely high. Acid Number (AN) is abnormally high. Visc @ 40°C is abnormally high.
02/08/23	The current fluid has correct viscosity and decent distillation points. There is minimum water / dirt contaminations. The overall solid content is low. The acid number is elevated from last sample result, however, it is similar to the two samples in Apr/Jul 2022. Please continue to run this fluid and take one sample in Sept 2023 to monitor the conditions. To better understand the variation of the AN, please confirm if there was a high volume fluid top-up between Jul and Nov, 2022. Also please make sure to take samples from the same port and the sampling port shall be well flushed.
11/01/22	The current fluid has normal viscosity, flash point and distillation points. The acid number is low meaning the minimum fluid oxidation. The water level is also considered normal. Please continue to run the fluid and take one sample in Nov 2023 to monitor the conditions.

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