



# Lube Oil Conditioner Unit



## C.C. Jensen Oil Filter Systems





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*Providing Oil Filter Systems Since 1953*





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## The Filter Division



**Off-line Filtration Systems  
for Removal of  
Particles, Water, and Oxidation Deposits  
from Oil.**





## Functional Testing



GE 7FA Gas Turbine

Calpine  
Broad River Energy Center

Gaffney, SC

Run Time: December 13,  
2005 to Present



## Recommended Methods for Detecting Varnish

### Patch Colorimetric Test

Provides a quantifiable scale to trend varnish potential

Scale: 0 to 100

0 to 40 = Normal

41 to 60 = Caution

61 to 100 = Critical

### Sub-Micron Particle Count

Determines the effectiveness of removal of varnish particles (0.2 – 2 micron)

Test: ASTM F 312-97 Standard Test Method for Microscopical Sizing and Counting Particles from Aerospace Fluids on Membrane Filters

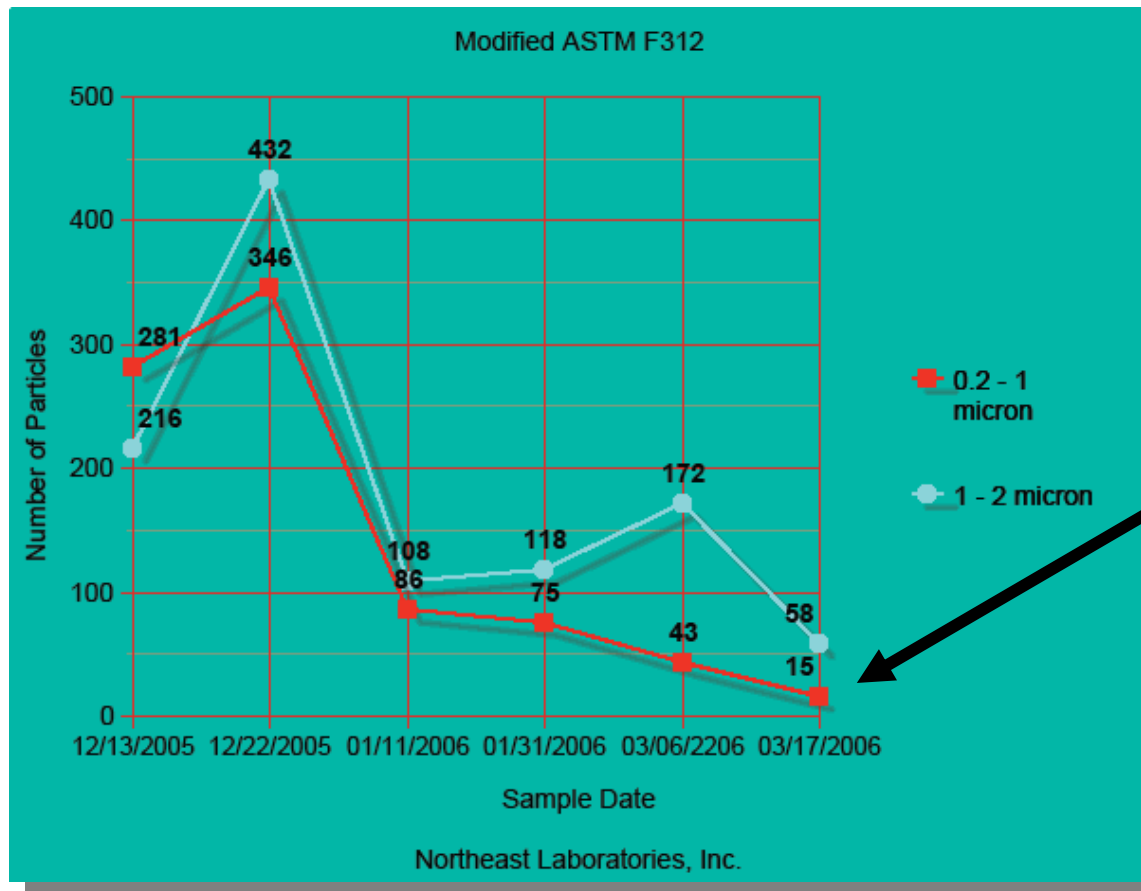
***“It is recommended that both of these tests be used to monitor the performance of oil conditioning equipment.”***

**GE Energy Services, Technical Information Letter, 1528-3**

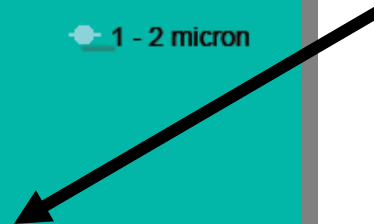




## Sub Micron Particle Count – Mod. ASTM F 312

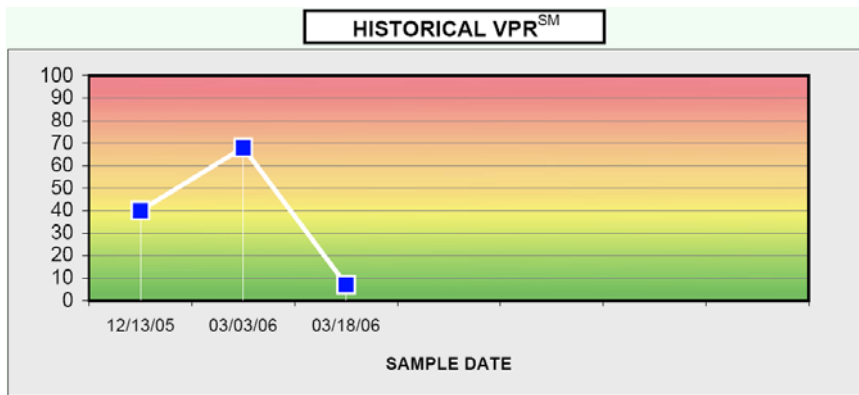


**95%  
Reduction**

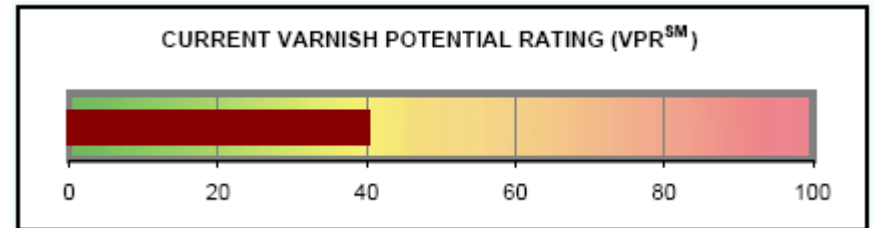




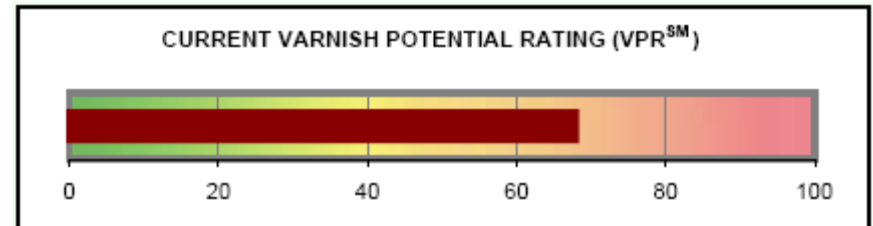
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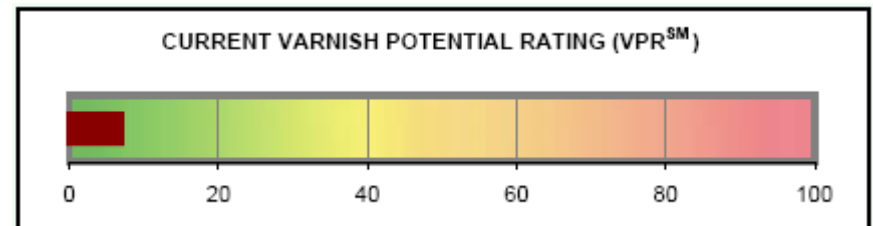
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**March 3, 2006**



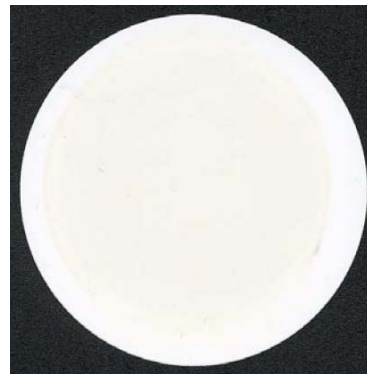
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**BEFORE**



**AFTER**







## Gravimetric Analysis – Used Filter Inserts



<b>A 27/27</b>	<b>INITIAL WEIGHT (g)</b>	<b>FINAL WEIGHT (g)</b>	<b>GAIN/LOSS</b>
Flask	372	403	31
Filter	44	12	32
<b>B 27/27</b>	<b>INITIAL WEIGHT (g)</b>	<b>FINAL WEIGHT (g)</b>	<b>GAIN/LOSS</b>
Flask	381	395	14
Filter	26	10	16
<b>Average (Filter)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>

Ratio of Filter Mass to Varnish Mass Removed: **1:2.18**



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**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2006 6:03 AM  
**To:** 'Justin Stover'  
**Subject:** RE: Progress Report

Justin,

Finally got a dispatch of several of our units. First time we have been called on to run in about 5 months. **Unit 3 (the one the CC Jensen unit is on) worked beautifully.** Unit 2 (treated by the ISOPur HR unit) failed to start due to a sticking IGV servo. When manually cycled several times the IGV servo began to work properly. We tested the servo for Unit 1 (which currently has a Kleentek unit running on the sump). This servo was very sticky and actually had to be replaced. We will need to send the servo off for reconditioning to eliminate the varnish build up. As a result of this inspection we removed the servo from Unit 2. It had varnish on it but not as bad as Unit 1. The last chance hydraulic filter was completely loaded with contamination that had been flushed into it from the header. **When we checked Unit 3 the IGV servo looked completely free of varnish and the last chance filter had absolutely no evidence of varnishing.** This is antidotal evidence which supports the lab results. Moving this unit to Turbine 1 to see what happens after Kleentek will be very valuable to you and GE.



## LATEST RESULTS

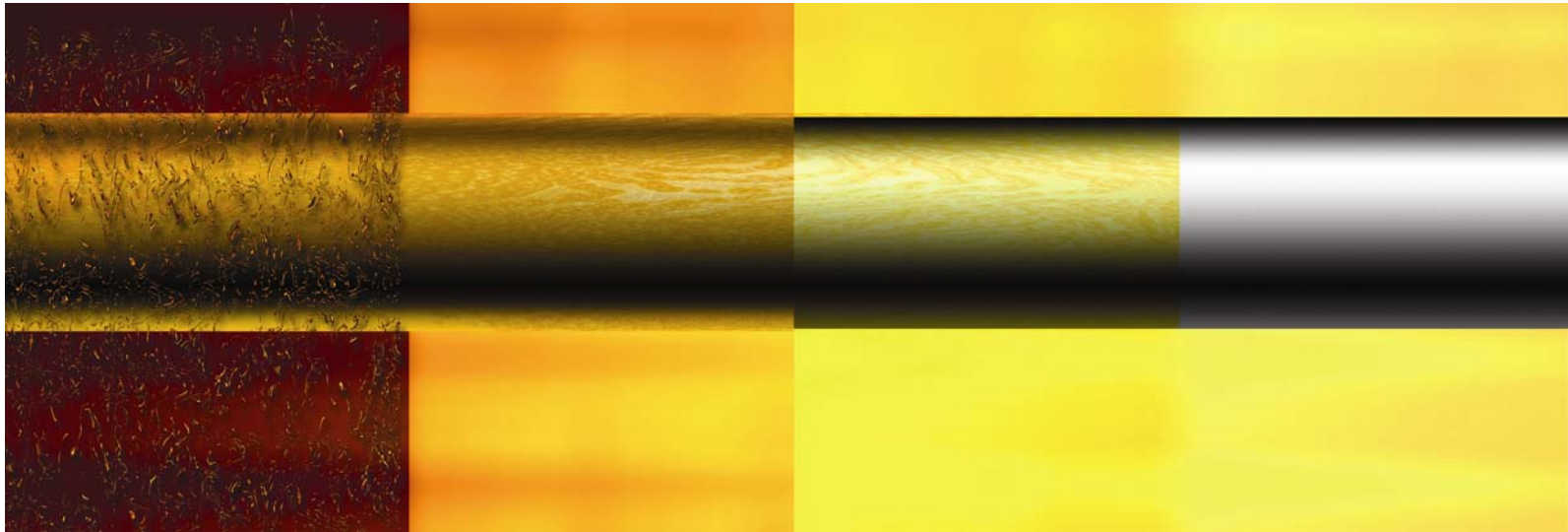
### Sub Micron Particle Count – Mod. ASTM F 312

Sample Date	0.2 - 1 $\mu$	1 - 2 $\mu$	Total	% Removed	Notes
13-Dec-05	281	216	497	Baseline	Unit Hours (Total / Test): 3,781 / 0
22-Dec-05	346	432	778	-	
11-Jan-06	86	108	194	61.0%	
31-Jan-06	75	118	193	61.2%	
6-Mar-06	43	172	215	56.7%	
17-Mar-06	15	57	72	85.5%	Unit Hours (Total / Test): 3,790 / 9
1-Jun-06	2,123,610	4,260	2,127,870	-	Unit Hours (Total / Test): 3,921 / 140
13-Jun-06	2,552,080	1,756,740	4,308,820	-	1 - A 27/27 Inserts added on 12-Jun-06
23-Jun-06	130	108	238	52.1%	8 - A 27/27 Inserts added on 23-Jun-06
24-Jun-06	3,811	473	4,284	-	
30-Jun-06	43	129	172	65.4%	Unit Hours (Total / Test): 4,040 / 259



## Adsorption Equilibrium

*Removal of Varnish from Metallic Surfaces*



*Adsorption  
Phase*



*Clean Oil  
Phase*



*Desorption  
Phase*



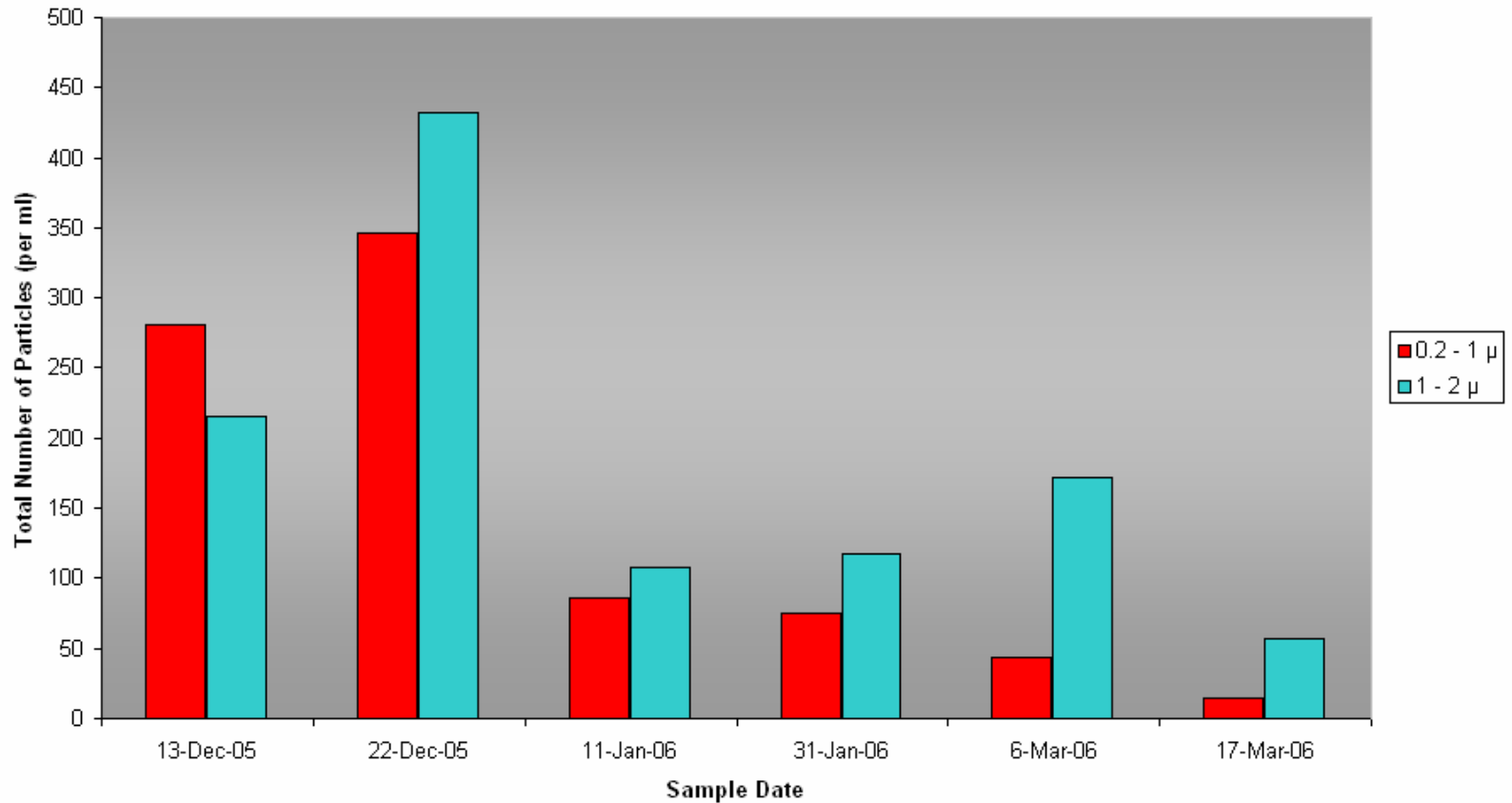
*Maintenance  
Phase*



# Lube Oil Conditioner Unit



**GE 7FA Gas Turbine**  
**Turbine Status: Idle**  
Sub Micron Particle Count - Modified ASTM F312

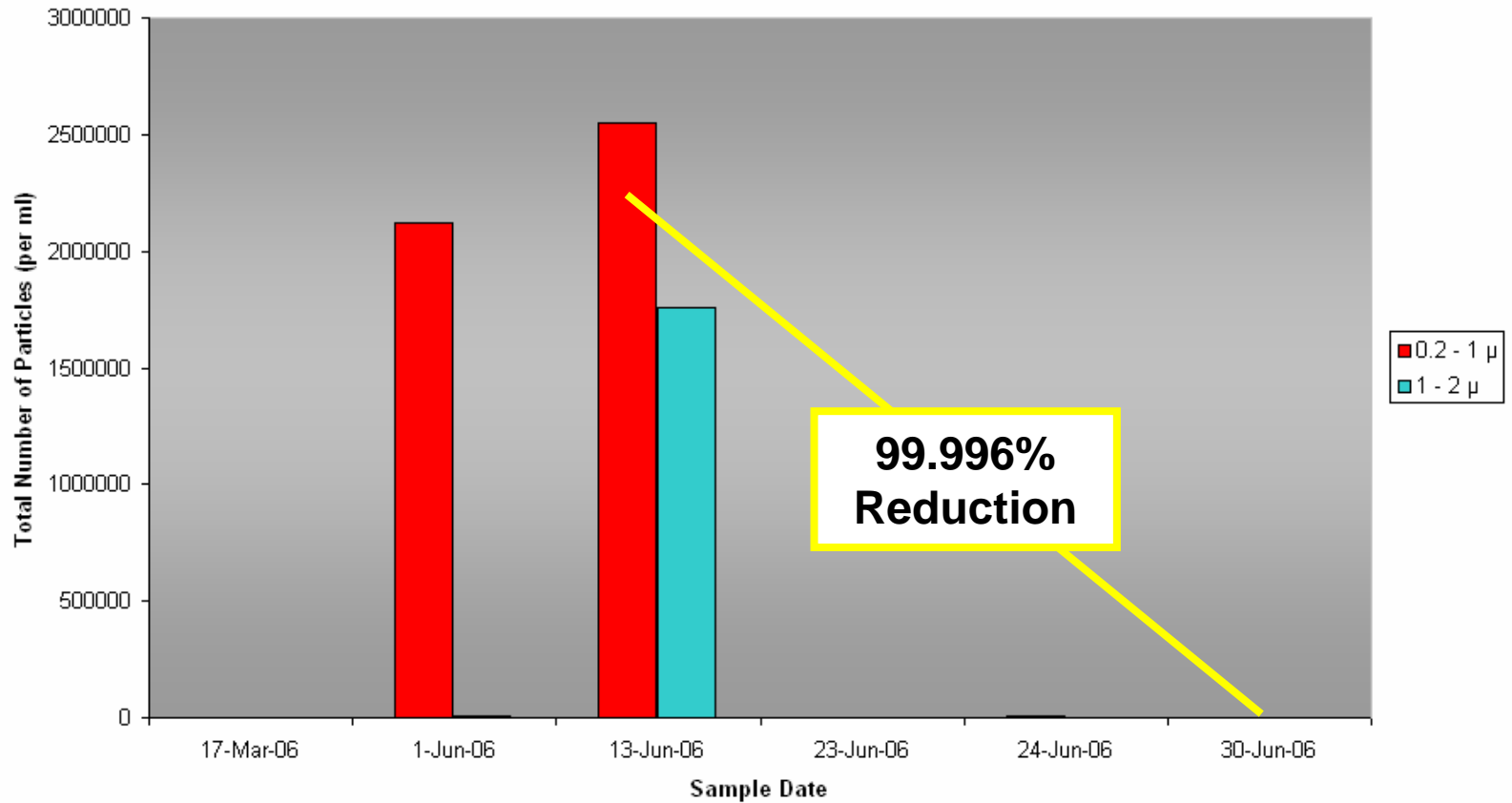




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**GE 7FA Gas Turbine**  
**Turbine Status: Operative**  
Sub Micron Particle Count - Modified ASTM F312







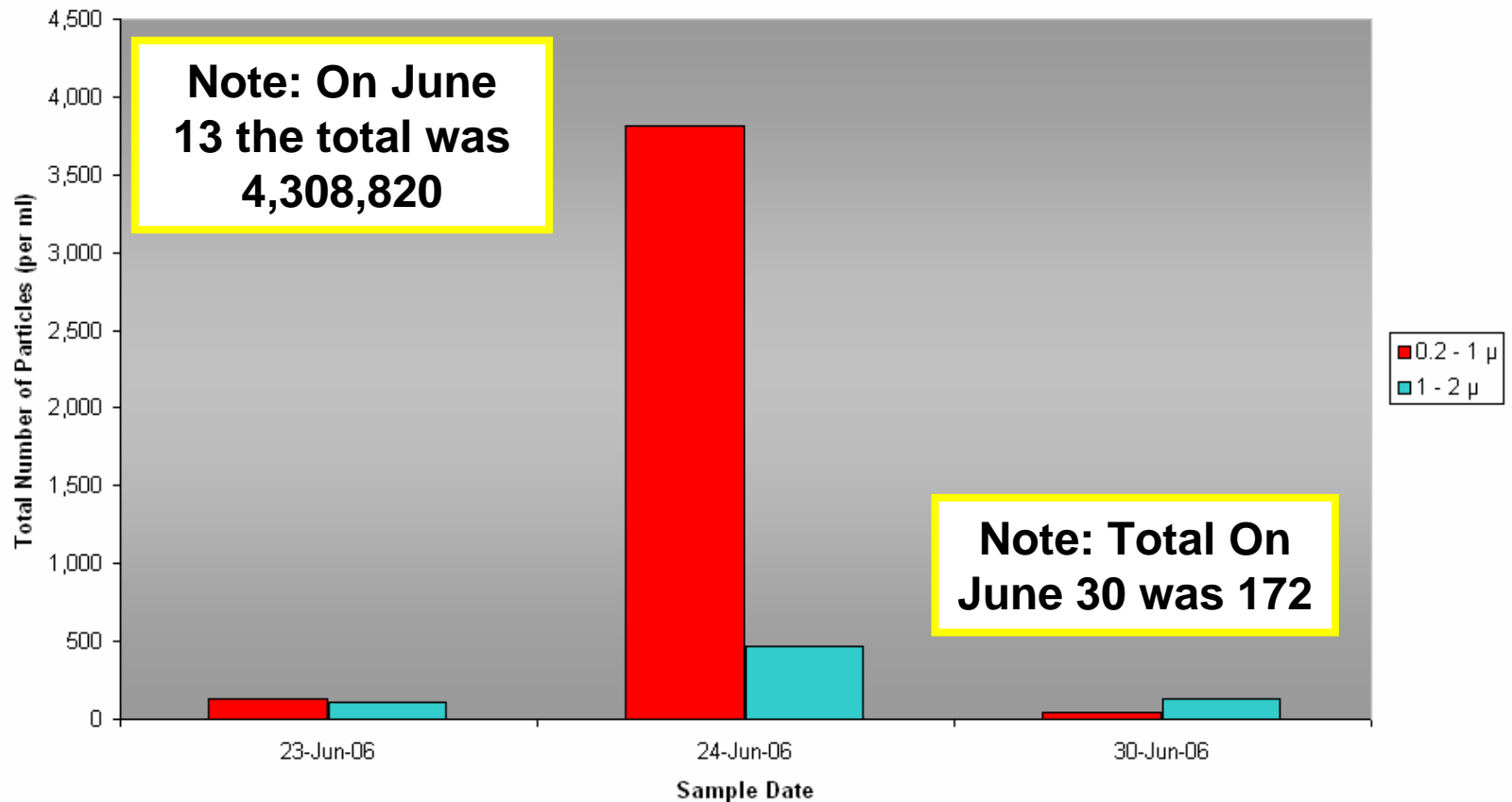
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## GE 7FA Gas Turbine

**Turbine Status: Operative, After Filter Insert Replacement (22-Jun-06)**

Sub Micron Particle Count - Modified ASTM F312





## Adsorption of Varnish in Cellulose Filter Inserts

- Most likely occurs by **physisorption**
- **Electrostatic forces** are phenomena that contributes to physisorption
- Electrostatic forces include polarization, field-dipole interactions, and especially **hydrogen bonding**





## Adsorption of Varnish at Outset





## Adsorption of Varnish Near Exhaustion







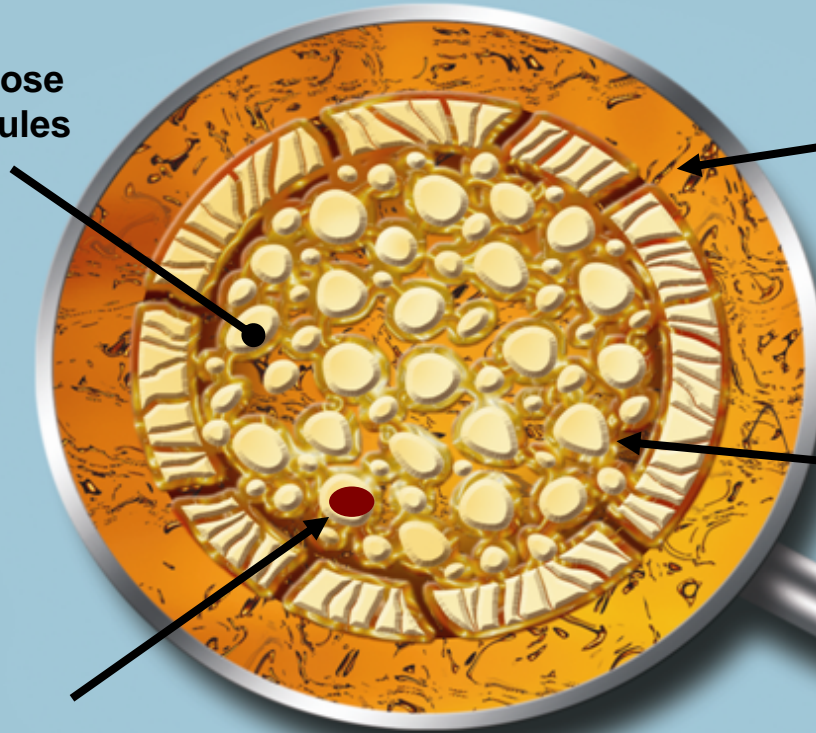
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Cellulose  
Molecules



**Step 1 "Film" Diffusion**  
Varnish particles are transported from the oil to the boundary of the fiber bundle (adsorbent)

**Step 2 Macropore Diffusion**  
Takes place within the adsorbent, among or between molecules

**Step 3 Micropore Diffusion**  
From the pore fluid to the molecules

### Cross-Section of Fiber





## Advantages of C.C. Jensen Oil Filter Systems

- Simple to Operate and Maintain
- Utilizes Natural Forces
- Greater Reliability
- Higher Capacity
  - *8 Pounds of Varnish removed per Filter Insert*
- Lower Purchase Price



## Reliability and Design Life

### Reliability (based upon Calpine trial)

Mean Time Between Failures  
(MTBF)

$$\text{MTBF} = 4,368^*$$

\* From 12/13/05 to 06/13/06  
182 Days = 4,368 hours

### Design Life

30 Year Design Life

24/7/365 Operation