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Solution 28, p. 67:

Dispersion modeling along the centerline for downwind.
Ground-level concentration can be expressed as:

$$C(x,y) = [Q / (3.14 (\sigma_y \sigma_z) u)] \exp\{-1/2(H/\sigma_z)^2\}$$

where

Q = emission rate

σ_y and σ_z = dispersion coefficients

u = mean wind speed

H = stack height

As the stack height increases, the concentration decreases at the ground surface.

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS: A

Solution 29, p. 67:

The standard flow rate can be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= A \times V \times (P_s/P_{std}) \times (T_{std} \text{ } ^\circ\text{R}/T_s \text{ } ^\circ\text{R}) \times (1 - (\text{moisture fraction})) \times 60 \text{ sec/min} \\ &= \left[\frac{(92/12)^2}{4} \times \pi \text{ ft}^2 \right] (28.84 \text{ fps}) \left(\frac{23.56}{29.92} \right) \left(\frac{460 + 70}{460 + 355} \right) (1 - 0.1225) (60 \text{ sec/min}) \\ &= 35,895 \text{ dry standard cubic feet per minute (DSCFM)} \end{aligned}$$

The emission rate of NO_x (lb/hr) can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned} &= 117.27 \text{ ppmv} \times 1.194 \times 10^{-7} \text{ lb NO}_x / \text{scf ppmv} \times Q \text{ scf/min} \times 60 \text{ min/hr} \\ &= 30 \text{ lb NO}_x / \text{hr} \end{aligned}$$

The heat input rate for the boiler can be calculated as:

$$= 149.9 \times 10^3 \text{ scf/hr} \times 1,000 \text{ Btu/scf} = 149.9 \times 10^6 \text{ Btu/hr}$$

The emissions per 10⁶ Btu then become:

$$= 30 \text{ lb/hr} / 149.9 \times 10^6 \text{ Btu/hr} = 0.2012 \text{ lb NO}_x / 10^6 \text{ Btu, which exceeds the standard}$$

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS: B