

**PUBLIC ABSTRACT**

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Proposal Title: SRT/ISPRA Flue Gas Desulphurization Process

Commercial Application: Existing Facilities

Technology Type: Environmental

Estimated total cost of project:

Total Estimated Cost: \$7,349,938

Estimated DOE Share: \$3,674,969

Estimated Private Share: \$3,674,969

**PUBLIC ABSTRACT (cont'd)**

Anticipated Project Site(s): Four Corners Power Plant  
Farmington, NM 87416

Type of Coal to be Used: Primary  
Alternate (if any)

Size or Scale of Project: Flue Gas Desulphurization for a 3-MW Coal Plant

Duration of Proposed Project:  
(from date of award) 18 Months

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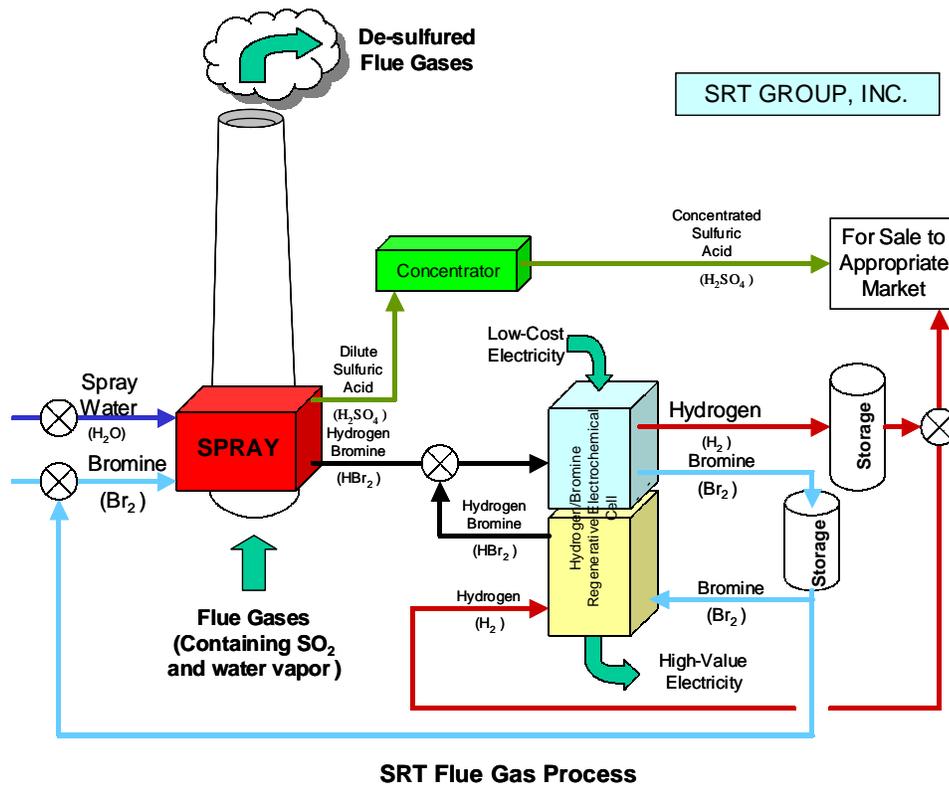
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### Brief description of project:

SRT Group, Inc., proposes partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy to test and commercialize a process for removing sulfur dioxide ( $\text{SO}_2$ ) from the flue gas of coal-fired boilers. Wet scrubbing processes using lime and limestone as reagents are widely used as flue gas desulphurization (FGD) systems but have a major drawback in the expense of the reagent and large quantity of sludge produced. The SRT/ISPR process offers an alternative wet scrubbing method by using a small amount of bromine ( $\text{Br}_2$ ) as the reagent. In the process  $\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ , and water vapor ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) react to produce sulfuric acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and hydrogen bromide ( $\text{HBr}$ ). The process has been demonstrated to remove more than 90% of the flue gas  $\text{SO}_2$ . It also has the added potential to aid in the reduction of nitrogen oxide ( $\text{NO}_x$ ) and mercury ( $\text{Hg}$ ), which has been identified as goals of President Bush's Clear Skies Initiative.



A unique aspect of the SRT/ISPR process is the regeneration of the reactant  $\text{Br}_2$ . In the electrolyzer, the  $\text{HBr}$  formed in the reactor is converted to  $\text{Br}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2$ . Thus the reactant  $\text{Br}_2$  is regenerated and a valuable fuel source  $\text{H}_2$  is formed. The production of  $\text{H}_2$  is in line with the current administrations support for developing hydrogen as a primary fuel for cars and trucks.

The process also has the ability to operate a  $H_2/Br_2$  reversible cell. During on-peak hours the cell operates as a fuel cell by reacting  $H_2$  with  $Br_2$  to form  $HBr$  and power. To regenerate the chemicals, the cell operates as an electrolyzer, converting the  $HBr$  back to  $H_2$  and  $Br_2$ .

The incorporation of the ISPRA FGD process with SRT's electrochemical  $HBr$  energy storage system enables a base-loaded, coal-fired plant to operate virtually  $SO_2$  emission free, store off-peak energy, and produce marketable  $H_2$  and  $H_2SO_4$ . The stored energy, in the form of  $H_2$  and  $HBr$ , can be discharged during on-peak spikes and generation equipment outages, or for providing black start capability for peaking turbines.

The goal of the pilot trials is to demonstrate the SRT/ISPRA FGD process on a 3-MW scale. The trials will allow testing to determine the removal efficiency of  $SO_2$ ,  $NO_x$ , and  $Hg$ . Testing will also confirm the material and energy balance and allow for optimization of key operating parameters. Alternative methods to  $H_2SO_4$  concentration, such as submersed combustion and evaporation, will be explored to determine if a more cost effective system can be found.