Vitalsensors VS-3000 for BioEthanol Liquefaction

These slides show *VS-3000 BioEthanol Process Monitor* performance while measuring ° Brix and Ethanol during LIQUEFACTION process. *VS-3000* is a solid-state, mid-IR instrument for measuring dissolved concentrations in solution, real time 24x7.

- Data comes from a VS-3000 installation at a US BioEthanol plant with an output capacity of 50+ million gallons per year
- VS-3000 data is compared to samples collected in the BioEthanol plant's QA laboratory
- Comparison samples were sourced from a Refractometer (for °Brix) and an H.P.L.C. (for Ethanol)
- The slides contain 1 instances of comparison between the QA Lab and VS-3000 sensor readings
- VS-3000 data recorded every 30 seconds, QA lab measurements taken approximately every hour



VS-3000 °Brix vs. QA Lab °Brix





Zoom: VS-3000 °Brix vs. QA Lab



Vitalsensors VS-3000 Ethanol vs. QA Lab Ethanol



Vitalsensors Observations based on data

- During LIQUEFACTION process, *VS-3000BEM* measurements accurately trend along with measurements performed on instruments in the BioEthanol plant's QA laboratory.
- VS-3000BEM data is highly repeatable.
- *VS-3000BEM* is able to **measure** °**Brix and Ethanol precisely** despite the extreme temperatures seen in the LIQUEFACTION process.
- VS-3000BEM measurements are not adversely affected by solids seen in LIQUEFACTION process, nor the viscosity of the solution.
- VS-3000 operates 100% in-situ and does not require a slip-stream or CIP. VS-3000 contains no moving parts and measurements are not adversely affected by un-dissolved solids.