



A Preliminary Result of Air Quality Identification and Analysis of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} in Steel Industrial Area, Cilegon, Banten

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ABSTRACT

The increasingly rapid industrial development has produced pollutants in the form of gases and particles polluting the atmosphere. One of them is the steel industry where the majority of the air pollutants produced is particulate matter. Monitoring the air quality of particulate matter needs to be done routinely to identify and control the effects of air pollution somewhere. The purpose of this study is to identify and analyze particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}) in the steel industry area in Cilegon, Indonesia. Ambient particulate matter is sampling by low-volume Sequential Particulate Matter (PM) Sampler with flow rate 5-20 L/minute for 24 hours per day in 4 months from September 2018 to January 2019 at four sampling locations (main gate area, hot strip mill area, billet post area, and hot blast plant area). The results of identification and analysis showed concentrations that varied greatly depending on sampling location conditions, with an average concentration range of 89.38 - 141.13 µg/m³ for PM₁₀ and 21.74 - 50.69 µg/m³ for PM_{2.5}. The maximum concentration of PM₁₀ measured was 338.06 µg/m³ at Point 4 (the hot blast plant area) on Day 65 and the minimum concentration was 16.67 µg/m³ at Point 3 (the billet post area) on Day 11. While, the maximum concentration of PM_{2.5} was 141.96 µg/m³ at Point 3 on Day 82 and the minimum concentration was 4.19 µg/m³ at Point 4 on Day 99.

1. INTRODUCTION

One of the priority industries being developed by the Indonesian Ministry of Industry is the steel industry. This sector functions as the mother of an industry because its products are the main of raw material for other industrial sector activities. Steel also has a vital role in daily life because of its use in various fields (for example construction, vehicles, manufacturing, energy transfer, etc.). As a result of urbanization and industrialization and to fulfill this demand, there has been an increase in the number of steelmaking factories throughout the world. The rapid expansion of the steel-producing industry has produced

emissions that are also large in the form of gases and particles polluting the atmosphere. The types of pollutants include SO₂, CO, NO_x, and particles with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 10 µm (Wahab et al., 2018; Jia et al., 2018; Kumar et al., 2018). The amount of pollutants emitted outside the industrial area can be influenced by the type and capacity of the fuel and the height of the stack used by industry (Ruhiat et al., 2017).

However, the majority of air pollutants produced from industrial process activities such as iron and steel milling and metal smelting are particulate matter. The sampling results from iron and steel industry in China showed that the highest particle mass concentration (the size

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Figure 1. Sampling locations in the steel industrial area, Cilegon, Indonesia

distributions of particle mass ranging between 0.43 and 10 μm) was 40.8 mg/m^3 (Jia et al., 2018). Other study was mentioned that the mass concentration of the sampled fine and coarse PM fraction from a scrap iron and steel smelting industry in Nigeria ranged between 14.4-986.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and 11.2-3250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, respectively (Owoade et al., 2015).

PM stands for particulate matter (also called particle pollution): the term for a mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets found in the air. Some particles, such as dust, dirt, soot, or smoke, are large or dark enough to be seen with the naked eye. Others are so small they can only be detected using an electron microscope. Particle pollution includes PM_{10} and $\text{PM}_{2.5}$. PM_{10} are inhalable particles, with diameters that are generally 10 micrometers and smaller; and $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ are fine inhalable particles, with diameters that are generally 2.5 micrometers and smaller. These particles come in many sizes and shapes and can be made up of hundreds of different chemicals. Some are emitted directly from a source, such as construction sites, unpaved roads, fields, smokestacks or fires. Most particles form in the atmosphere as a result of complex reactions of chemicals such as sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides, which are pollutants emitted from power plants, industries, and automobiles (U.S. EPA, 2018).

Along with the technology development and the presence of air quality standards, dust sampling has begun to be carried out with effective, efficient and safe methods. This method is very necessary for air quality monitoring routinely and continuously for several days, so that it can assist in assessing risk and applying control measures

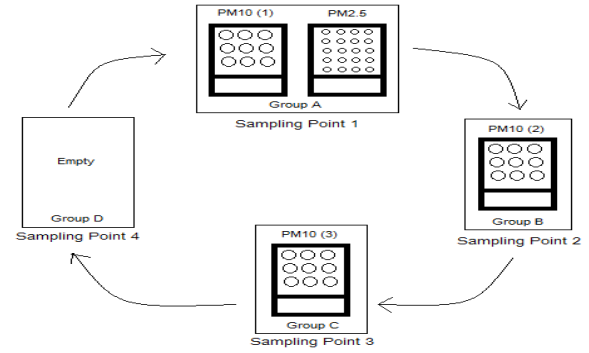


Figure 2. Detail of Particulate Matter sampler position on the first rotation

quickly. While advanced countries including US, Japan, and European nations have evolved advanced monitoring systems, most developing countries of Asia and Africa are still languishing with very basic monitoring or no monitoring at all (Roychowdhury et al., 2016). Based on Air Quality Index Calculation (2019), more than 88 countries have a monitoring system, include Indonesia. Some countries in Asia were no monitoring at all or on-going, such as: Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka. For monitoring, PM concentration can be measured by several methods, such as gravimetric, optical, microbalance, and electrical charge. These measuring methods have been reviewed the advantages and the disadvantages. Some countries can choose the method depending on their regulation or the ease of getting the equipment (Amaral et al., 2015; Budde et al., 2013).

In this study, air quality monitoring was carried out by identifying and analyzing the air quality of ambient particulate matters in the steel industry in Cilegon, Indonesia using a gravimetric method, where the standard method used in Indonesia (SNI 7119.15: 2016). The results obtained are expected to be used as data and information to the authorities regarding ambient particulate matters in the steel industry in Indonesia so that they can take corrective actions following the established procedures for results that exceed the ambient dust standard. In addition, the existence of this research is also expected to encourage industries in Indonesia in addition to the steel industry to implement green industry standards.

Table 1. Particulate Matter Sampler Position

Sampling Period	PM Sampler Position			
	Point 1	Point 2	Point 3	Point 4
First Rotation (2018, Sept 18 th - Oct 15 th)	PM ₁₀ Sampler, PM _{2.5} Sampler	PM ₁₀ Sampler	PM ₁₀ Sampler	Empty
Second Rotation (2018, Oct 16 th - Nov 6 th)	Empty	PM ₁₀ Sampler, PM _{2.5} Sampler	PM ₁₀ Sampler	PM ₁₀ Sampler
Third Rotation (2018, Nov 7 th - Dec 10 th)	PM ₁₀ Sampler	Empty	PM ₁₀ Sampler, PM _{2.5} Sampler	PM ₁₀ Sampler
Fourth Rotation (2018, December 11 th - 2019, January 16 th)	PM ₁₀ Sampler	PM ₁₀ Sampler	Empty	PM ₁₀ Sampler, PM _{2.5} Sampler

2. METHODS

2.1. Sampling Site

The study was conducted in September 2018 until January 2019 in 4 different locations in one of the steel industries in Cilegon as a model. The sampling location is shown in Figure 1. Information from each point is as follows: Point 1 is the main gate area (5°59'47.1" S; 106°00'21.3" E), point 2 is the hot strip mill area (5°59'50.2" S; 106°00'08.1" E), point 3 is the billet post area (6°00'32.2" S; 106°00'20.1" E), and point 4 is the hot blast plant area (6°00'11.9" S; 105°59'36.1" E). Each point represents the location of the closest stack from different productions or plants. In order, Cold Rolling Mill Plant (A), Wire Rod Mill Plant (B), Hot Strip Mill Plant (C), Coke Oven Plant Blast Furnace (D), Slab Steel Plant (E and F), and Direct Reduction Plant (G).

This steel industry produced a number of main products such as Hot Rolled Coil, Cold Rolled Coil, and Wire Rod, with a production capacity of 3.15 million tons per year.

2.2. Measurement

The measurement method of particulate matters according to SNI 7119.15: 2016. Sampling is done for 24 hours per day. The sampling program for PM₁₀ is set every

seven days, while for PM_{2.5} is set every 3-4 days. The PM Samplers are rotated every one month at each sampling point to ensure the performance of them (Table 1 and Figure 2).

The main equipment used in this study are Sequential PM samplers [ART Plus APS-1897, Korea] with a low flow rate (5-20 L/minute), can be applied for 18-24 filter paper per program (operating 18-24 days), which is equipped with an application for setting up sampling and data storage (containing air volume data and environmental data such as temperature, pressure, humidity, and flow rate), and is equipped with 2 types of inlets namely PM₁₀ Separation Device and PM_{2.5} Wins Impactor. The materials and tools used are filter paper PM_{2.5} PTFE 46.2 mm [Tisch Scientific], filter paper PM₁₀ Whatman QMA 47 mm [Advantec], analytic balance [Sartorius], and a flash disk installed on each device.

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The identification and analysis results of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} in the steel industrial area, Cilegon during the study can be seen in Figure 3 and Figure 4. In general, the composition of particulate matters obtained varies greatly every day and varies from place to place. The measured PM₁₀ are 20.83 - 183.56 µg/m³ at Point 1, 25.00 - 276.04

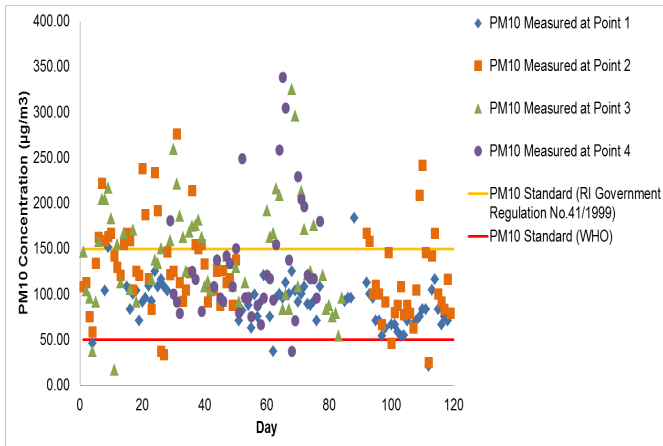


Figure 3. The PM₁₀ concentration at each sampling point in the steel industry, Cilegon

$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in Point 2, 16.67 - 325.00 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in Point 3, and 37.53 - 338.06 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ at Point 4. Whereas the measured PM_{2.5} are 4.59 - 99.88 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in Point 1, 20.83 - 125.21 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in Point 2, 29.25 - 141.96 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in Point 3 and 4.19 - 41.67 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in Point 4.

Based on ambient air quality standard, the concentration at each sampling location varies, some values met the standard and some exceed the standard. Republic of Indonesia Government Regulation Number 41 Year 1999 has the permissible daily limit of 150 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for PM₁₀ and 65 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for PM_{2.5}. While, the world standard issued by World Health Organization (WHO), has the permissible daily limit of 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for PM₁₀ and 25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for PM_{2.5} (WHO, 2018).

The location of the sampling location affects the amount of measured particulate matter. It can be seen that the highest concentration of PM₁₀ obtained from each point, in the sequence were Point 4 (338.06 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) on Day 65, Point 3 (325.00 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) on Day 68, Point 2 (276.04 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) on Day 31, and Point 1 (183.56 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) on Day 88. Point 4 produces the highest PM₁₀ concentration because the location is a hot blast plant area where air pollution is generated from coke oven or blast furnace activities. Blast furnaces have the most significant contribution in producing dust emissions because some dust is produced in a short time (Wang et al., 2016).

Furthermore, the point that identifies the second highest PM₁₀ concentration is point 3, even though the

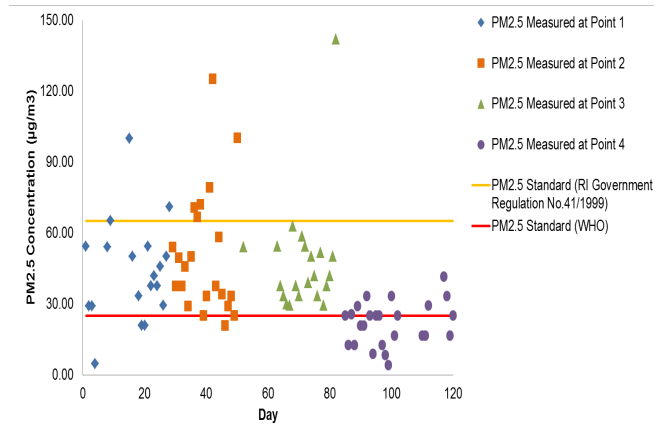


Figure 4. The PM_{2.5} concentration at each sampling point in the steel industry, Cilegon

lowest concentration of PM₁₀ occurs on Day 11 at Point 3 (16.67 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), compare to other sampling location. This is caused by the location of Point 3. Point 3 is a billet post area where the source of the pollution comes from transportation of factory supporting goods so that the main pollution produced is transportation dust. While this area is close to the Direct Reduction Plant and Slab Steel Plant, these plants are not produces the main product so the activities in the area is smaller.

Point 2 is a hot strip mill area where the concentration of PM₁₀ produced is lower than Point 4 and Point 3 because the volume of production process activities in the area is smaller. And the smallest PM₁₀ is produced at point 1 because the location is not included in the industrial process area or there is no production process activity.

The highest concentration of PM_{2.5} in the sequence were obtained from Point 3 (141.96 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) on Day 82, Point 2 (125.21 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) on Day 42, Point 1 (99.88 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) Day 15, and Point 4 (41, 67 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) on Day 117. However, the lowest concentration of PM_{2.5} is 4.19 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ obtained from Point 4 on Day 99. PM_{2.5} measurements are different from PM₁₀, where PM_{2.5} measurements are carried out at different times for each location. Because of that, Point 4 produces PM_{2.5} at the lowest compared to other areas because of the rainfall at the time of sampling at Point 4 higher than others, where more particulate matters will be carried away by rainwater, so that it is not bound in filter paper, and the result of measured concentrations are smaller

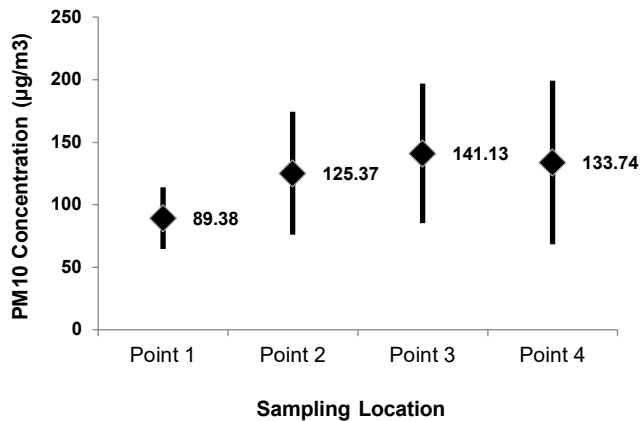


Figure 5. The average of PM₁₀ concentrations at each sampling point in the steel industry area, Cilegon

(Alias et al., 2007). This study proves that particulate matters are affected by the weather (Yadav et al., 2017).

This is in accordance with the level and type of activities or processes at each point, in agreement with previous studies, due to the difference of raw materials, physical and chemical reactions, combustion environment, operating facilities, and the components (i.e., water-soluble ions, mineral elements and carbonaceous species) of particulate matters varied completely between processes in iron and steel industry. Average particle mass concentration (the size distributions of particle mass ranging between 0.43 and 10 µm) was found to be the highest at sintering sites (40.8 mg/m³), followed by Puddling, Steelmaking and then Rolling. The sintering process is regarded as the most important pollution source in iron and steel industry from where majority of gaseous pollutants were discharged, closely related to various manufacturing techniques and raw materials are involved in sintering process. Most of the gaseous pollutants, mainly SO₂, were removed in desulfurizing tower through translating into the secondary water-soluble ions (e.g., SO₄²⁻, NO₃⁻), which are the important constituent parts of PM pollutants (Jia et al., 2018).

For the average, the concentration of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} (Figure 5 and Figure 6) in the steel industry, Cilegon from September 2018 to January 2019 are as follows: 89.38 µg/m³ and 43.64 µg/m³ at the Point 1; 125.37 µg/m³ and

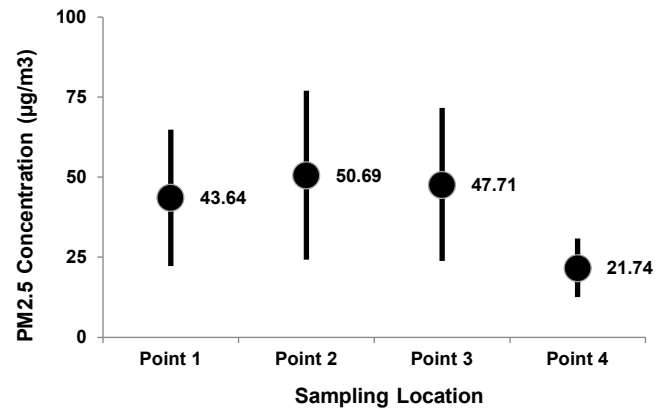


Figure 6. The average of PM_{2.5} concentrations at each sampling point in the steel industry area, Cilegon

50.69 µg/m³ at Point 2; 141.13 µg/m³ and 47.71 µg/m³ in Point 3; 133.74 µg/m³ and 21.74 µg/m³ at Point 4. Based on national ambient air quality standards, the average concentration at each sampling location point is still below the quality standard of PM₁₀ (150 µg/m³) and the quality standard of PM_{2.5} (65 µg/m³) (RI Government Regulation Number 41 of 1999). However, the average concentration obtained does not meet the world air quality standards issued by World Health Organization (WHO), namely 50 µg/m³ for PM₁₀ and 25 µg/m³ for PM_{2.5} (WHO, 2018), only PM_{2.5} in Point 4 meets the required is 21,74 µg/m³.

4. CONCLUSION

The concentrations of PM₁₀ in the steel industry area, Cilegon, Indonesia is around 20.83 - 183.56 µg/m³ in Point 1, 25.00 - 276.04 µg/m³ in Point 2, 16.67 - 325.00 µg/m³ in Point 3, and 37.53 - 338.06 µg/m³ in Point 4. While, the concentrations of PM_{2.5} is around 4.59 - 99.88 µg/m³ at Point 1, 20.83 - 125.21 µg/m³ at Point 2, 29.25 - 141.96 µg/m³ in Point 3 and 4.19 - 41.67 µg/m³ in Point 4. Some values met the permissible daily limit (Republic of Indonesia Government Regulation Number 41 Year 1999) of 150 µg/m³ for PM₁₀ and 65 µg/m³ for PM_{2.5} and some exceed it.

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