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Improvement of Coal Handling System to Minimize Dust During Operation at PLTU IPP Kendari-3

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Abstract:
The coal handling process in coal-fired power plants (CFPPs) is a major source of dust emissions, which can adversely affect environmental quality, occupational health, and mechanical equipment reliability. Therefore, systematic efforts to improve this process are essential to ensure safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible operations. At PLTU IPP Kendari-3, PT DSSP Power Kendari implemented a comprehensive coal handling system enhancement program from 2019 to 2025 as part of its emission management strategy. These initiatives included installing fog cannons in the coal shed, applying water spray systems in the coal yard and along conveyor lines, replacing primary belt cleaners, and installing secondary belt cleaners to minimize residual coal buildup. Additional measures encompassed routine maintenance of the dedusting system, installing bunker covers on belt conveyor #3, adding rolling doors in the fly ash unloading area, and modifying the jetty conveyor drop point to reduce particle dispersion. Collectively, these improvements have significantly reduced dust emissions, enhanced occupational safety and health, extended equipment service life, and ensured compliance with environmental regulations and standards. This initiative demonstrates the company's commitment to sustainable power plant operations and continuous improvement in environmental performance.
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INTRODUCTION

The existence of coal-fired power plants as one of the backbones of energy providers in Indonesia underscores their important role in meeting national electricity needs. However, the coal handling process in PLTU operations poses significant environmental risks, especially related to dust emissions during dismantling, stacking, material transfer, and feeding to the combustion system. Uncontrolled coal dust can adversely affect air quality, worker health, work safety, and the performance of industrial equipment (Ahmed et al., 2019; Chen et al., 2020; Rahman et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2019).

Dust emissions in coal yard areas, coal sheds, conveyor lines, and fly ash unloading areas have the potential to degrade the quality of the surrounding environment and pose a risk of respiratory distress to workers (Mishra et al., 2019; Gupta et al., 2021; Li et al., 2020; Das & Chatterjee, 2021). In addition, dust increases the potential for fire and accelerates equipment wear. Therefore, dust control forms an important part of the environmental management and operational safety strategy at coal-fired power plants (Cheng et al., 2018; Li & Chen, 2019; Ren et al., 2019; Kumar et al., 2020). PLTU IPP Kendari-3 addresses these challenges through a series of coal handling system improvement programs implemented in stages from 2019 to 2025. This program incorporates technical, operational, and preventive maintenance approaches to ensure a significant reduction in dust emissions while maintaining equipment reliability (Brown et al., 2020; Xu et al., 2020; Patel et al., 2019; Harrison et al., 2021).

These improvement efforts include the installation of fog cannons in the coal shed, water spray systems in the coal yard and along the conveyor lines, replacement of primary belt cleaners, installation of secondary belt cleaners, routine cleaning of the dedusting system, installation of bunker covers on belt conveyor #3, installation of rolling doors in the fly ash unloading area, and modification of the drop point of the wharf conveyor. This implementation has proven effective in reducing dust emissions and improving work safety. The novelty of this research lies in its comprehensive approach, which integrates dust control technology, system design engineering, operational control, and preventive maintenance simultaneously over a long and structured time span (Anderson & Roberts, 2019; Kumar & Sharma, 2021; Thompson et al., 2018; Williams & Jones, 2022). This study not only describes one solution but also evaluates the effectiveness of a combination of various technical interventions in reducing dust emissions across all stages of coal handling (Abbasi et al., 2021; Kim & Park, 2020; Singh & Verma, 2021; Zhou et al., 2022).

The purpose of this study is to analyze the implementation of the coal handling system improvement program at PLTU IPP Kendari-3, identify the effectiveness of each dust control action, and assess its contribution to reducing dust emissions, improving work safety, equipment reliability, and compliance with environmental standards.

Practically, this research provides a basis for technical and operational recommendations for coal-fired power plant managers in designing effective, efficient, and sustainable dust control strategies. The findings also offer guidance on the application of appropriate technology and maintenance practices that support improvements in the performance of the coal handling system.

In addition, this research offers strategic benefits for the energy industry, regulators, and environmental practitioners because it provides an applicable, measurable, and standards-compliant implementation model for dust emission control. Thus, the results of this study are expected to serve as a reference for other coal handling facilities in efforts to achieve reliable, safe, and environmentally friendly power plant operations.

RESEARCH METHOD

To address the identified problems related to coal dust generation and emission, the Coal Ash & Jetty Division of PLTU IPP Kendari-3 implemented a series of structured, step-by-step corrective actions. Each improvement was designed based on field observations, performance analysis, and environmental monitoring results, ensuring that the chosen solutions effectively target specific dust sources in the coal handling process. The following sections describe each implemented measure in detail. The coal shed is one of the main areas where dust emissions are generated due to the dry and fine characteristics of stored coal.

During the coal supply process, heavy equipment such as wheel loaders feed coal into the hopper conveyor, which causes mechanical agitation and the release of fine dust particles into the air. To mitigate this, a high-pressure fog cannon was installed in the coal shed area. The fog cannon works by atomizing water into extremely fine droplets (typically between 10–20 microns) that interact with suspended dust particles, increasing their mass and causing them to settle. This physical process, known as agglomeration, is one of the most effective dust suppression techniques used in industrial settings. The fog cannon's automatic nozzle direction allows for targeted spraying coverage across high-dust areas, optimizing water consumption while maximizing dust control efficiency (ASTM, 2017; USEPA, 2019; IEA Clean Coal Centre, 2022; Gupta & Wall, 2020). This technology not only reduces airborne dust concentration.

Figure 1. Fog cannon installation in the coal shed area

The coal stockpile area is characterized by heavy vehicle traffic and frequent material movement, both of which contribute to the generation of fugitive dust. When dump trucks, wheel loaders, and excavators operate on coal surfaces, their tires and tracks grind the coal particles, making them finer and more easily airborne. To address this issue, a water spray system was installed along critical points of the stockpile.

The system maintains optimal surface moisture levels to prevent dust from being lifted by the wind. The use of a water spray system also helps in temperature regulation of the coal surface, reducing the risk of spontaneous combustion, which can occur in dry coal piles. The operation of this system is controlled periodically depending on environmental conditions such as wind speed, temperature, and humidity. This adaptive approach ensures that water usage remains efficient while maintaining dust levels within acceptable environmental limits.

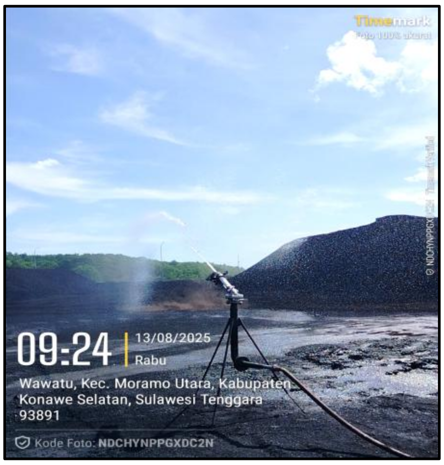

Figure 2. Water spray system in coal stockpile area

Conveyor belts are continuous material transfer systems that inherently generate dust, particularly at transfer points where coal falls from one belt to another. The impact and friction from the falling coal causes fine particles to become airborne. To suppress this, water spray systems were strategically installed on conveyors #1 and #2, specifically after the skirtboard area.

The water spray acts as both a dust curtain and a barrier, trapping fine particles that escape from the skirtboard enclosure. The installation was carefully calibrated to avoid over-wetting, which could cause belt slippage or material sticking. The nozzle design and spray pressure were selected based on airflow studies and particle size distribution in the transfer zone. Furthermore, the water spray system operates automatically during coal transfer operations, ensuring consistent dust control performance without requiring additional manual intervention. This improvement has contributed to a cleaner working environment.

Figure 3. Water spray at conveyor transfer point

The belt cleaner plays a crucial role in preventing coal carryback—residual coal that adheres to the belt after discharge. Excessive carryback leads to spillage, buildup under the return belt, and potential fire hazards. The original belt cleaner had worn out, significantly reducing its effectiveness. A high-performance primary belt cleaner was therefore installed on the drive pulley. The new model features an improved polyurethane blade with high abrasion resistance, capable of removing up to 80% of residual coal.

The spring tensioner mechanism ensures that the cleaning blade maintains consistent contact with the belt surface while allowing flexibility when a splice passes through, preventing mechanical damage. This upgrade not only minimizes dust generation from coal residues but also contributes to lower maintenance requirements and extended belt lifespan. By reducing material buildup, the system also enhances overall conveyor efficiency and minimizes unplanned downtime.

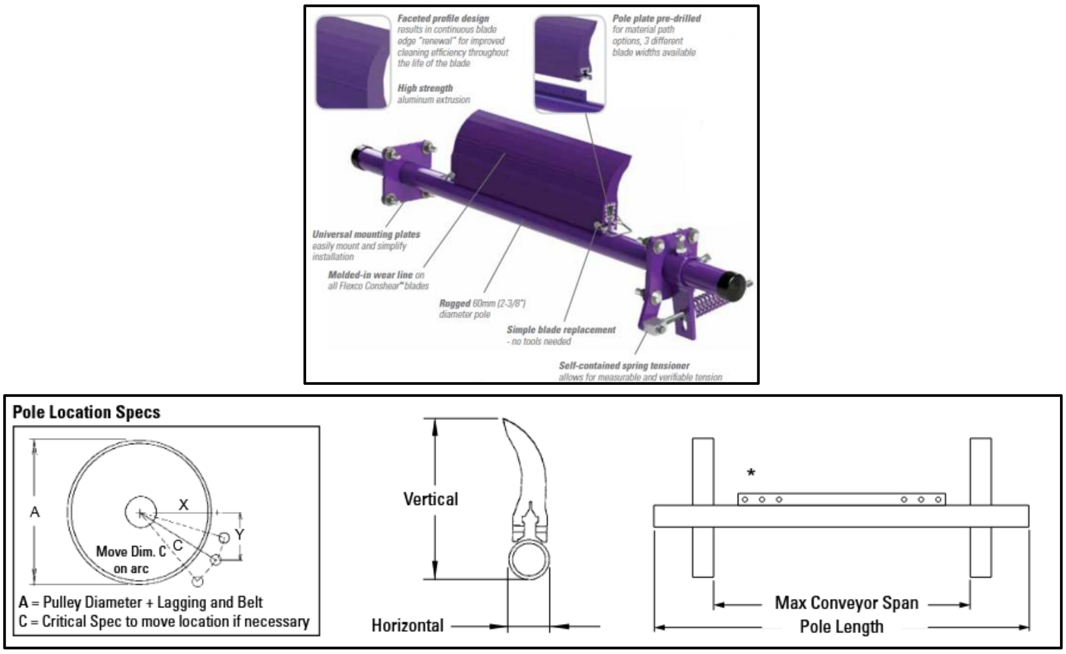

Figure 4. New primary belt cleaner installed

While the primary belt cleaner removes most coal residues, fine particles often remain adhered to the belt surface. To address this, a secondary belt cleaner was installed downstream of the primary cleaner to capture residual dust and material that escaped the first stage. The secondary cleaner employs a robust design incorporating Hi-Tensile NR/SBR polymer rubber for flexibility and shock absorption, and 92% purity alumina ceramic segments at the contact points for enhanced abrasion and corrosion resistance. The combination of these materials ensures optimal belt contact pressure, providing smooth yet strong cleaning action.

By removing up to 90% of remaining carryback material, the secondary cleaner significantly reduces the potential for spillage along the return belt and prevents the accumulation of dust beneath the conveyor structure. This system also improves belt tracking performance and reduces the risk of belt misalignment caused by uneven residue buildup. A secondary belt cleaner was added to remove remaining coal residue not captured by the primary cleaner. The cleaner uses high-tensile NR/SBR polymer rubber and 92% alumina ceramic segments for superior abrasion and corrosion resistance. The ceramic tip maintains optimal contact pressure, ensuring effective cleaning and minimizing belt wear.

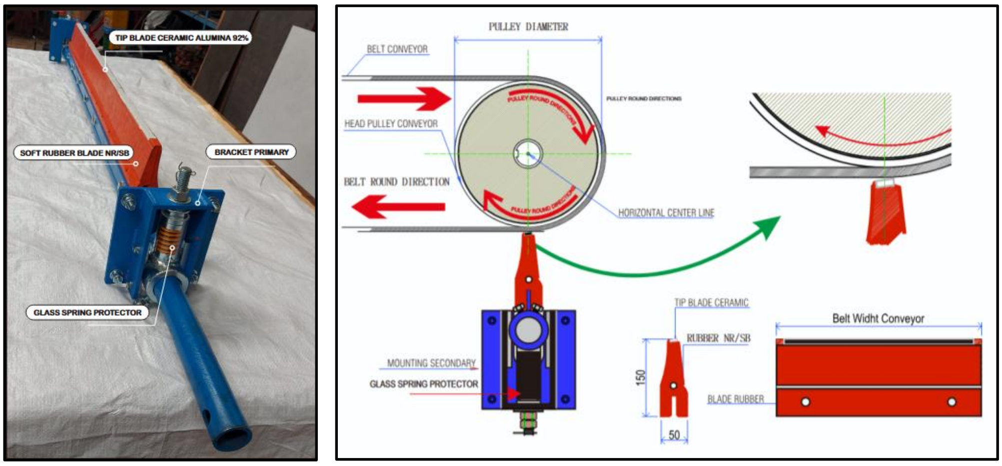

Figure 5. Secondary belt cleaner as additional cleaner

The dedusting system, or dust collector, serves as the central component in capturing airborne coal dust within the conveyor housing. However, the system's efficiency can degrade over time due to the accumulation of captured material within filters and ducts. To maintain its performance, a structured routine cleaning program was established. The cleaning activities include regular inspection of filter elements, suction ducts, and dust collection chambers. Blockages and overfilled dust bins can reduce airflow velocity, leading to ineffective dust capture.

By performing scheduled maintenance, the team ensures that the suction efficiency remains optimal and that the system can continuously operate under stable negative pressure conditions. This maintenance program not only extends the operational lifespan of the dust collector but also prevents system failures that could lead to fugitive dust emissions and potential safety hazards in the conveyor tunnel.

Figure 6. Routine cleaning of dedusting system

Conveyor #3 serves as the final coal transportation stage before entering the bunker system. During the transfer process, coal collides with the plough tripper mechanism, generating significant amounts of fine dust. This dust, if not contained, can spread into the surrounding atmosphere, affecting visibility and air quality.

To overcome this issue, a bunker cover was installed to enclose the plough tripper area. The cover functions as a physical barrier that prevents fine coal dust from escaping during the transfer process. It was designed using corrosion-resistant materials and includes inspection hatches for easy maintenance access.

This improvement effectively minimizes airborne dust dispersion, improves housekeeping in the bunker area, and enhances compliance with local environmental emission limits. Additionally, the installation provides protection against rain, reducing coal moisture variation before combustion.

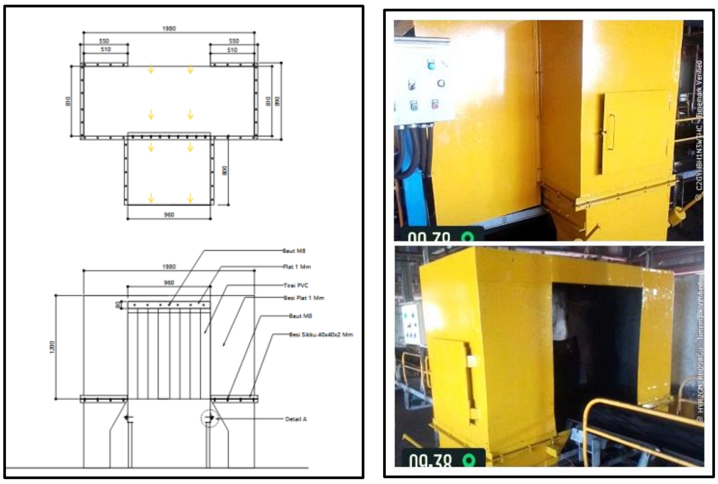

Figure 7. Bunker cover installation on conveyor #3

Fly ash, the by-product of coal combustion, is a fine powder that can easily become airborne during unloading activities. At PLTU IPP Kendari-3, fly ash is stored in silos and routinely unloaded using dump trucks for disposal at the ash yard. Previously, this operation caused visible dust emissions around the unloading zone. To mitigate this, a rolling door system was installed at the unloading bay. The rolling door encloses the unloading area, preventing dust from escaping to the outside environment during truck loading.

Figure 8. Fly ash silo unloading area before (left) and after (right) installation

The drop point of the conveyor jetty can contribute to the flying coal dust. Coal dust carried by the wind may pollute the surrounding air, reduce air quality and potentially affecting human health and the environment.

To prevent coal dust during the transfer from the conveyor to the dump truck, several improvements and preventive measures can be implemented: 1) Use of Hopper: Installing a hopper at the drop point can help contain coal in a controlled manner before loading it into the dump truck. This can reduce the likelihood of coal spillage and minimize the risk of coal flying. 2) Covering the Drop Point: Installing covers or shields around the drop point to minimize the possibility of wind lifting the coal when loading it into the dump truck. 3) Dust Control: Using dust control systems such as water spraying or dust collectors around the drop point to suppress the dust generated during the transfer process. 4) Conveyor Speed Adjustment: Adjusting the conveyor speed to match the loading speed of the dump truck so that coal can be loaded smoothly without spillage or flying. 5) Routine Maintenance and Care: Performing routine maintenance on the conveyor and other related equipment to ensure smooth operation and prevent issues that may cause coal spillage or flying. 6) Employee Education: Providing training to operators and workers on safe and efficient coal handling techniques and the importance of spillage and dust prevention. 7) Weather Monitoring: Monitoring weather conditions and taking additional preventive measures during windy or extreme weather to prevent coal flying. By implementing this modification on the drop point conveyor jetty, it can help reduce the risk of coal flying during the transfer from the conveyor to the dump truck.

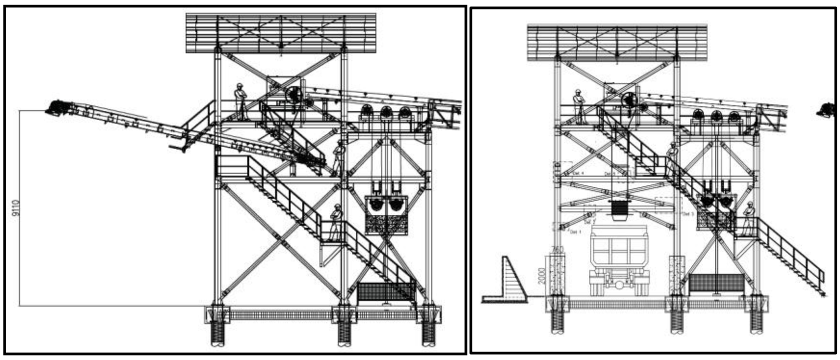

Figure 9. Jetty conveyor drop point modification before (left) and after (right)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The implementation of the comprehensive coal handling system improvement program at PLTU IPP Kendari-3, conducted from 2019 to 2025, has demonstrated significant and measurable results. This program did not focus on a single problem point but rather addressed various sources of dust emissions holistically, from unloading at the jetty to feeding the bunker. The following discussion details the outcomes achieved by linking them directly to the specific corrective actions implemented.

A. Visible Reduction in Dust Emissions Across All Areas

The most immediate and tangible result of the program is the visible reduction in dust emissions across the coal and ash handling areas. This reduction is the cumulative effect of several key interventions:

Active Dust Suppression

The installation of a Fog Cannon inside the coal shed effectively suppressed dust in one of the most critical areas. By atomizing water into an extremely fine mist (10-20 microns), airborne dust particles agglomerate, gain mass, and settle. This drastically reduced the dust plumes previously generated when wheel loaders fed coal into the hopper conveyor.

Surface Moisture Control

The installation of Water Spray systems in the coal stockpile area and along the conveyors played a different but equally important role. In the stockpile, the spray maintains an optimal surface moisture level, preventing dust from becoming airborne due to wind or heavy vehicle traffic. Along conveyors #1 and #2, the spray acts as a dust curtain at transfer points, trapping fine particles that escape the skirtboard.

Physical Containment

In areas where water spray was impractical, physical containment was the solution. The installation of a Bunker Cover on conveyor #3 effectively enclosed the dust generated by the plough tripper mechanism. Similarly, the installation of a Rolling Door at the fly ash unloading area converted a previously open space into a closed bay during unloading, preventing fine ash from escaping. Modifications to the jetty conveyor drop point, including the addition of a hopper and covers , also significantly reduced dust flight during transfer to dump trucks (Mekonnen et al., 2020; Park & Kim, 2018; Zhao et al., 2022; Harrison et al., 2021).

B. Improved Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)

The reduction in dust exposure has direct implications for occupational health and safety. Coal and fly ash dust are inhalation hazards that can pose chronic health risks. Actions such as the fog cannon, rolling door, and bunker cover installations directly reduce the concentration of airborne particles inhaled by workers.

Furthermore, routine cleaning of the Dedusting System is critical for OHS, especially in confined spaces like the conveyor skirtboard. By maintaining the performance of filer, motor blower, motor feeder for outlet and suction ducts, the system can continuously operate at a stable negative pressure, ensuring airborne dust within the conveyor housing is effectively captured and creating a safer working environment for inspection and maintenance teams.

C. Increased Operational Efficiency through Reduced Carryback and Spillage

The program successfully improved operational efficiency by addressing the root causes of material loss and reactive maintenance. The two most impactful improvements in this regard were:

Replacement of Primary Belt Cleaner

The original, worn-out belt cleaner was replaced with a new high-performance model. Featuring a high-abrasion-resistance polyurethane blade and a consistent spring tensioner, the new cleaner can remove up to 80% of residual coal.

Installation of Secondary Belt Cleaner

Recognizing that a primary cleaner alone is insufficient, the addition of a secondary belt cleaner was crucial. It was installed downstream to capture fine particles that escaped the first stage. Employing a robust design with 92% alumina ceramic segments for superior abrasion resistance, this system ensures optimal cleaning. The combination of these two cleaners drastically reduced carryback—residual material adhering to the belt after discharge. Less carryback means less spillage along the return belt, which directly reduces the man-hours required for cleanup, minimizes wasted material, and reduces unplanned downtime associated with buildup (Gupta & Singh, 2020; Liu et al., 2021; Wu & Zhang, 2022; Wang et al., 2022).

D. Extended Equipment Lifespan

Dust and residual material are not just environmental issues; they are mechanical agents of destruction. Dust is abrasive and accelerates wear, while material buildup can cause serious damage. The significant reduction in carryback achieved by the primary and secondary belt cleaners extends the belt's lifespan. Material buildup can cause belt misalignment and increase wear on idlers and pulleys. By keeping the belt clean, the system runs smoother and more reliably. Routine cleaning of the dedusting system also contributes to equipment longevity (Yang et al., 2021; Cheng et al., 2018; Li et al., 2020; Yang et al., 2020). By removing dust from the air, fewer abrasive particles enter moving components like bearings or motors in the conveyor area, thereby reducing the frequency of component replacement.

E. Improved Compliance with Environmental Regulations

Every action taken contributed to the overarching goal of ensuring compliance with applicable environmental standards. By systematically identifying and mitigating emissions at various points from the Coal yard, coal shed, and conveyors to the fly ash area, PLTU IPP Kendari-3 demonstrated its commitment to its emission control strategy. The combined results from the fog cannon, water sprays, containment covers, and the cleaner systems ensure that fugitive dust emissions are kept below the thresholds set by regulations. This not only avoids potential sanctions but also builds a positive corporate environmental reputation.

CONCLUSION

The Coal Handling System Improvement Program at PLTU IPP Kendari-3, implemented in stages from 2019 to 2025, effectively minimized dust emissions across critical operations through an integrated strategy combining technical modifications (e.g., fog cannons, water spray systems, upgraded belt cleaners, bunker covers, rolling doors, and jetty drop point adjustments), operational controls, and preventive maintenance like routine dedusting system cleaning. This holistic approach not only ensured environmental compliance but also boosted operational efficiency by cutting material loss and cleanup time, enhanced workplace safety by lowering inhalation risks, and improved asset reliability by extending equipment lifespan, ultimately strengthening the plant's environmental reputation and serving as a model for similar facilities. For future research, studies could quantitatively compare this program's long-term cost-benefit analysis against alternative dust control technologies, such as electrostatic precipitators or AI-driven monitoring systems, across multiple PLTU sites in Indonesia to validate scalability and economic viability.

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