### **GENRAL ENERGY SAVING TIPS**

- Eliminate eddy current couplings.
- Shut them off when not needed.

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- Use smooth, well-rounded air inlet cones for fan air intakes.
- Avoid poor flow distribution at the fan inlet.
- Minimize fan inlet and outlet obstructions.
- Clean screens, filters, and fan blades regularly.
- Use aerofoil-shaped fan blades.
- Minimize fan speed.
- Use low-slip or flat belts.
- Check belt tension regularly.
- Eliminate variable pitch pulleys.
- Use variable speed drives for large variable fan loads.
- Use energy-efficient motors for continuous or near-continuous operation
- Eliminate leaks in ductwork.
- Minimise bends in ductwork
- Turn fans off when not needed.

## / Blowers

- Use smooth, well-rounded air inlet ducts or cones for air intakes.
- Minimize blower inlet and outlet obstructions.
- Clean screens and filters regularly.
- Minimize blower speed.
- Use low-slip or no-slip belts.
- Check belt tension regularly.
- Eliminate variable pitch pulleys.
- Use variable speed drives for large variable blower loads.
- Use energy-efficient motors for continuous or near-continuous operation.
- Eliminate ductwork leaks.
- Turn blowers off when they are not needed.

## **V** Pumps

- Operate pumping near best efficiency point.
- Modify pumping to minimize throttling.
- Adapt to wide load variation with variable speed drives or sequenced control of smaller units.
- Stop running both pumps -- add an auto-start for an on-line spare or add a booster pump in the problem area.
- Use booster pumps for small loads requiring higher pressures.
- Increase fluid temperature differentials to reduce pumping rates.
- Repair seals and packing to minimize water waste.
- Balance the system to minimize flows and reduce pump power requirements.
- Use siphon effect to advantage: don't waste pumping head with a free-fall (gravity) return.

- Consider desiccant drying of outside air to reduce cooling requirements in humid climates.
- Consider ground source heat pumps.
- Seal leaky HVAC ductwork.
- Seal all leaks around coils.
- Repair loose or damaged flexible connections (including those under air handling units).
- Eliminate simultaneous heating and cooling during seasonal transition periods.
- Zone HVAC air and water systems to minimize energy use.
- Inspect, clean, lubricate, and adjust damper blades and linkages.
- Establish an HVAC efficiency-maintenance program. Start with an energy audit and followup, then make an HVAC efficiency-maintenance program a part of your continuous energy management program.

## Refrigeration

- Use water-cooled condensers rather than air-cooled condensers.
- Challenge the need for refrigeration, particularly for old batch processes.
- Avoid oversizing -- match the connected load.
- Consider gas-powered refrigeration equipment to minimize electrical demand charges.
- Use "free cooling" to allow chiller shutdown in cold weather.
- Use refrigerated water loads in series if possible.
- Convert firewater or other tanks to thermal storage.
- Don't assume that the old way is still the best -- particularly for energy-intensive low temperature systems.
- Correct inappropriate brine or glycol concentration that adversely affects heat transfer and/ or pumping energy. If it sweats, insulate it, but if it is corroding, replace it first.
- Make adjustments to minimize hot gas bypass operation.
- Inspect moisture/liquid indicators.
- Consider change of refrigerant type if it will improve efficiency.
- Check for correct refrigerant charge level.
- Inspect the purge for air and water leaks.
- Establish a refrigeration efficiency-maintenance program. Start with an energy audit and follow-up, then make a refrigeration efficiency-maintenance program a part of your continuous energy management program.

### **Cooling towers**

- Control cooling tower fans based on leaving water temperatures.
- Control to the optimum water temperature as determined from cooling tower and chiller performance data.
- Use two-speed or variable-speed drives for cooling tower fan control if the fans are few. Stage the cooling tower fans with on-off control if there are many.
- Turn off unnecessary cooling tower fans when loads are reduced.
- Cover hot water basins (to minimize algae growth that contributes to fouling).
- Balance flow to cooling tower hot water basins.

- Periodically clean plugged cooling tower water distribution nozzles.
- Install new nozzles to obtain a more-uniform water pattern.
- Replace splash bars with self-extinguishing PVC cellular-film fill.
- On old counterflow cooling towers, replace old spray-type nozzles with new square-spray ABS practically-non-clogging nozzles.
- Replace slat-type drift eliminators with high-efficiency, low-pressure-drop, self-extinguishing, PVC cellular units.
- If possible, follow manufacturer's recommended clearances around cooling towers and relocate or modify structures, signs, fences, dumpsters, etc. that interfere with air intake or exhaust.
- Optimize cooling tower fan blade angle on a seasonal and/or load basis.
- Correct excessive and/or uneven fan blade tip clearance and poor fan balance.
- Use a velocity pressure recovery fan ring.
- Divert clean air-conditioned building exhaust to the cooling tower during hot weather.
- Re-line leaking cooling tower cold water basins.
- Check water overflow pipes for proper operating level.
- Optimize chemical use.
- Consider side stream water treatment.
- Restrict flows through large loads to design values.
- Shut off loads that are not in service.
- Take blowdown water from the return water header.
- Optimize blowdown flow rate.
- Automate blowdown to minimize it.
- Send blowdown to other uses (Remember, the blowdown does not have to be removed at the cooling tower. It can be removed anywhere in the piping system.)
- Implement a cooling tower winterization plan to minimize ice build-up.
- Install interlocks to prevent fan operation when there is no water flow.
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#### Lighting

- Reduce excessive illumination levels to standard levels using switching, delamping, etc. (Know the electrical effects before doing delamping.)
- Aggressively control lighting with clock timers, delay timers, photocells, and/or occupancy sensors.
- Install efficient alternatives to incandescent lighting, mercury vapor lighting, etc. Efficiency (lumens/watt) of various technologies range from best to worst approximately as follows: low pressure sodium, high pressure sodium, metal halide, fluorescent, mercury vapor, incandescent.
- Select ballasts and lamps carefully with high power factor and long-term efficiency in mind.
- Upgrade obsolete fluorescent systems to Compact fluorescents and electronic ballasts
- Consider lowering the fixtures to enable using less of them.
- Consider daylighting, skylights, etc.

- Consider painting the walls a lighter color and using less lighting fixtures or lower wattages.
- Use task lighting and reduce background illumination.
- Re-evaluate exterior lighting strategy, type, and control. Control it aggressively.
- Change exit signs from incandescent to LED.

### **DG** sets

- Optimise loading
- Use waste heat to generate steam/hot water /power an absorption chiller or preheat process or utility feeds.
- Use jacket and head cooling water for process needs
- Clean air filters regularly
- Insulate exhaust pipes to reduce DG set room temperatures
- Use cheaper heavy fuel oil for capacities more than 1MW

### **Buildings**

- Seal exterior cracks/openings/gaps with caulk, gasketing, weatherstripping, etc.
- Consider new thermal doors, thermal windows, roofing insulation, etc.
- Install windbreaks near exterior doors.
- Replace single-pane glass with insulating glass.
- Consider covering some window and skylight areas with insulated wall panels inside the building.
- If visibility is not required but light is required, consider replacing exterior windows with insulated glass block.
- Consider tinted glass, reflective glass, coatings, awnings, overhangs, draperies, blinds, and shades for sunlit exterior windows.
- Use landscaping to advantage.
- Add vestibules or revolving doors to primary exterior personnel doors.
- Consider automatic doors, air curtains, strip doors, etc. at high-traffic passages between conditioned and non-conditioned spaces. Use self-closing doors if possible.
- Use intermediate doors in stairways and vertical passages to minimize building stack effect.
- Use dock seals at shipping and receiving doors.
- Bring cleaning personnel in during the working day or as soon after as possible to minimize lighting and HVAC costs.

### Water & Wastewater

- Recycle water, particularly for uses with less-critical quality requirements.
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- Balance closed systems to minimize flows and reduce pump power requirements.
- Eliminate once-through cooling with water.
- Use the least expensive type of water that will satisfy the requirement.
- Fix water leaks.
- Test for underground water leaks. (It's easy to do over a holiday shutdown.)