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## Final Report

### Potable Hot Water Heating System

### **Overview**

This section of the report summarizes the continued testing performed on the Lab 4 steam fired "semi-instantaneous" potable hot water heater 5.2. This testing was conducted following the progress report provided in January. Details are provided in sections that follow if further information is desired.

The Lab 4 hot water heating system consists of two (2) steam fired water heaters (N+1) serving a 140° primary domestic hot water loop serving cage washers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors and a Leonard three way mixing valve assembly which provides 120° hot water to point of use sinks and hose bibs (secondary loop). The final secondary loop temperature control was tested with the 5.2 hot water heater under manual control to allow us to record operation of the Leonard mixing valve under varying flow conditions with the hot water supply temperature being maintained above 135°F.

### Reported problems

- 1. Constant rapid cycling (open and closed) of both steam valves.
- 2. Erratic temperature control
- 3. Failure to reach specified temperatures.
- 4. Over temperature relief on flow shutdown.

### Synopsis of work performed

- 1. Repeated testing was continued with various system modifications in an attempt to exhaust all possibilities of obtaining acceptable performance with the existing system as supplied by the manufacturer and installed by the contractor.
- 2. This report includes the details of the final two tests.
  - a. Pneumatic controls modified using a two input controller and relocated sensors.
     This test shows the results of the best of all tested pneumatic control modifications.
  - b. Manual control of the HW heater to allow testing of the Leonard mixing valve serving the 120° secondary point of use loop. This test was done to prove or disprove whether the Leonard control valves will function properly at varying flows when supplied with a hot water supply temperature above 135°.



### Observations and technical notes (final pneumatic test)

- 1. A consistent theme with the pneumatic control has been that these controls do not recover to setpoint within a reasonable amount of time (and most times never recover) following an increase in flow. "Reasonable" as referred to here is within three minutes. While operating under pneumatic control (regardless of the modification) we were never able to approach reasonable and in most cases the system never recovered.
- 2. Beginning on the left side of the hot water heater temp in and out, note the following:
  - a. The test begins with a supply flow on the 140° loop of recirculated flow only (about 25 GPM). The starting leaving water temperature is about 137°.
  - b. Just prior to the 09:13 reading set, we opened one rack washer on the second floor resulting in 98 GPM flow (supposed to be 50 GPM per rack washer).
     Immediately the steam valves began hunting with a resulting hunt in the leaving water temperature over a 40° range. Steam valves have restrictors installed to slow the valve action.
  - c. We opened a second rack washer just prior to the 09:30 reading set for a total flow of 146 GPM. Note that at this flow, the steam valves steadied out and stopped hunting.
  - d. We opened the tunnel washer on the second floor just prior to the 10:00 reading set for a total flow of 170 GPM. This produced a hunt over about 10° from 115° to 125°. Restrictors are installed on the pneumatic signal line which dampens the "hunt".
  - e. Just prior to the 10:19 readings set, we opened four hose bibs on the 120° loop which increased flow on the 140° loop to 179.25 GPM which increased the hunt to about 22° (108°-130°). A full cycle up and down took approx. 30 seconds.
  - f. For the 10:43 reading set, we opened an additional 16 hose bibs for a total flow on the 140° loop of 233 GPM. The hunt range increased by about a degree to 23° and the leaving water temperature hunted between 105° and 128° with a full hunt cycle taking about 30 seconds.
  - g. Just prior to the 11:15 reading set, we began the test with reducing flow. Flow was reduced to one rack washer and 20 hose bibs for a total flow on the 140° loop of 163.8 GPM. Over the course of about 10 minutes following the flow reduction, the valves settled down a bit. The hunt range cycle time decreased to about 7° (118°-125°) and 70 seconds respectively. This pattern remained steady for about 2 hours.
  - h. At 13:15 we further reduced flow on the 140° loop to 136.4 GPM with one rack washer and ten hose bibs in operation. At this flow the steam valves really settled down with virtually no hunting and maintaining about 131°F.
  - i. Just prior to the 13:48 reading set, the rack washer was shut off leaving only ten hose bibs in operation plus recirculation flow. Total 140° loop flow was 70.5 GPM of which about 25 GPM was recirculated. Hunting increased in severity to about 50° (105°-155°).
  - j. At 14:02, flow was reduced to five hose bibs only (46.7 GPM on the 140° loop including recirculated flow). The hunt range increased slightly to about 58°, the



- hunt frequency remained the same and the hunt band shifted upward reaching about 170°. When reaching approximately 170°, the P&T relief valve on the heater began to open slightly and weep indicating either a faulty P&T relief valve or it is seeing a higher temperature than we measured on the outlet pipe. This valve has a setpoint of 210°.
- k. At 14:20 all flow was turned off with the exception or recirculated flow of 25 GPM. In this condition, hunting worsened and routine quench and P&T valve operation occurred. The extreme cycling of the steam valves continued for approximately 30 minutes with no sign of stopping. Air was removed and the test terminated.
- 3. Stable temperature control is able to be achieved by controlling the pneumatic valves manually.

### Conclusions on final pneumatic test

- 1. As supplied, the hot water heaters are not capable of controlling the primary supply water temperature within the specified tolerances.
- 2. Even with many modification and trial and error testing (the last using a two input controller), the hot water heaters cannot achieve control within the specified parameters.
- 3. The hunting and unstable operation occurs to a greater or lesser degree with all pneumatic configurations tested.
- 4. Using the pneumatic control system supplied, the various modifications made during testing and the final modified pneumatic control system, the heaters are not capable of controlling to recirculated flow only (about 25 GPM) without initiating a quench cycle and operating the P&T relief valve repeatedly.
- 5. Stable automatic control would likely be able to be achieved using DDC controls and accurate flow inputs to the controller (permanent ultrasonic flow meters). Programming would likely not be simple and an additional small steam valve could be necessary for control at very low flows.

# Observations and technical notes (Leonard mixing valve test with manual heater operation).

- 1. The temperature spikes and dips above and below setpoint follow temperature spikes and dips on the incoming hot water supply but are typically less pronounced.
- 2. If control were completely smooth on the hot water supply, the mixing valve leaving temperature would not spike.
- 3. The spiking on the mixing valve outlet is directly related to the spiking on the hot water inlet. If the hot water inlet were smoother, the mixing valve outlet would follow suit.
- 4. The other mixing valve station may require repair. Further troubleshooting is required.
- 5. We found that the recirculated flow rate had to be significantly decreased on the 120° loop to allow the small Leonard valve to maintain the loop temperature during periods of



- low flow. The flow had to be dropped to approximately 2.0 GPM to prevent the recirculated cool stream from overpowering the capacity of the small mixing valve.
- Note that manual gauges on the water system are not likely in calibration and are of different ranges. Comparison of the pressure values using these gauges should be for approximate values only.

### Conclusions on Leonard valve testing

- 1. The Leonard three way mixing valve controls approximately to within about  $\pm 5^{\circ}$  (possibly better) as long as the hot water supply temperature remains above 135°F.
- 2. If the  $140^{\circ}$  supply water were maintained steady (without spikes) it is likely that the Leonard valves will control to within approximately  $\pm 5^{\circ}$ .
- 3. With the supply water PRV's bypassed, the supply water pressure does not adversely affect the Leonard three way mixing valves.
- 4. The difference in supply pressures between the hot water and cold water supplies to the Leonard valve do not appear to negatively affect control of the leaving water temperature.

### Possible solutions

- 1. Convert control to a DDC system (pneumatic control valves to remain) and incorporate permanent ultrasonic flow meters.
- 2. If all pneumatic control is to remain, add hot water storage volume, recirculation pumps (high volume) and control by storage tank temperature using immersion sensors.

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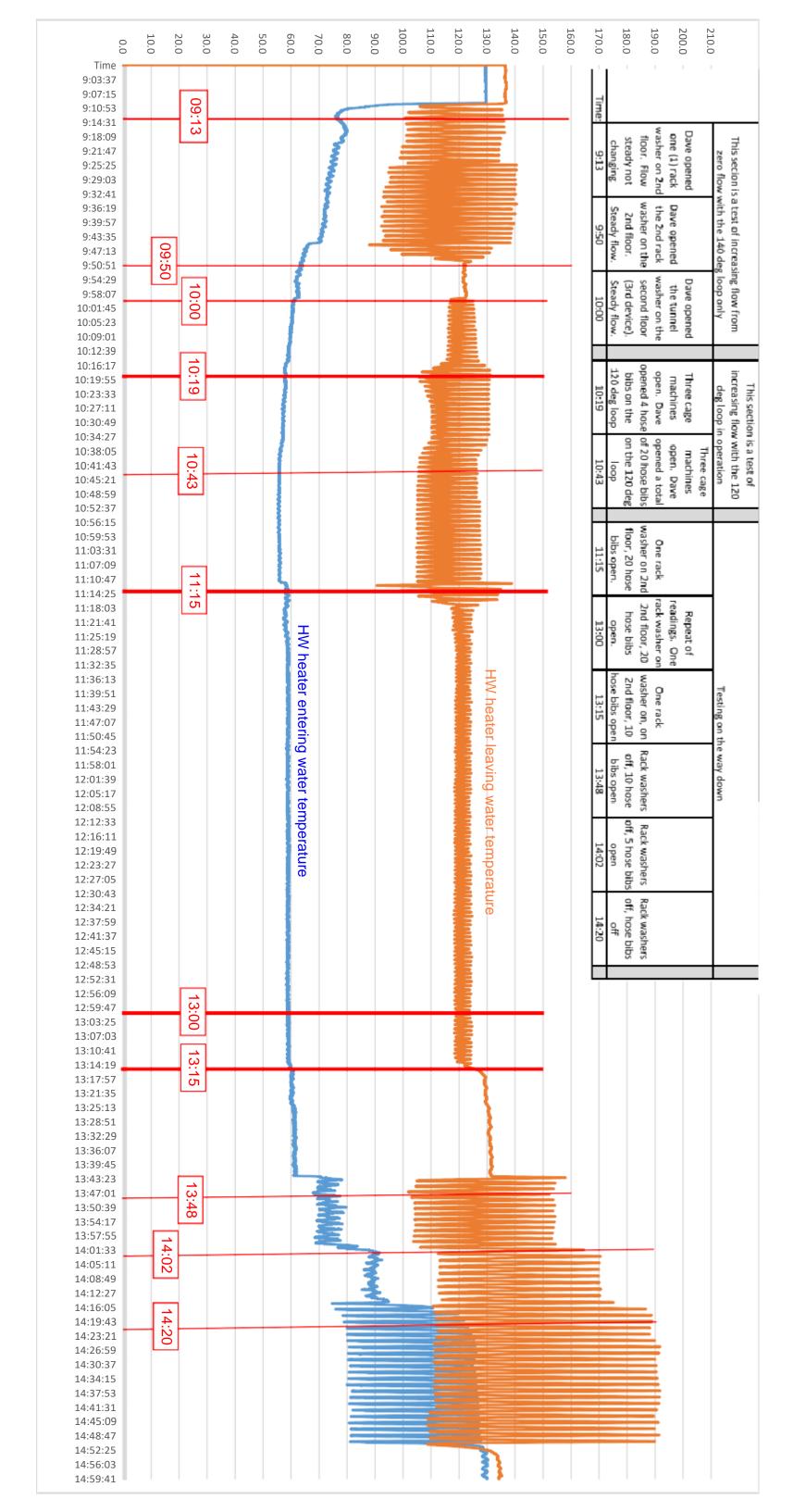
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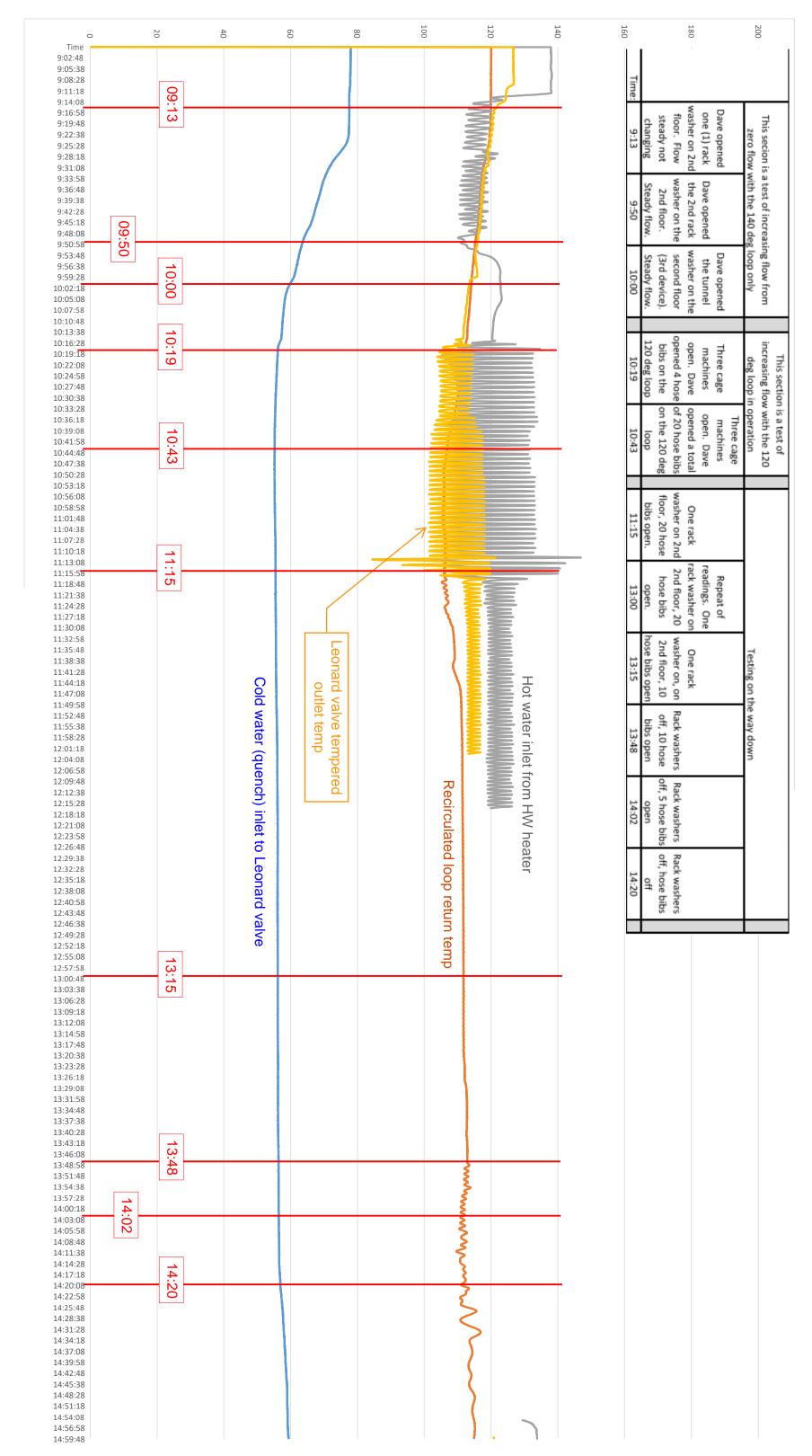
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	zero flow v	with the 140 deg	loop only	deg loop ir	operation	Testing on the way down								
	Dave opened one (1) rack	Dave opened	Dave opened the tunnel	Three cage machines	Three cage machines open. Dave		Repeat of readings. One							
	washer on 2nd	•	washer on the	open. Dave	opened a total	One rack	rack washer on	One rack						
	floor. Flow	washer on the	second floor	opened 4 hose	of 20 hose bibs	washer on 2nd	•	washer on, on	Rack washers	Rack washers	Rack washers			
	steady not	2nd floor.	(3rd device).	bibs on the	on the 120 deg	floor, 20 hose	hose bibs	2nd floor, 10	off, 10 hose	off, 5 hose bibs	off, hose bibs			
Time:	changing 9:13	Steady flow. 9:50	Steady flow. 10:00	120 deg loop 10:19	loop 10:43	bibs open. 11:15	open. 13:00	hose bibs open 13:15	bibs open 13:48	open 14:02	off 14:20			
B.F.Preventer PSI in 6th floor	70	66	64	64	60	66	66	70	70	72	72			
B.F.Preventer PSI out 6th floor	54	50	48	48	43	48	58	50	53	55	62			
Cold water out of 140 PRV	54	50	46	45	42	46	46	50	54	55	63			
Cold water out of 120 PRV	58	54	50	50	44	52	54	56	60	60	68			
Cold water PSI in at mixing valve	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger			
Hot water PSI in at mixing valve	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger			
Hot water PSI out of heater 6th floor	50	48	42	40	34	44	44	50	52	56	66			
Main steam PSI	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	62			
Condensate PSI before steam trap	0-26	10	4-20	0-42	0-44	0-40	0-10	4	0-30	0-40	0-50			
Air signal out of controller before res and	0-26	10	4-20	0-42	0-44	0-40	0-10	4	0-30	0-40	0-50			
restrictors	4-15	9	7.5-11.5	5-16.5	6.0-16.0	8.5-11.0	8.0-10.0	5.5	0-17	0-13.0	0-14.0			
Air signal at small valve positioner	4-10	9	8.5-11.0	6-12.0	7.0-12.0	9.0-10.5	9.0-10.5	5.5	0-8	0-7.0	0-7.0			
Flow motor on 110 dog sweets	0.0	146	170	105	172	OF.	0.4	00	24	24.7	2.0			
Flow meter on 140 deg supply	98	146	170	165	172	95	94	96	24	21.7	2.9			
Fuji flow meter on 140 supply to Leonard	0	0	0	14.25	61	68.8	68.3	40.4	46.5	25	25			
Fuji 120 Supply to building	10	10	10	26	74.5	80	82	57	58	34	10			
Cold water temperature in at mixing valve	72	62	57	55	55	55	56	56	56	56	57			
140 deg hot water temp into Leonard	116	121	121	109	118	127	118	132	117	159-129	121-152			
Recirc Temp in at mixing valve	117	114	113	110	106	106	111	112	113	111	111			
Hot Temp out at mixing valve	119	115	112	107	117	116	113	115	112	129-110	115-120			
Temperature in at heater	72	62	59	57	55	58	58	61	70	89	114			
Temperature out at heater	140-99	122	116-124	110-130	106-125	118-124	118-124	131	108-153	117-169	114-189			
Main steam														
Condensate														
Steam temp in	267	279	279	280	283	277	271	271	263	265	268			
Condensate temp	209	229	210	219	237	209	213	225	231	228	214			
Small valve positoin	25%	100% open	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	15%-100%	10%-100%	10%-100%			
Large valve position	0-25%	25%	25%-50%	0-75%	0-85%	0-50%	0-50%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
Quench or blowoff	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes			
Steady or hunting	Hunting	Steady	Hunting	Hunting	Hunting	Hunting	Hunting	Steady	Hunting	Hunting	Hunting			



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Dave opened		Dave opened		Three cage	machines			Repeat of				
one (1) rack	Dave opened	the tunnel		machines	open. Dave			readings. One				
washer on 2nd	the 2nd rack	washer on the		open. Dave	opened a total		One rack	rack washer on	One rack			
floor. Flow	washer on the	second floor		opened 4 hose	of 20 hose bibs		washer on 2nd	2nd floor, 20	washer on, on	Rack washers	Rack washers	Rack washers
steady not	2nd floor.	(3rd device).		bibs on the	on the 120 deg		floor, 20 hose	hose bibs	2nd floor, 10	off, 10 hose	off, 5 hose bibs	off, hose bibs
changing	Steady flow.	Steady flow.		120 deg loop	loop		bibs open.	open.	hose bibs open		open	off
Small valve	Small valve	Small valve		Four hose	Twenty hose		Hunting but	Hunting but	No hunting at	Upon closeoff	Upon closeoff,	One minute
only in	open 100%,	open 100%.		stations open	stations open.		the range of	the range of	this flow.	of the last	the 1/3 valve	
operation.	2/3 valve open	2/3 valve		to allow the	One full hunt		the hunt is less	_	tilis flow.	washer, the	hunted slowly.	the P&T fully
	25%. Valves						than at full	than at full		steam shut off	P&T relief	
Hunts		hunting slowly		small Leonard	cycle is approx							opened and
	steady and not	between 25%		valve to	30 seconds.		flow. 1/3	flow. 1/3		and the	operated at	the quench
psig and back	hunting.	and 50% and		operate. One	18 psig air is		valve remains			leaving temp	approx 168	opened. We
over approx 30		back. One		full hunt cycle	full open on		•	open while the		rose to 154,	deg and	reached 180
seconds.		cycle up and		= approx 30	the 2/3 valve.		2/3 valve	2/3 valve		dropped to	reseated	deg on the
Leaving temp		down in		seconds			hunts. One full	hunts. One full		107 and then	several times.	leaving heater
fluctuates		approx 15-20					hunt cycle is	hunt cycle is		called for	The P&T	temp. Relief
during this		seconds					approx. 70	approx. 70		steam again.	appears not to	cycle
time 139							seconds	seconds		T&P valve	fully open but	continued.
down to 99										needs to be	to weep.	
deg and back.										replaced	1	
Pressure gauge										(blows off at		
accuracy in										170 vs 210		
-												
question. No										setpoint.		
flow on 120												
loop.			_			-						
										Recirc pump		After 30
										flow only.		minutes, the
										Readings taken		P&T and
										approx 10		quench
										minutes		continued to
										following flow		cycle again and
										change. Mike		again. No flow
										reports that if		other than
										the P&T lifts		recirc flow.
										the heater		recire now.
										enters a 		
										repeating		
										cycle.		

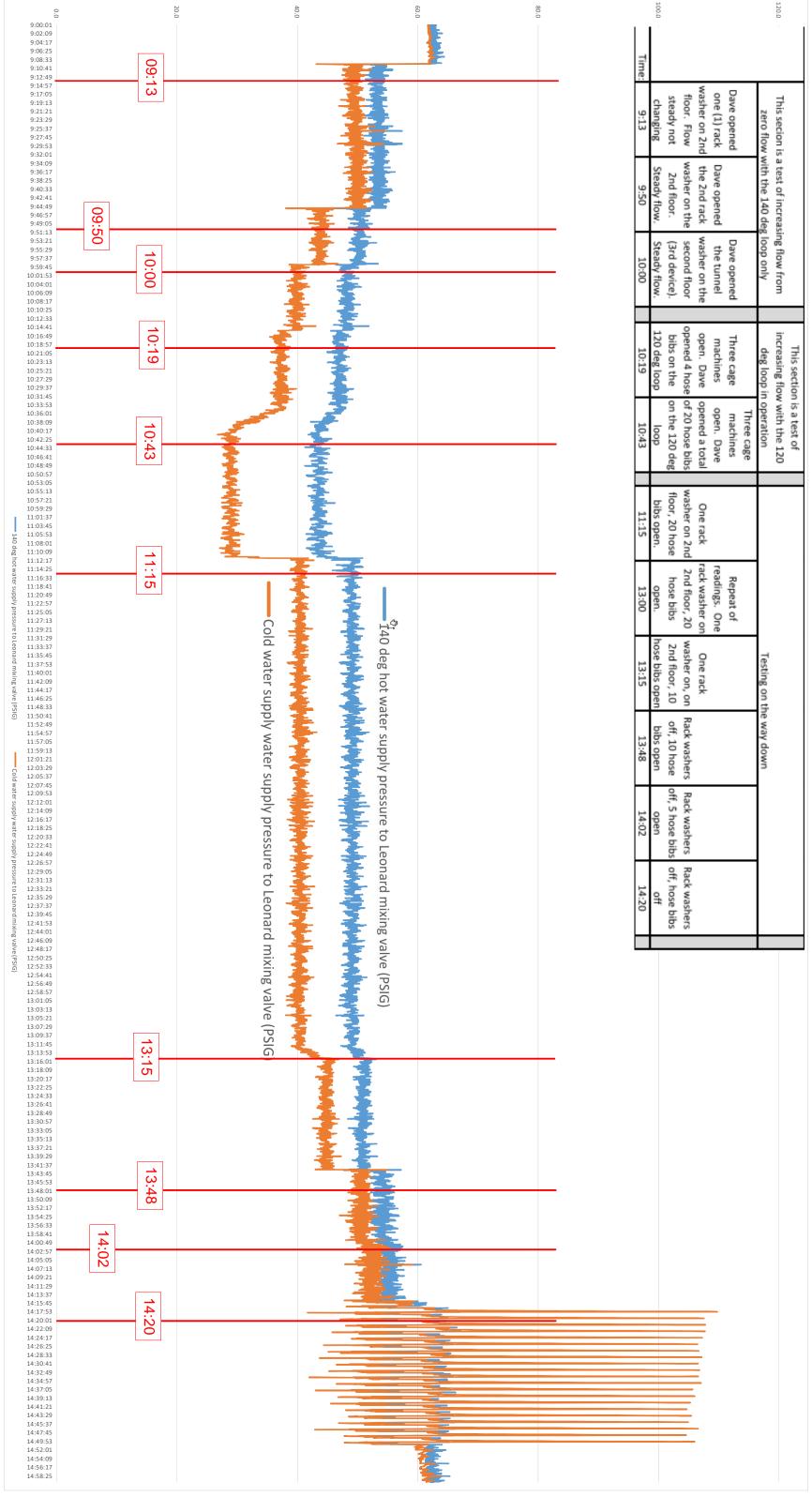


# HW Heater 5.2 Leonard side temperatures during automatic test











	Test on increasing 120 loop flow								Test on decreasing 120 deg loop flow							
	Manual control, static condition	Manual control. One tunnel washer open for flow. 2 hose bibs open.	Manual control. One tunnel washer open for flow. 5 hose bibs open.	Manual control. One tunnel washer open for flow. 10 hose bibs open.	Manual control. One tunnel washer open for flow. 15 hose bibs open.	Manual control. One tunnel washer open for flow. 20 hose bibs open.		Manual control. One tunnel washer open for flow. 15 hose bibs open.	Manual control. One tunnel washer open for flow. 10 hose bibs open.	Manual control. One tunnel washer open for flow. 5 hose bibs open.	Manual control. One tunnel washer open for flow. 2 hose bibs open.	Manual control. One tunnel washer open for flow. 0 hose bibs open.	Manual control. Tunnel washer closed, hose bibs closed, recirc only	All water off. Recirc only. Adjusted steam to trim supply out of heater to 140 deg		
Time:	9:00	10:35	11:00	11:15	12:55	13:15		13:35	13:42	13:51	14:02	14:12	14:30	15:00		
B.F.Preventer PSI in 6th floor	72	70	66	64	62	62		63	66	68	70	70	72	72		
B.F.Preventer PSI out 6th floor	66	50	48	46	47	47		46	48	52	54	54	62	64		
Cold water out of 140 PRV	66	50	50	47	45	43		46	48	52	52	52	63	64		
Cold water out of 120 PRV	66	54	54	50	48	46		48	52	56	56	56	66	68		
Cold water PSI in at mixing valve	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger		Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Loggger	Logger		
Hot water PSI in at mixing valve	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger		Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger	Logger		
Hot water PSI out of heater 6th floor	74	50	50	48	44	40		42	46	52	50	52	62	64		
Main steam PSI	62	62	62	62	62	62		62	62	62	62	62	62	62		
Condensate PSI before steam trap	0	8	24	24	32	40		34	24	18	12	4.0	0	0		
Air signal out of controller before res and restrictors	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Air signal at small valve positioner	4.5	6.25	6.5	6.75	8	8.75		8.25	6.75	6.5	6.0	5.5	0	3.75		
Flow meter on 140 deg supply	25.5	77.6	76.9	75	75	73		75	75	77	77	77	25	25		
Fuji flow meter on 140 supply to Leonard	3.4	8.4	18.6	34.7	46	56		48	34.7	18.1	8.6	0	0	0		
Fuji 120 Supply to building	9.5	11.6	28	45	64	79		67	49	27	11	0	0	0		
Cold water temperature in at mixing valve	74	55	56	56	56	55		55	55	56	56	56	58	60		
140 deg hot water temp into Leonard	128	147	148	139	144	148		148	145	148	146	144	134	133		
Recirc Temp in at mixing valve	94	99	98	100	112	112		112	113	13	112	112	112	108		
Hot Temp out at mixing valve	104	118	120	120	121	123		122	120	120	122	109	116	112		
Temperature in at heater	102	70	66	66	64	64		64	65	67	69	73	126	128		
Temperature out at heater	128	145	146	138	143	148		146	144	147	144	141	135	142		
Main steam																



		Te	st on increasing	120 loop flow					Flow off					
									All water off.					
			Manual	Manual	Manual	Manual		Manual	Manual	Manual	Manual	Manual	Manual	Recirc only.
			control. One	control. One	control. One	control. One		control. One	control.	Adjusted				
		Manual control.	tunnel washer	tunnel washer	tunnel washer	tunnel washer		tunnel washer	Tunnel washer	steam to trim				
	Manual	One tunnel washer	open for flow.	open for flow.	open for flow.	open for flow.		open for flow.	closed, hose	supply out of				
	control, static	open for flow. 2	5 hose bibs	10 hose bibs	15 hose bibs	20 hose bibs		15 hose bibs	10 hose bibs	5 hose bibs	2 hose bibs	0 hose bibs	bibs closed,	heater to 140
	condition	hose bibs open.	open.	open.	open.	open.		open.	open.	open.	open.	open.	recirc only	deg
Condensate														
Steam temp in	199	265	269	268	276	280		279	275	272	268	263	252	248
Condensate temp	200	251	262	258	270	281		273	259	250	236	223	208	202
Small valve positoin	25%	80%	90%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	75%	50%	50%	0%	15%
Large valve position	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%	50%		30%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Quench or blowoff	No	No	No	No	No	No		No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Steady or hunting	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady		Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
	Manual	This is the big jump	Increase	Temperature	Bring	Bring		Dropped hose	Dropped five	Dropped five	Dropped three		Dropped	Cracked 1/3
	control.	since we are	temperature	dropped to	temoerature	temperature		bibs at 13:25.	hose bibs at	hose bibs at	hose bibs at		tunnel washer	valve at 14:36.
	Dddirect air	bringing on the	to 150 degrees	139 degrees	_	back up to 150			13:40	13:50	13:58	hose bibs at	at 14:21.	Shut off air at
	signal to signal	tunnel washer.	to start test		before 	degrees						14:08. Note	Immediately	15:04 as we
	supply line to	Tunnel washerr on			opening 5	before						that 120 recirc	removed air	passed 140
	both valves.	09:07 AM. Let			more hose	opening 5						line was	from steam	deg.
		system stabilize			bibs at	more hose						slightly cooled	valve to	
		before taking			12:50pm.Tem	bibs						by passing	prevent	
		reading			perature	temperture						through the small Leonard	overshoot.	
					dropped to 143 degrees	dropped to 147 degrees						valve. The		
					143 degrees	147 degrees						flow was not		
												measurable		
												but set to		
												approx 2 GPM		
												earlier.		
		For this set of												
		readings, we had												
		to turn off the 120												
		recirc pump												
		because it was												
		overpowering the												
		small valve.												
		Turned on the												



	Test on incr		Flow off								
											All water off.
	Manu	ıl Manual	Manual	Manual	Manual	Manual	Manual	Manual	Manual	Manual	Recirc only.
	control.	One control. On	e control. One	control. One	control. One	control. One	control. One	control. One	control. One	control.	Adjusted
	Manual control. tunnel w	sher tunnel wash	er tunnel washer	Tunnel washer	steam to trim						
Manual O	One tunnel washer open for	low. open for flow	v. open for flow.	closed, hose	supply out of						
control, static	open for flow. 2 5 hose	ibs 10 hose bib	s 15 hose bibs	20 hose bibs	15 hose bibs	10 hose bibs	5 hose bibs	2 hose bibs	0 hose bibs	bibs closed,	heater to 140
condition	hose bibs open. oper	open.	open.	open.	open.	open.	open.	open.	open.	recirc only	deg
	pump and the										
	leaving temp										
	dropped to 100										
	and total flow										
,	went to 20 GPM.										
	Throttled recirc										
	puump discharge										
	to a net gain of 2										
(	GPM. This allowed										
t	the small Leonard										
	to make										
	temperature.										



