

REMOVING CHP CONDENSATE TRAP HEADER FOR MAINTENANCE Safe Operating Procedure Updated April 14, 2022

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Hazards	burns
Tools/Equipment	valve wrench, blank flange, adjustable wrench
Employee Group(s)	Facilities Management – Central Heating Plant

Required PPE:









Safety Shoes

Eye Protection

Ear Protection

Gloves

SAFE WORK PRACTICES

- Do not perform the procedure or operate the equipment until you have been appropriately trained and authorized to do so by your supervisor.
- Inspect required personal protective equipment (PPE) and replace if required.
- It is vitally important when carrying out this procedure not to allow the DA to go into a "negative" pressure condition. This may cause the DA storage tank to implode.

PROCEDURE

- 1. Isolate the following steam trap discharge lines which tie into the condensate header to the DA:
 - ✓ Steam to Nicholson, Bloomfield and Lane
 - ✓ Steam to fuel oil tanks
 - ✓ CHP main steam header traps (2)
 - ✓ Steam to north side of campus at tunnel entrance (2)
 - ✓ Auxiliary steam supply
 - ✓ Steam supply to D/A
- 2. Open trap drains at tunnel entrance and allow condensate to drain to floor.
- 3. If needed the condensate sample line at the chemical test sink can be opened.
- 4. Open DA vent to allow pressure to decay and also to stop DA from going to a negative pressure. There is also a vacuum breaker on the steam supply line on top of the DA.
- 5. Slowly close in on the DA steam supply isolator until it is closed.
- 6. The DA pressure will slowly decrease to "0" psi. At this point it is safe to break the condensate header flange at the back of the DA and insert a blank flange.
- 7. The condensate header is now fully isolated from the DA and the steam can be slowly restored to the DA. It should settle out around 3 ½ to 4 psi.
- 8. The DA vent can now be closed to approximately one turn open.
- 9. DA does not need to be isolated for HP trap header service.