### Operations and Maintenance Seminar







#### **Operations and Maintenance**

Alan R. Mulak, PE (978) 486-4484 <u>amulak@comcast.net</u>

#### Definitions

#### **Operations and Maintenance:**

- Actions focused on scheduling, procedures, controls, and optimization.
- Performance of routine, preventative, predictive, scheduled (and unscheduled!) actions to prevent equipment failure and increase efficiency, reliability, and safety.

#### **Operational Efficiency:**

• The life-cycle, cost-effective mix, of O&M activities coupled with performance tracking.

### Resources

- •FEMP O&M Best Practices
- Cool Choice
- •Motor Up
- •Utility Programs
- •EPACT Grants









#### Utilize Free Resources

# **O&M Best Practices**

www.eere.energy.gov/femp

#### Free Resource: Energy Star

#### EPA's Portfolio Manager:

- 1. Free
- 2. Easy to use
- 3. Potential award!
- 4. Benchmark and baseline for your facility.
- 5. <u>www.energystar.gov</u>
- 6. Can make your boss look good!





### COMcheck

www.energycodes.gov/comcheck/ez\_download.stm

### More Free Resources

# Why use COMcheck?

- Code compliance software
- Grant applications
- What if scenarios
- Incentive applications



### Motor Master

www1.eere.energy.gov/industry/bestpractices/software.html

### More Free Resources

# Why use Motor Master?

- Motors use energy very quietly
- Be prepared for burnout
- Game plan...inventory!
- *Great job for intern or student!!!*

#### More Free Resources

1. <u>Lighting</u>

www.geconsumerandindustrial.com/environmentalinfo/tools

2. <u>Air Conditioning</u>

www.alliantenergy.com/docs/groups/public/documents/pub

3. <u>Variable Speed Drives</u> www.alliantenergy.com/docs

### How to Begin? Start Simple!

- Use EPA Energy Star Building Portfolio Manager to establish a baseline score for your facility.
- 2. Contact your local utility and request billing data for all energy sources and water.
- 3. Plot Energy and Water usage for the past three years.
- 4. Establish (or update) an O&M checklist.
- 5. Pick the low hanging fruit.
- 6. Tune up your building.
- 7. Run Energy Star again.



### Plot Energy Usage

MUm

Contact your local utility and request billing data for all energy sources and water.

Plot Energy and Water usage for the past three years.





- Establish (or update) an O&M checklist.
- Note: In the FEMP Guide, for each equipment type there is an excellent technology specific checklist. <u>www.eere.energy.gov/femp</u>
- <u>www.Schooldude.com</u> is another great resource.

# Pick the low hanging fruit

Definition – Easy, inexpensive, great results.

Some examples:

- Clean lighting fixtures
- Install occupancy sensors
- Eliminate all incandescent bulbs
- Eliminate simultaneous heating and cooling
- Change all filters
- Check damper controls
- Install window latches
- Repair major ductwork leaks
- Inspect all fan belts
- Others?



# Address the obvious!

- Train your building operators!P&P a PM System
- •Throw away incandescent bulbs.
- •Know thy utility reps!
- •Change your filters
- •Electric motor game plan
- •Plan to group relamp







# Building Tune Up

# Tune up your building! Here are some of the most common actions:

- 1. Adjust temperature settings
- 2. Adjust sequencing of boilers, A.H.'s, and chillers
- 3. Repair dampers and economizers
- 4. Modify control strategies of all HVAC equipment
- 5. Balance air supply and return
- 6. Check weekend and "off" hour controls
- 7. Turn off lights!

# O&M Management

- The Team Approach make friends with the purchasing agent
- Management support is critical!
- Time for a PM System?
- Implement the Program
- Measurement, Verification, and Report Back.



### Computerized O&M?



- Work order tracking and generation
- Historical information
- Scheduling function
- Technical documentation
- Calendar
- Parts inventory
- Capitol and labor cost tracking



# Predictive Maintenance

### Thermography: Expensive but very effective





# Predictive Maintenance

Oil Analysis: Turbines, Pumps, Gearboxes, your car!





# Predictive Maintenance

### Vibration Analysis: Fans, large motors, pumps





# Commissioning

- New Buildings Get what you pay for!
- Recommissioning
  Building tune up



Continuous Commissioning
 A part of an O&M Program

# Major Equipment O&M: Boilers

- Reduce Excess Air
- Waste Heat Recovery
- Reduce Scale and Soot
- Reduce Blowdown Recover Heat
- Co generate (or Tri-Gen)
- Preheat combustion air
- Analyze combustion gases
- Checklist on 9.2.9

#### Boilers - Repair or Replace

Case Study #1:

- Benefits 25% fuel savings (14,800 therms), reduced maintenance, less smoke
- Considerations Cost! (\$160,000 +/-)
- Help? No.
- Savings in fuel \$29,466 at \$2 per therm
- Payback 5.4 years

### Major Equipment O&M: Chillers

- Three types: Reciprocating, Centrifugal, and Screw
- Improve Chiller Performance via:
  - Raise CW temperatures or reduce condenser water temp.
    For each degree, a 1% gain in efficiency.
  - Clean filters and maintain water flow
  - NEMA premium efficiency motors
  - VSDs on centrifugal chillers
  - Match loads...do not oversize!
  - Free cooling
  - Heat recovery
  - Absorption chillers
  - Thermal (ice or slush) storage

#### Major Equipment O&M: Chillers

#### Maintenance of Chillers:

- 1. Inspect as recommended by manufacturer (quarterly)
- 2. Check for leaks (monthly)
- 3. Check compressor operating pressures, oil levels, etc
- 4. Verify temperatures and electrical operations
- 5. Using temperature readings, calculate chillers efficiency (quarterly)
- 6. Checklist 9.4.8



# Chillers – Repair or Replace?

Case Study #2: Benefits – Reliability! Electric savings (186,000 kwhrs), Maintenance Considerations – Cost! (\$376,000) Help? – No.

Savings in electric - \$16,600 annually at \$.07/kwhr

Payback – 22.6 years

### Major Equipment O&M: Cooling Towers

- Heat exchanger
  utilizing evaporation
- Legionella warning!
- Maintenance keep clean and free of clogs
- Single stage install VSD <u>now!</u>
- Checklist 9.5.9



Major Equipment O&M: Air Compressors

- Two types: Reciprocating and Rotary Screw
- 7HP of electricity to yield 1HP of air force. <u>Don't waste compressed air!</u>
- Fix leaks! (roughly 25%)
- Recover waste heat
- Follow manufacturers maintenance schedule
- Checklist 9.10.9



### Major Equipment O&M: Air Compressors

A few notes from Jeff Wright (<u>www.compressorenergy.com</u>):

- 1. Audible leaks \$500 to \$1,500
- 2. Open blow- \$5,000
- Add VSD and expansion tank save 30 to 50% of energy
- 4. Roughly \$1,000 per HP



#### Industrial Lighting:

- Replace HID with T5 or HPT8
- Lumen depreciation
- Pulse start Metal Halide
- Control with Sensors
- Eliminate all Incandescent Bulbs
  with CFLs
- LED technology



#### Industrial Lighting:

- Clean all fixtures!
- Use ComCheck for code compliance
- Daylight dimming
- "Bruno-proof" lamps
- Group relamping
- <u>Call your electric utility!</u>

#### Typical Fluorescent Lamp Mortality Curve



#### **Commercial Lighting:**

- HPT8 direct/indirect
- Control with Sensors
- Eliminate all Incandescent Bulbs with CFLs
- CFLs can be dimmed
- LED "cans" and exits



Remember to check IESNA at <u>www.iesna.org/</u> for light levels



### Major Equipment O&M: Filters

#### Filters:

- Don't buy the cheapest!
- Locate and change them
- NAFA National Air Filtration Association
- Fiberglass filter MERV < 1
- Pleated filter MERV > 6



### Major Equipment O&M: Motors

#### Motors:

- Don't buy the cheapest!
- NEMA Premium Efficiency
- <u>www.MotorUp.com</u>
- <u>Call your electric utility!</u>



#### Major Equipment O&M: Motors

#### **Cost of Running VOC Pump / Motor:**

- 1. 8,000 hours run time
- 2. 60 HP
- 3. 1 HP = 0.756 KW
- 4. Annual kwhrs = 8000 x 60 x .756 = 362,880 kwhrs
- 5. Cost per kwhr = 0.20
- 6. Cost of pollution = \$72,500 every year!