

## CHANGE BOILER WATER LEVEL SIGHT GLASS Safe Operating Procedure Updated April 14, 2022

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Hazards	leaking, burning from hot pipes, high steam flow, breaking glass,
Tools/Equipment	
Employee Group(s)	Facilities Management – Central Heating Plant

## **Required PPE:**











Safety Shoes

Protection

Gloves

Face Shield

Protective Suit

## **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.
- When working off a ladder, falling is a risk. Secure ladder and note an escape route in glass blowing out.

## **PROCEDURE**

- 1. Ensure proper sized glass and seals are in stock.
- 2. Shut off boiler.
- 3. Isolate sight glass using chain valves and open drain.
- 4. Remove guard.
- 5. Loosen gland nuts.
- 6. Loosen chain valves. Close main steam and water supplies to column and open drain and vent.
- 7. Remove glass.
- 8. Inspect seal and nuts for dirt. Clean seal surface and threads on nuts if required.
- 9. Install new sight glass, guard and center in glands nuts, tighten firmly. Ensure glass is centered in glands. Adjust nuts if necessary to prevent leaking.
- 10. Crack open steam supply to warm sight glass through drains.
- 11. Close all vents and drains leaving in service. Adjust packing if required.
- 12. When warmed up, slowly open water valve to charge glass. Adjust packing if required, inspect glass for centering and install new glass if cracked.
- 13. Open all steam/water valves fully.