

MANUAL BLOWDOWN OF BOILERS

Safe Operating Procedure Updated April 14, 2022

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Hazards	burns
Tools/Equipment	
Employee Group(s)	Facilities Management – Central Heating Plant

Required PPE:









Safety Shoes

Eye Protection

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.
- This procedure involves high temperature, high pressure water so care should be taken to open valves slowly. Piping will also be extremely hot.

PROCEDURE

- 1. This procedure is based on maintaining the boiler water conductivity below 3000 uhmos. Ideally, the boiler water conductivity is maintained around 2000 uhmos.
- 2. If the conductivity is above 2000 uhmos, boiler blowdown is required.
- 3. Open one of the quick opening valves fully and then open the slow opening valve for 10 seconds.
- 4. Close the slow opening valve first and then close the quick opening valve.
- 5. Allow the boiler water level to stabilize, then repeat the process using the other quick opening valve.
- 6. Open the quick opening valve fully and then open the slow opening valve for 10 seconds.
- 7. Close the slow opening valve first and then close the quick opening valve.