



System Diagram Workshop Introduction

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Learning Objectives

By the end of this workshop, attendees will be able to:

1. Discuss the value of system diagrams and the system concept as design, commissioning, training and persistence tools.
2. Discuss the key concepts and techniques that are used to develop a system diagram
3. Develop a simple water system diagram.
4. Develop a simple air system diagram.
5. Use a system diagram to perform a node analysis to identify different operating modes for a system.

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Why Do I Want to Learn to Do This?
3. System Diagram Concepts
4. Developing a Simple Air System Diagram
5. Expanding a Chilled Water System Diagram



Introductions



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Day 1 - Getting to Know You

1. Please provide your first and last name, your job title, the place where you work, and your location in the form of First and Last Name, Job Title, Place of Work, Location.

For instance, you might enter:

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Enter your answer

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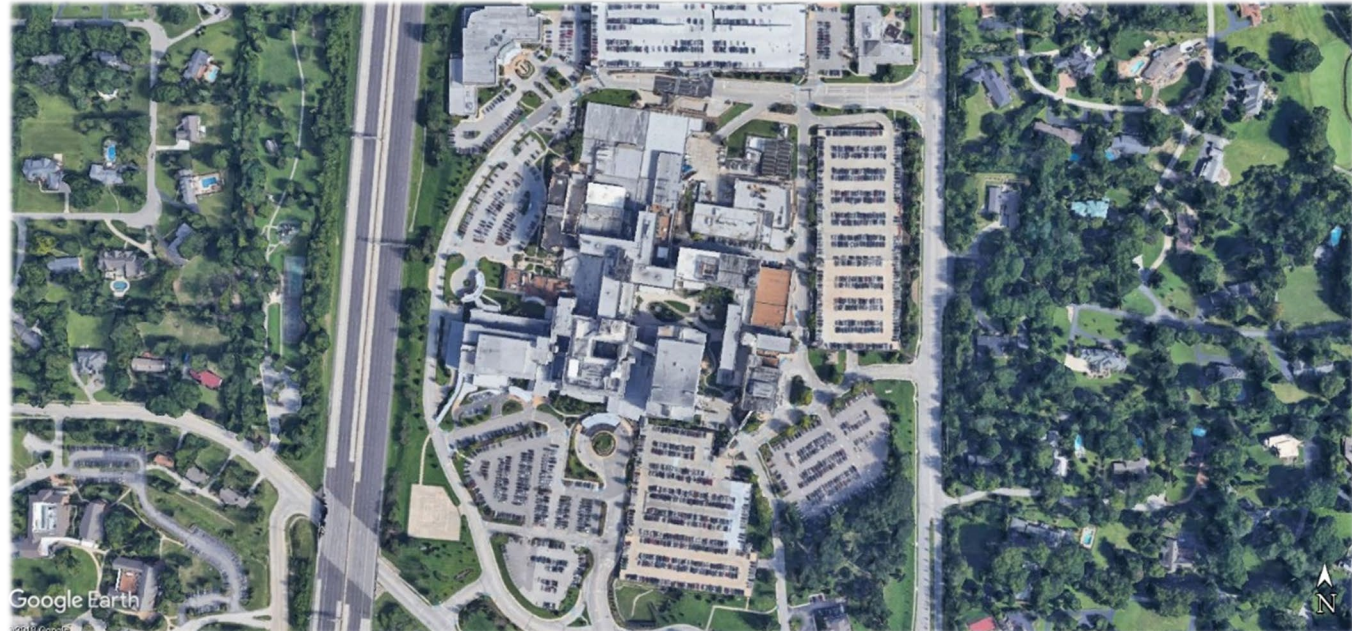
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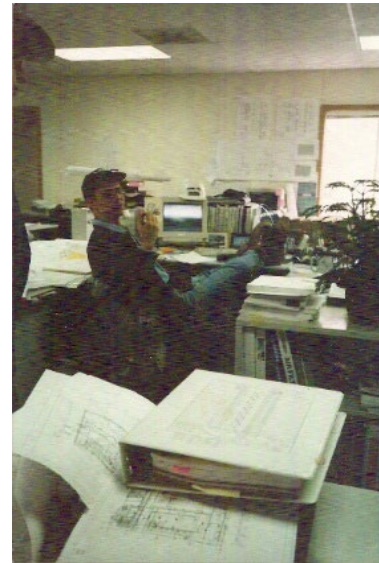
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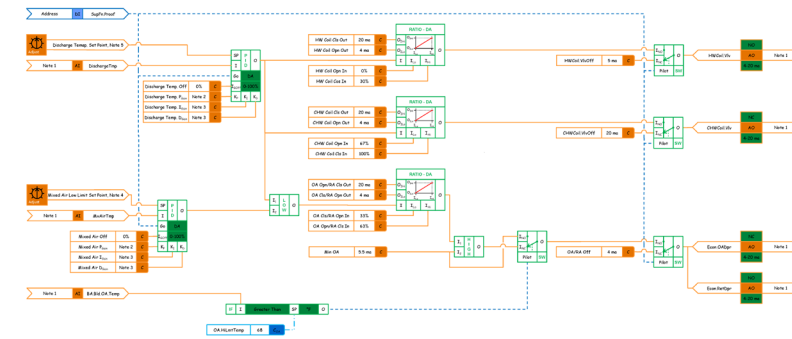
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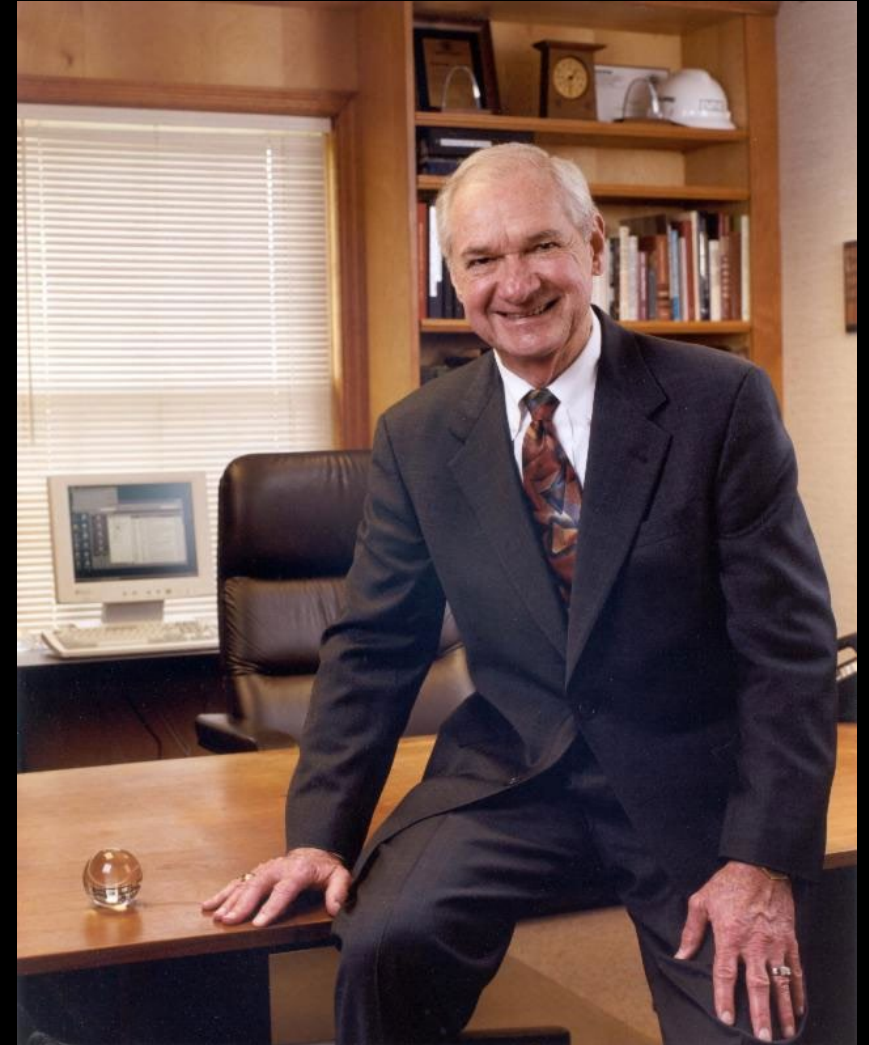
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- Energy Conservation is an Ethic
- ASHRAE Journal, vol. 42, no. 7, p. 16-21

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One of the challenges that came up when I was creating [the time series graph of a 9,000 ton chiller plant load profile](#) that I show in my [previous post](#) was that I wanted to plot data series that had numbers in them with very large differences in the order of magnitude.



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Buildings are Talking to Us

We Just Need to Learn How to Listen

My Goal

Welcome to A Field Perspective on Engineering's commissioning resource website. For those who don't know me from my blog or some other venue, I am a senior engineer for a company named [Facility Dynamics Engineering](#) a.k.a FDE, which specializes in commissioning, control system design, and some forensic engineering work.



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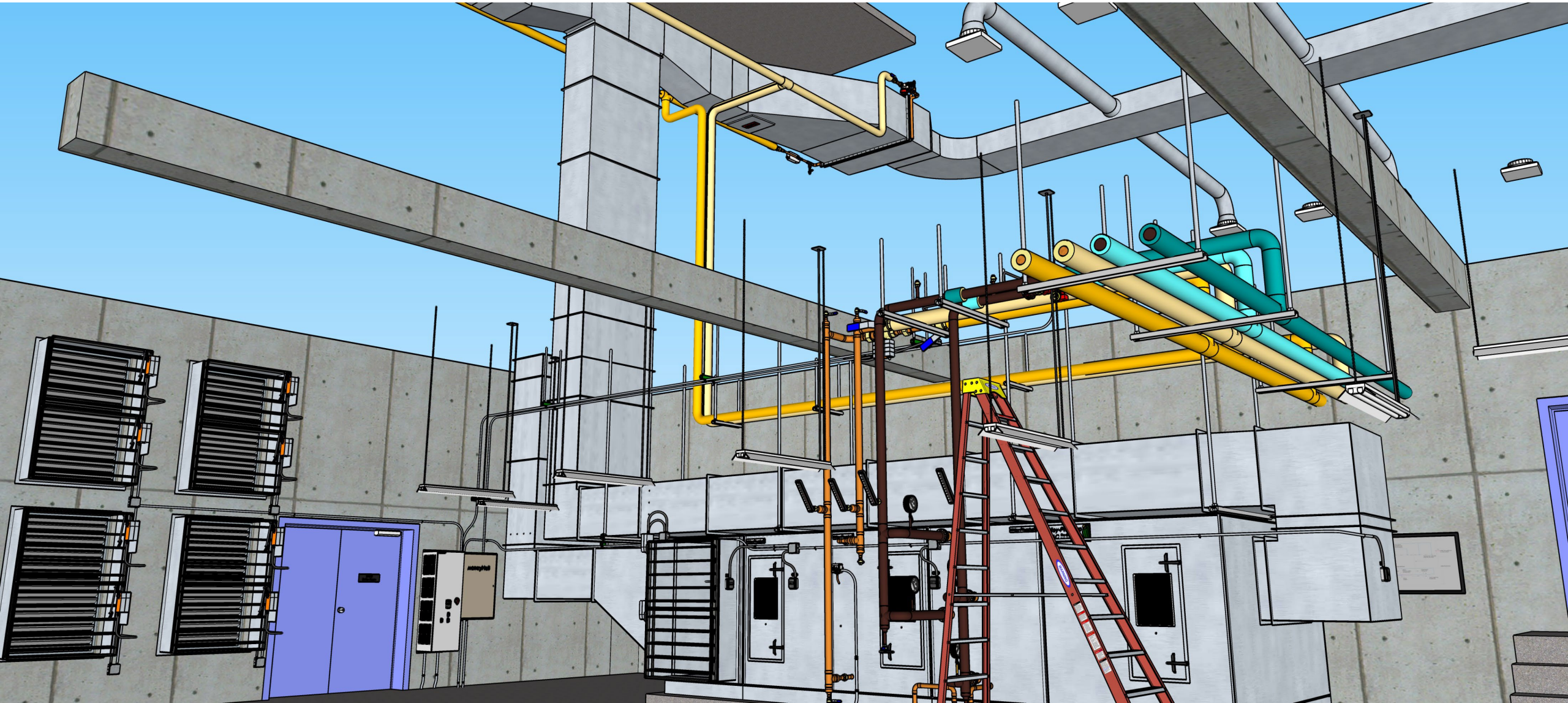
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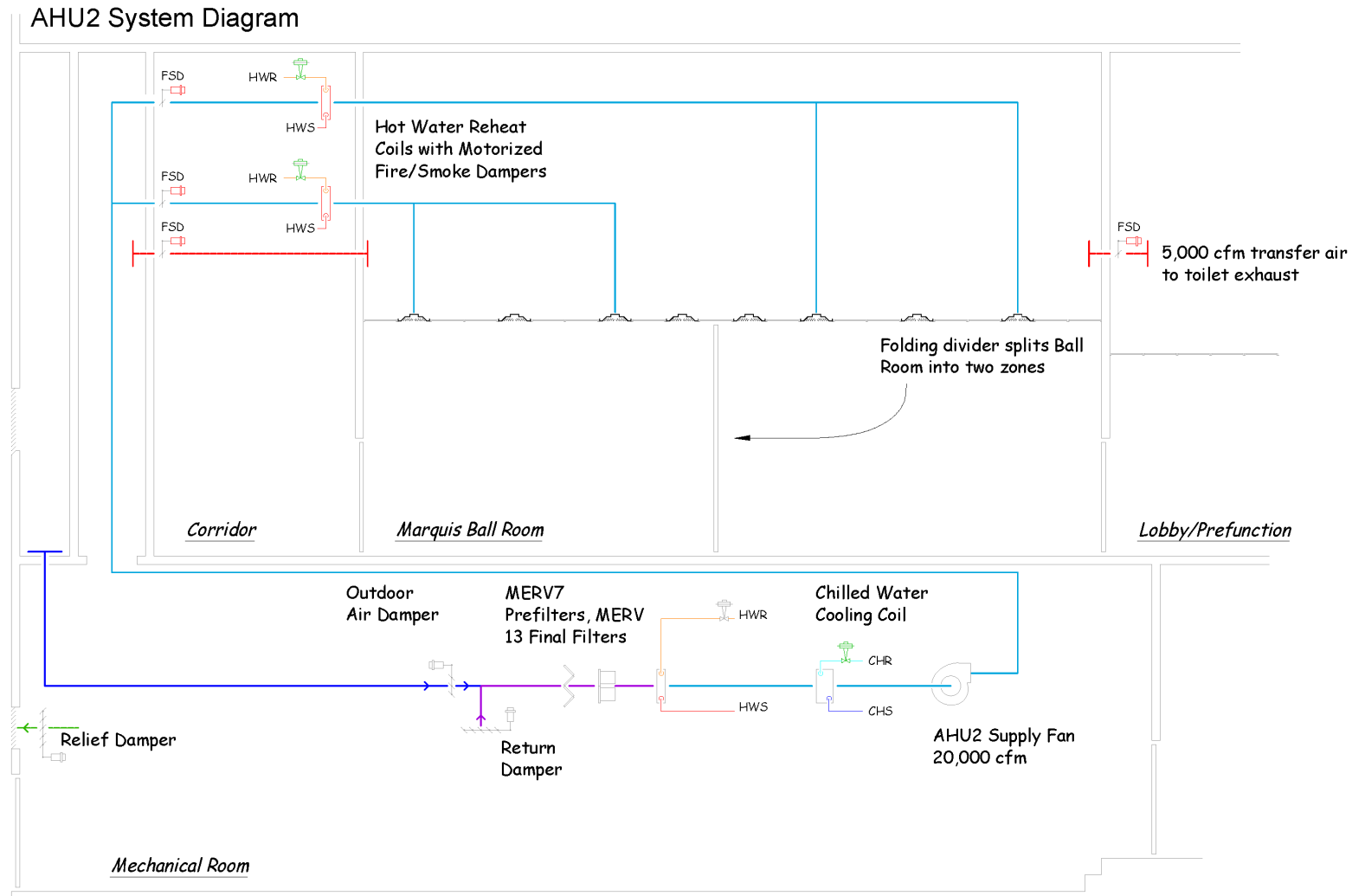


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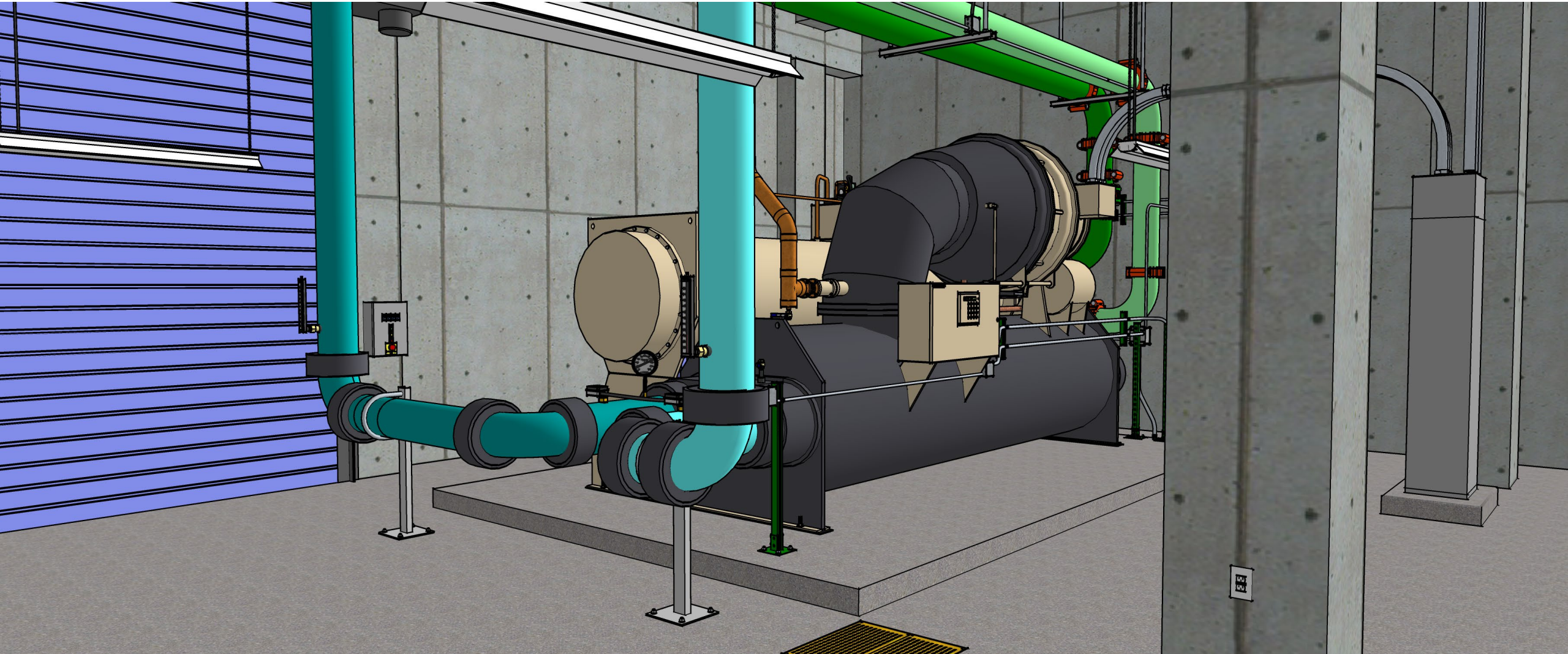
Not Just an Air Handling Unit; Rather It's an Air Handling System



The System Diagram; Visualizing the System Concept

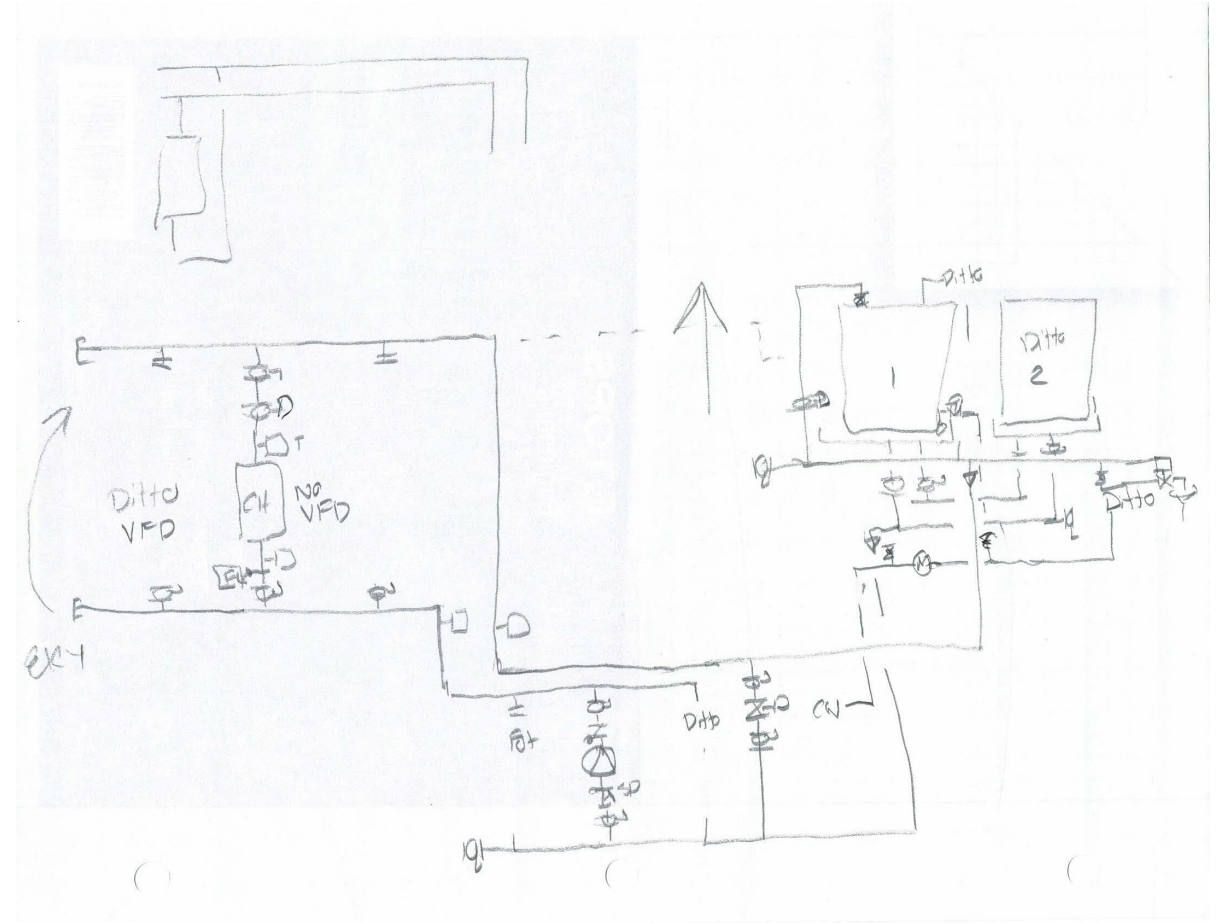


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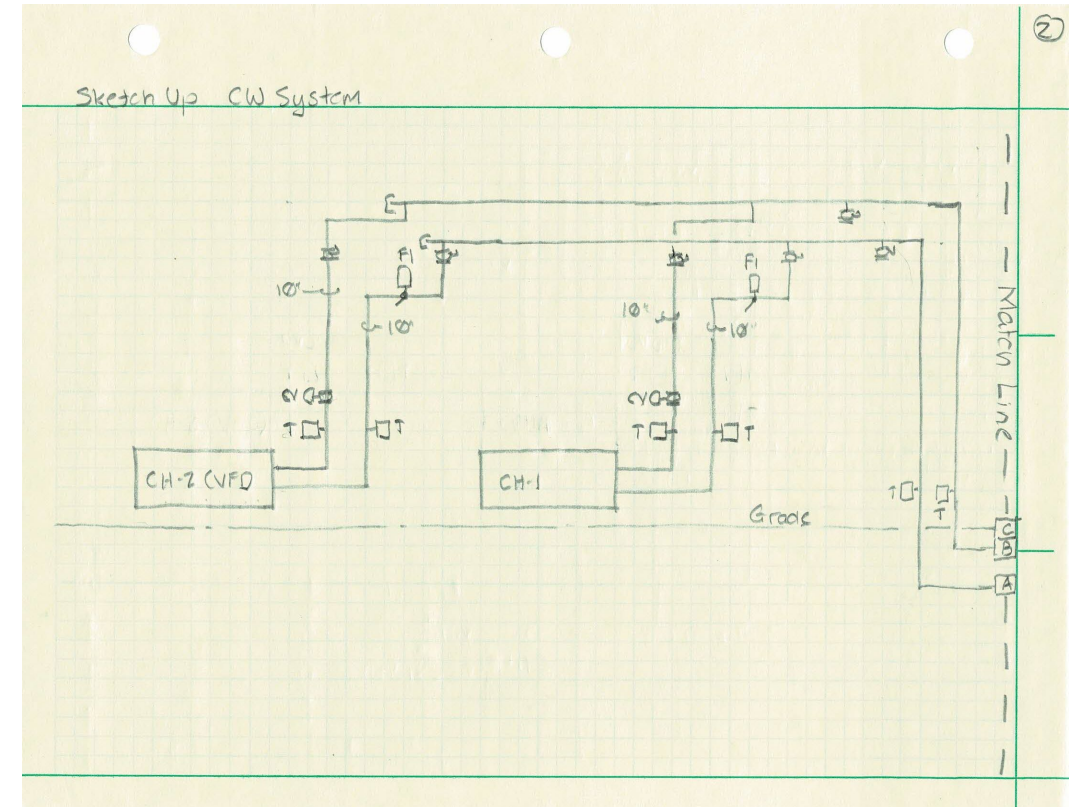
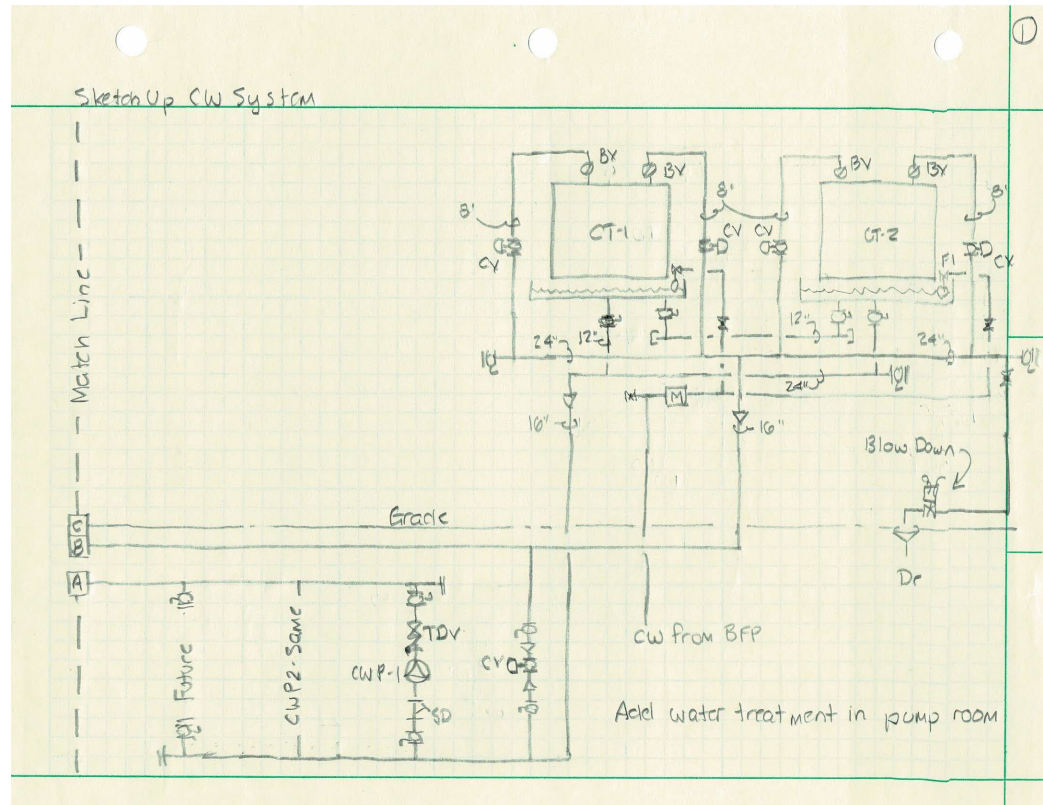
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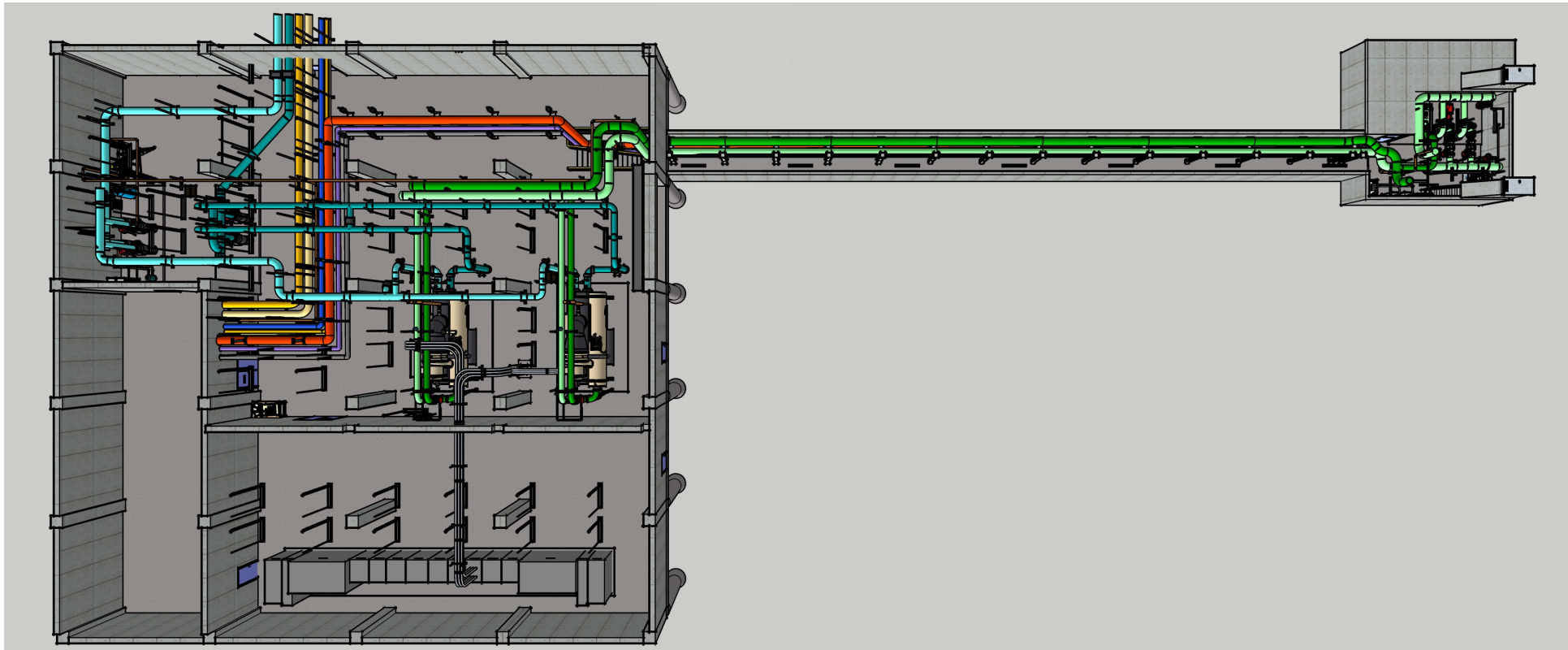
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- A design tool for moving from concept through design development



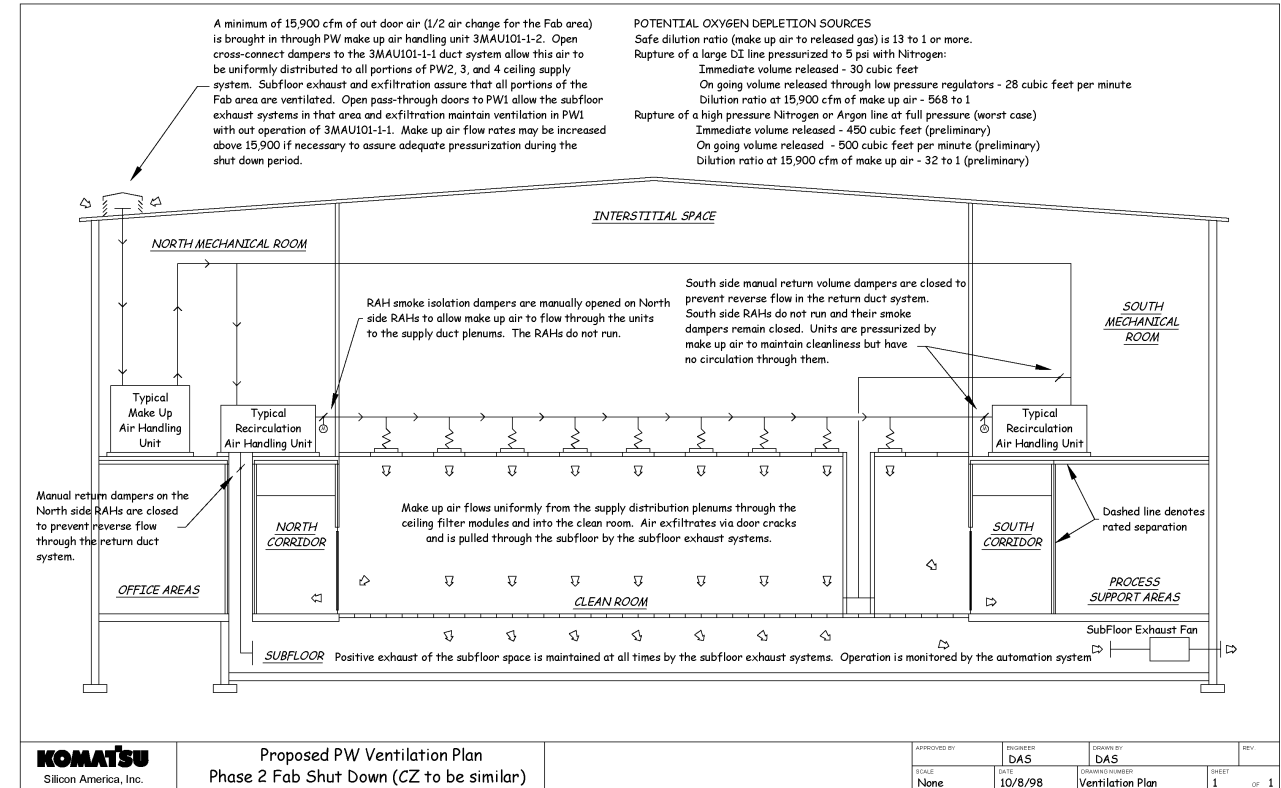
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- A design tool for moving from concept through design development to reality



A Building Life Cycle Tool

- A design tool for moving from concept through design development to reality
- A commissioning and diagnostic tool for identifying and resolving system issues
- As a training and ongoing commissioning tool



A minimum of 15,900 cfm of out door air (1/2 air change for the Fab area) is brought in through PW make up air handling unit 3MAU101-1-2. Open cross-connect dampers to the 3MAU101-1-1 duct system allow this air to be uniformly distributed to all portions of PW2, 3, and 4 ceiling supply system. Subfloor exhaust and exfiltration assure that all portions of the Fab area are ventilated. Open pass-through doors to PW1 allow the subfloor exhaust systems in that area and exfiltration maintain ventilation in PW1 with out operation of 3MAU101-1-1. Make up air flow rates may be increased above 15,900 if necessary to assure adequate pressurization during the shut down period.

POTENTIAL OXYGEN DEPLETION SOURCES

Safe dilution ratio (make up air to released gas) is 13 to 1 or more.

Rupture of a large DI line pressurized to 5 psi with Nitrogen:

Immediate volume released - 30 cubic feet

On going volume released through low pressure regulators - 28 cubic feet per minute

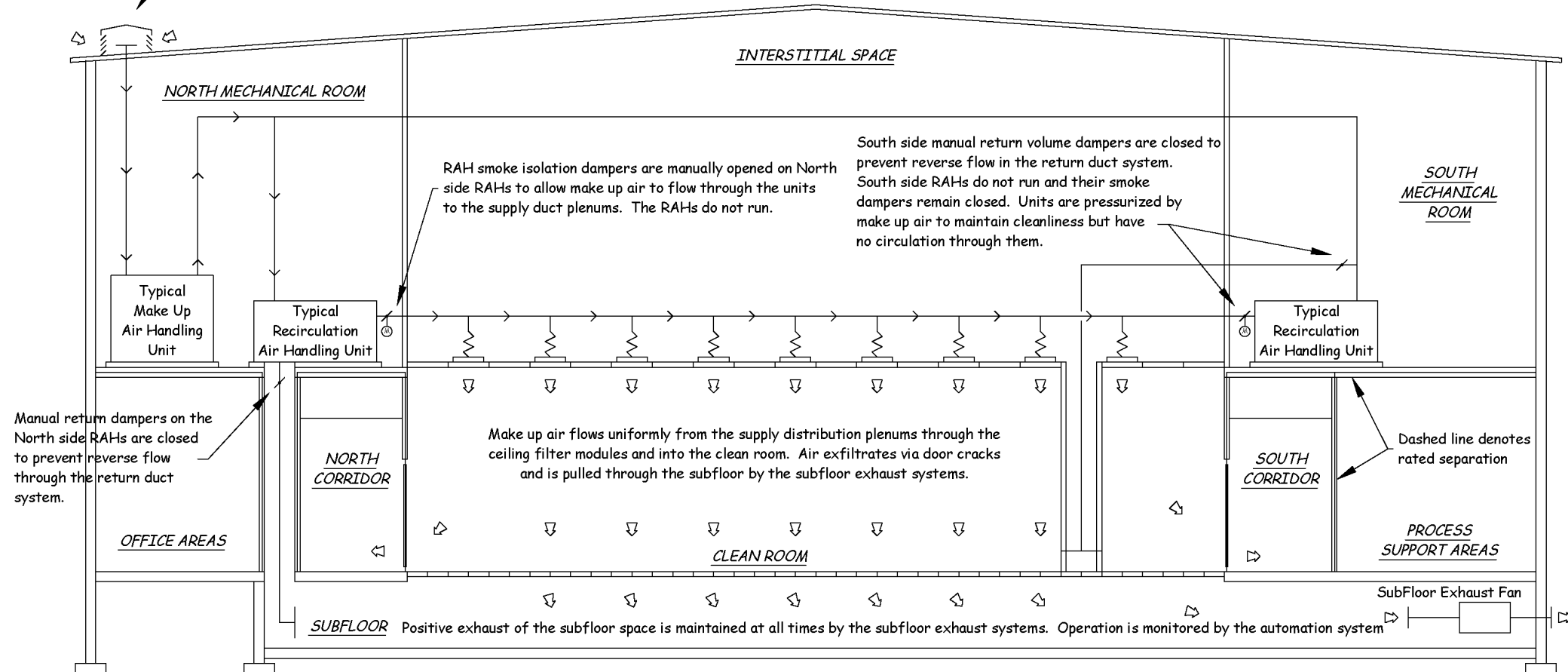
Dilution ratio at 15,900 cfm of make up air - 568 to 1

Rupture of a high pressure Nitrogen or Argon line at full pressure (worst case)

Immediate volume released - 450 cubic feet (preliminary)

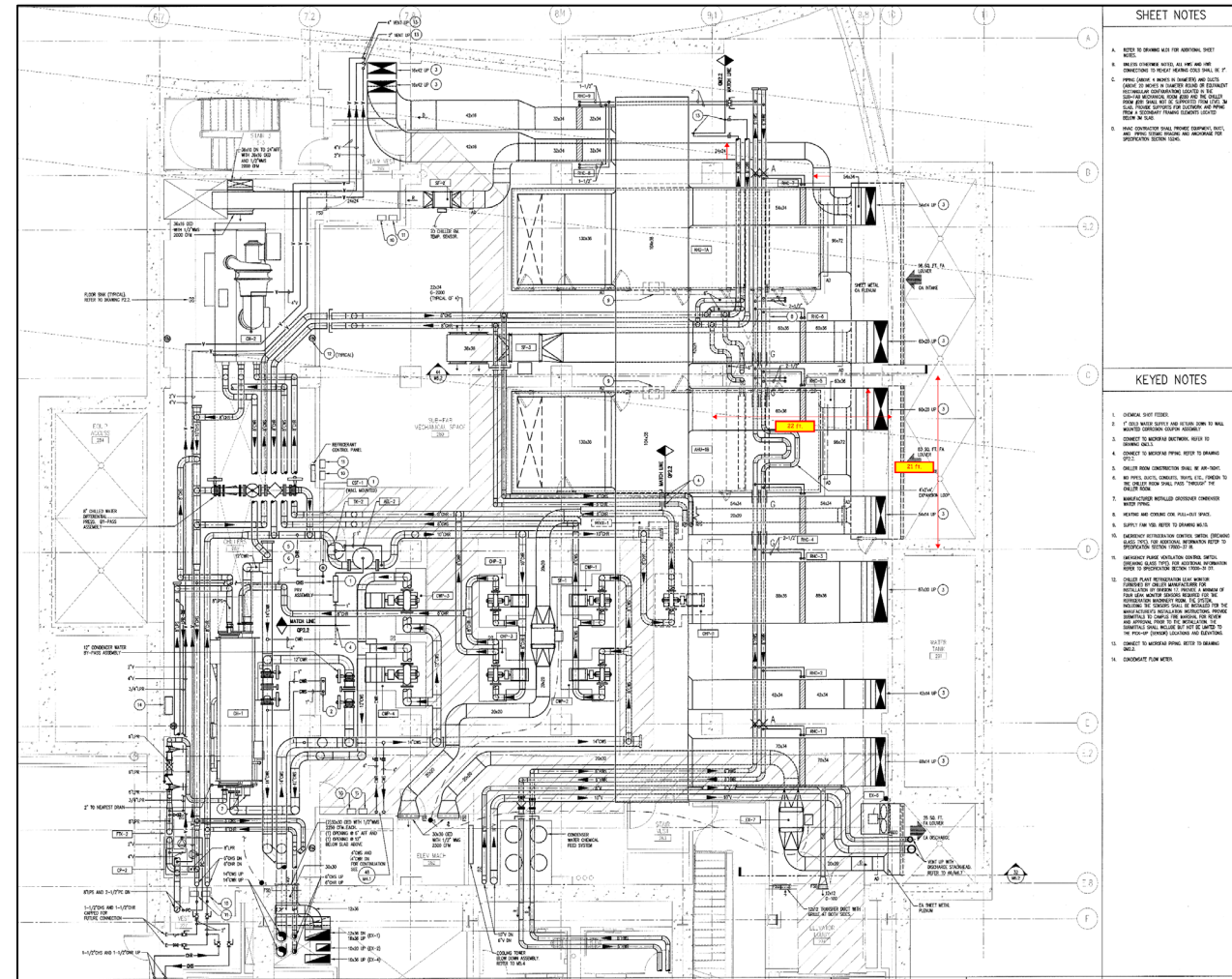
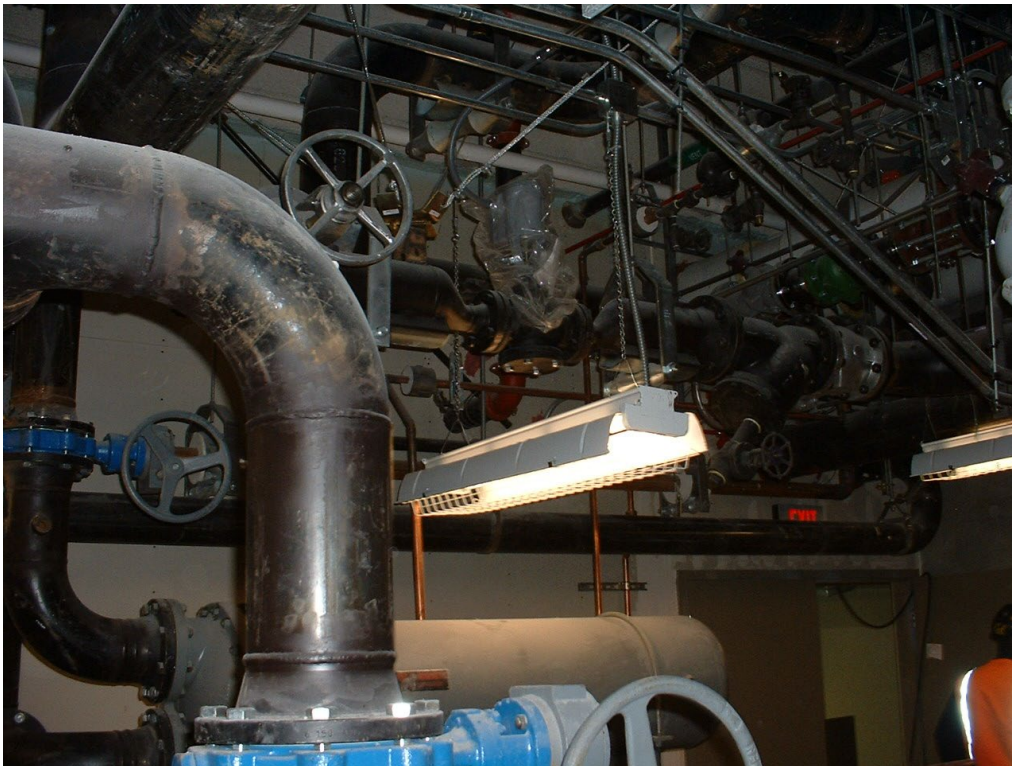
On going volume released - 500 cubic feet per minute (preliminary)

Dilution ratio at 15,900 cfm of make up air - 32 to 1 (preliminary)

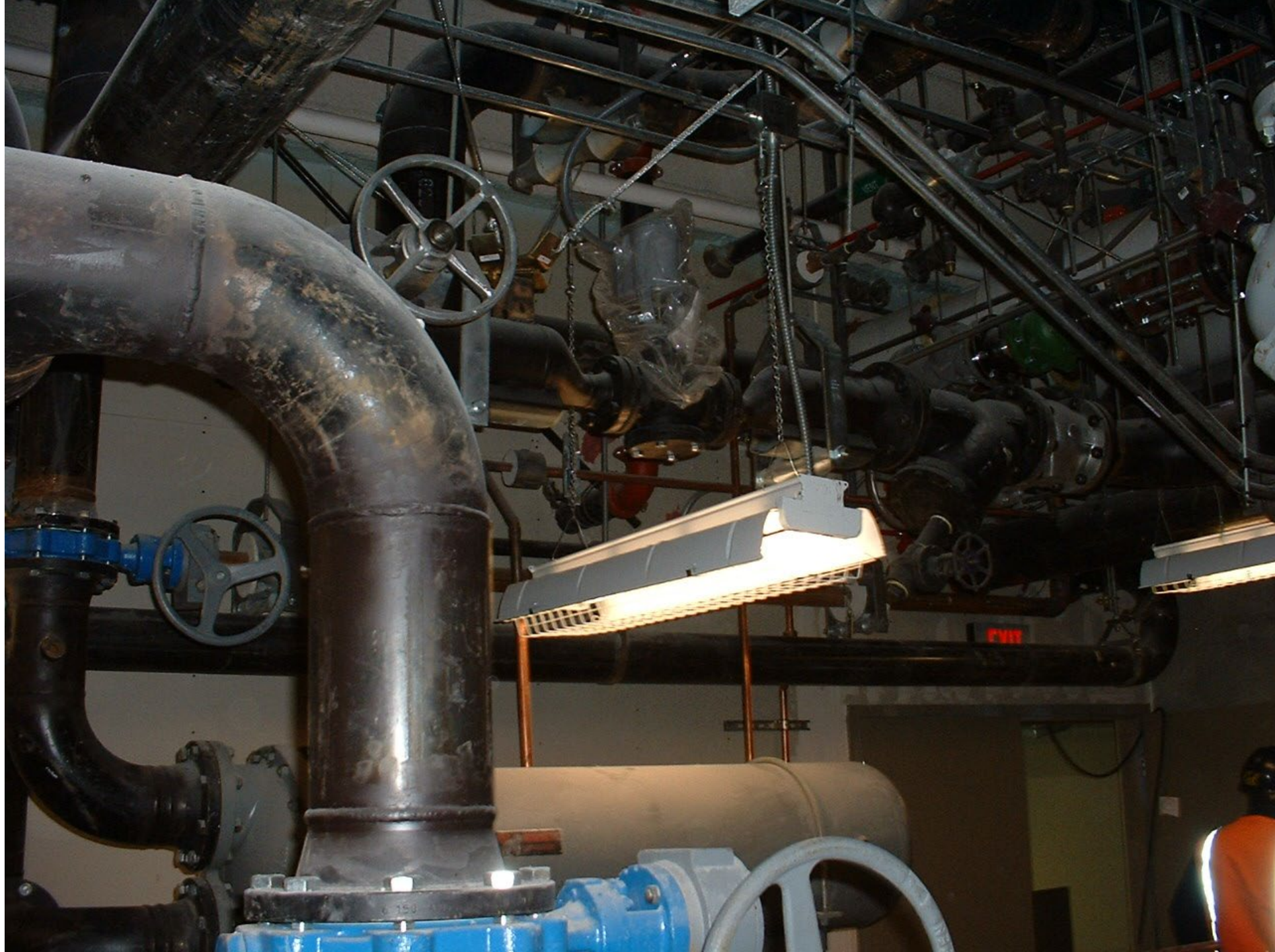


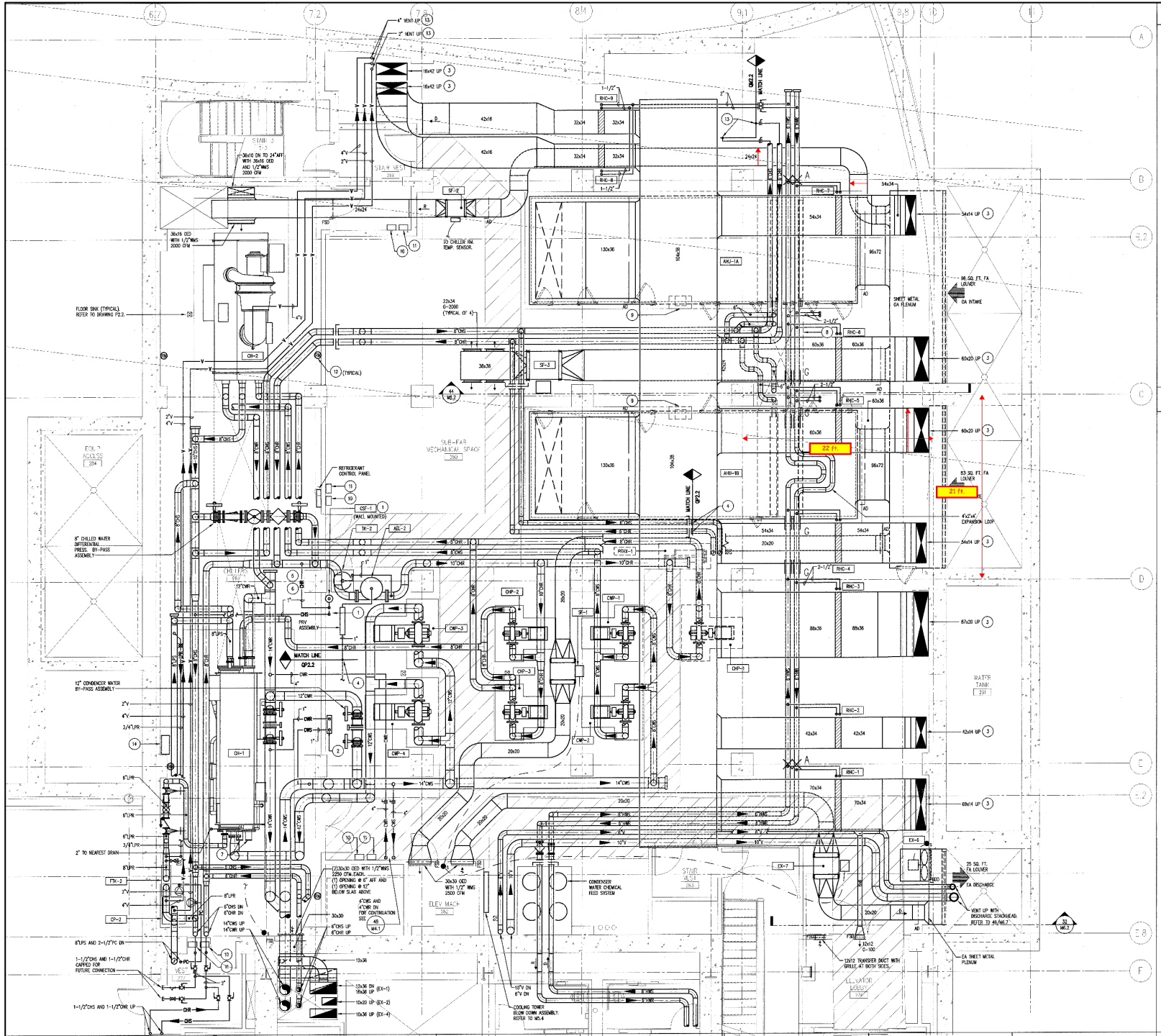
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The Piping Plan





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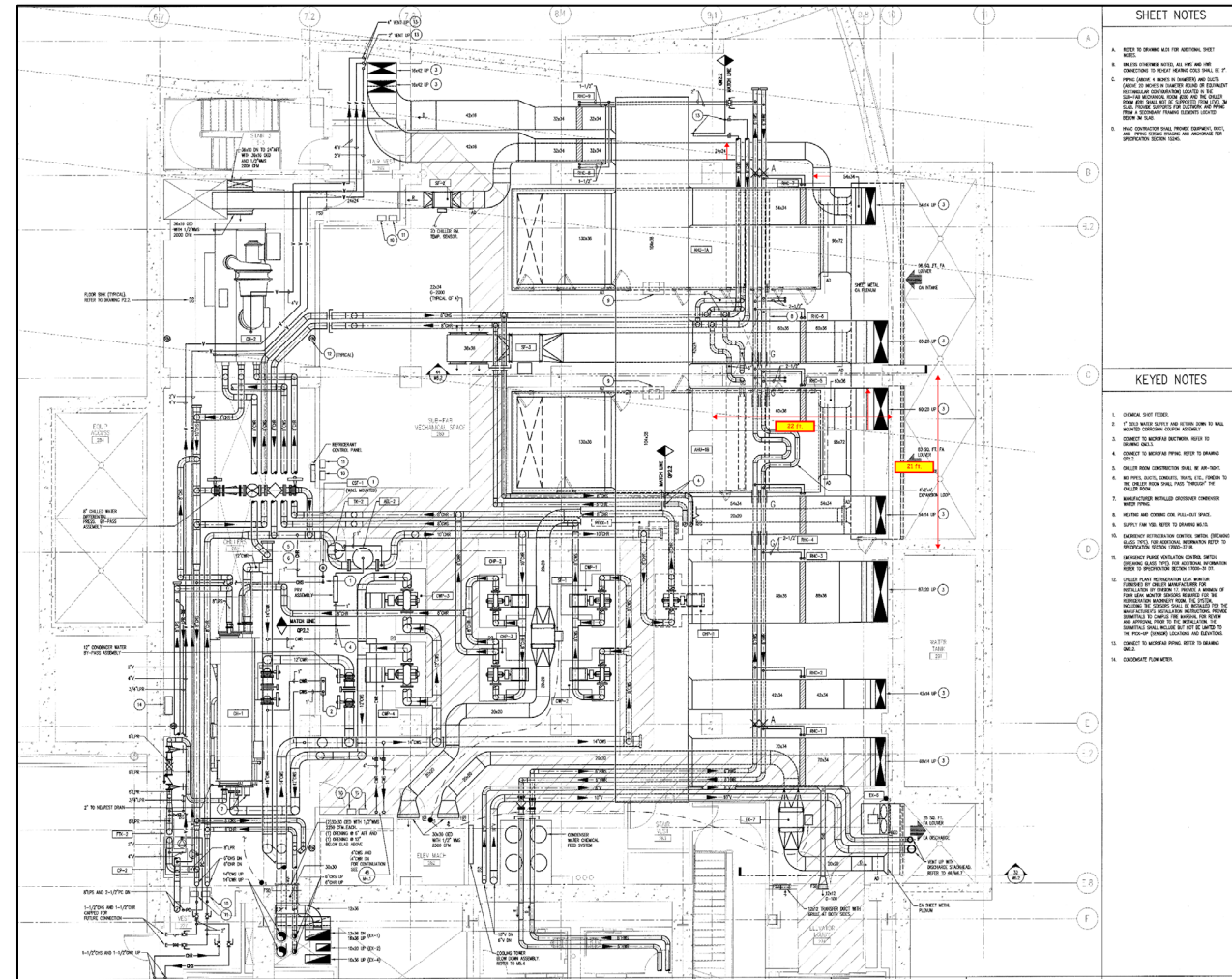
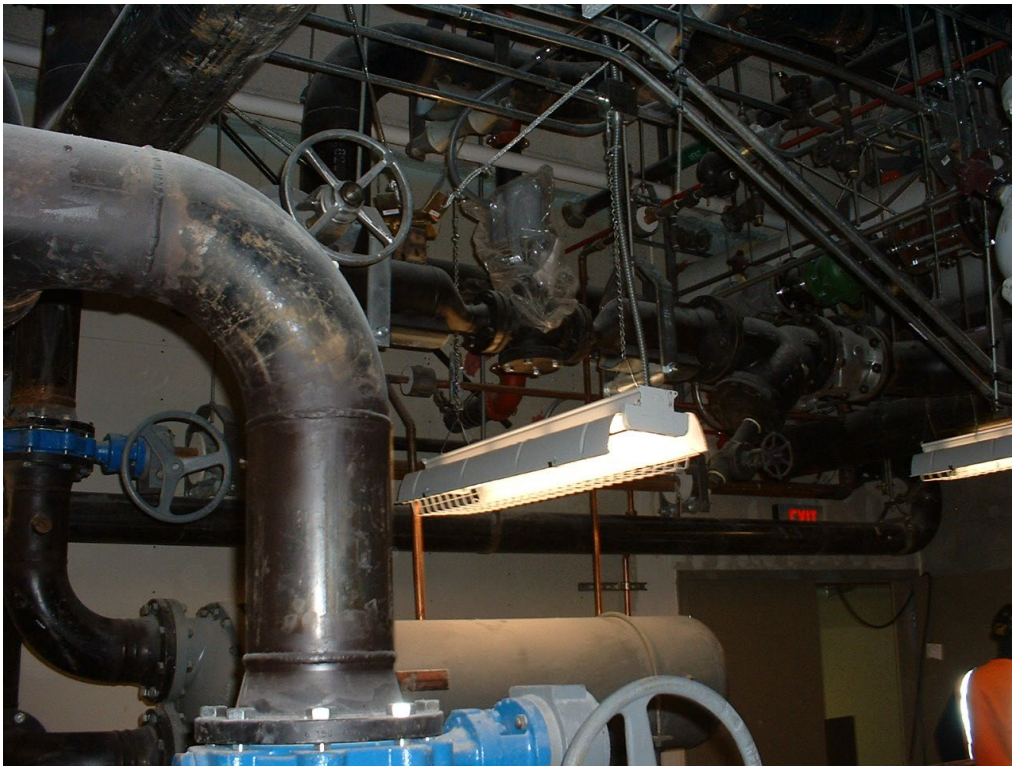
- REFER TO DRAWING M-1 FOR ADDITIONAL SHEET NOTES.
- UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL PIPING AND HANGERS CONNECTIONS TO REHEAT HEATING COILS SHALL BE 2".
- PIPING (EXCLUDING 4" DIAMETERS) AND DUCTS (ABOVE 20" DIAMETERS) IN FRAMED ROOF OR EQUIVALENT MECHANICAL COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE SUB-FAR MECHANICAL ROOM SHALL BE SUPPORTED FROM BELOW. 3M SHALL PROVIDE SUPPORTS FOR OUTDOOR AIR PIPING FROM A SECONDARY FRAMING ELEMENTS LOCATED BELOW 3M SLAB.
- HVAC CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE EQUIPMENT, DUCT, AND PIPING SYSTEM BRACING AND ANCHORAGE PER SPECIFICATION SECTION 12.04.01.

KEYED NOTES

- CHEMICAL SHOT FEEDER.
- 1" COLD WATER SUPPLY AND RETURN DOWN TO WALL MOUNTED CORROSION COUPON ASSEMBLY.
- CONNECT TO MICROFAB DUCTWORK. REFER TO DRAWING M-1.
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- CHILLER ROOM CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE AIR-TIGHT.
- NO PIPES, DUCTS, CONDUITS, TRAYS, ETC., FOREGO TO THE CHILLER ROOM SHALL PASS THROUGH THE CHILLER ROOM.
- MANUFACTURER INSTALLED CROSSOVER CONDENSER WATER PIPING.
- HEATING AND COOLING COIL FULL-OUT SPACE.
- SUPPLY FAN FOR REFER TO DRAWING M-1.
- EMERGENCY RETROVENTION CONTROL SWITCH (BREAKING GLASS TYPES) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REFER TO SPECIFICATION SECTION 12.04.01.
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- CHILLER PLANT RETROVENTION LEAK WATER FORWARDED BY CHILLER MANUFACTURER FOR INSTALLATION BY SUBMITTER. PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF FOUR LEAK MONITOR SENSORS REQUIRED FOR THE RETROVENTION MACHINERY ROOM. THE SENSORS, INCLUDING THE SENSORS SHALL BE INSTALLED FOR THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS. PROVIDE SUBMITTALS TO COMPASS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO THE INSTALLATION. THE SUBMITTALS SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING: (1) SENSOR LOCATIONS AND DEPTH; (2) CONNECT TO MICROFAB PIPING. REFER TO DRAWING M-1.
- CONDENSATE FLOW METER.

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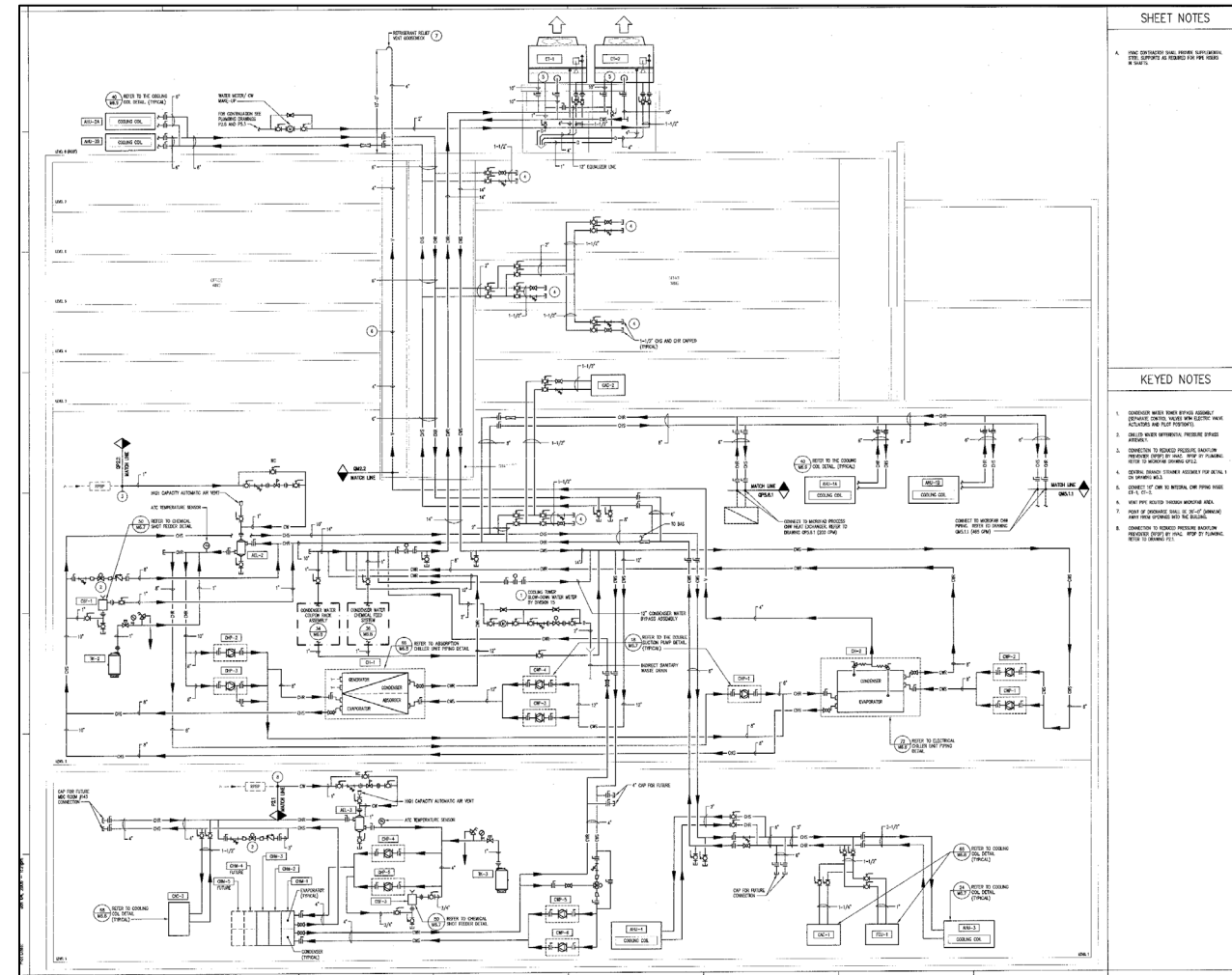
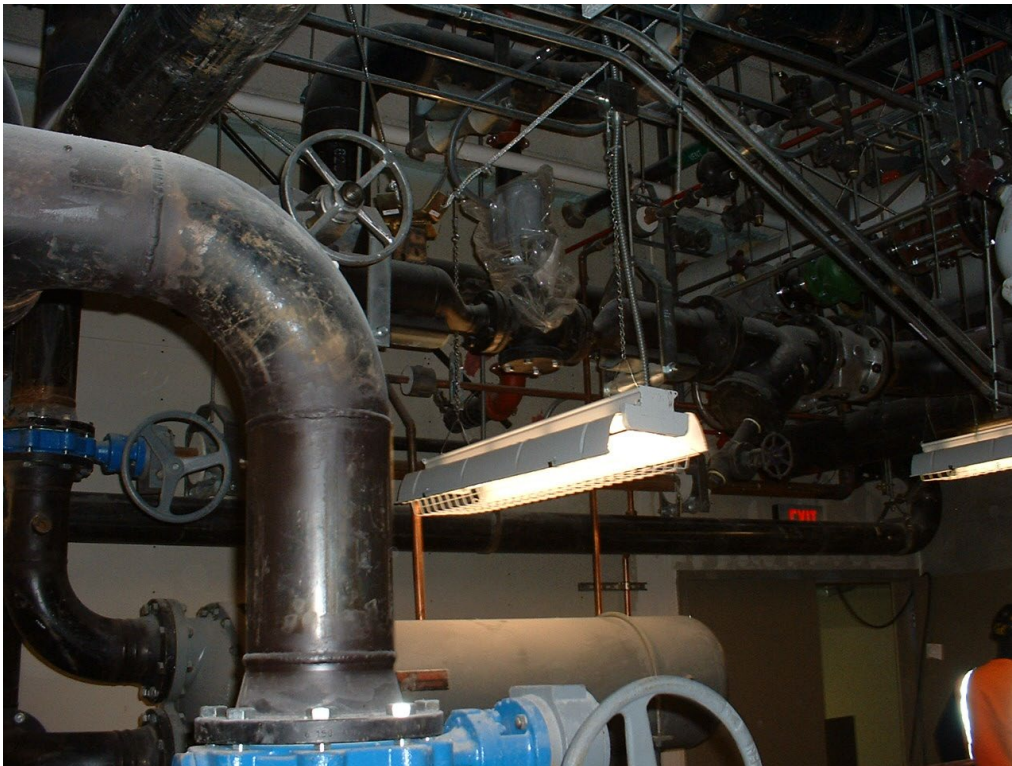
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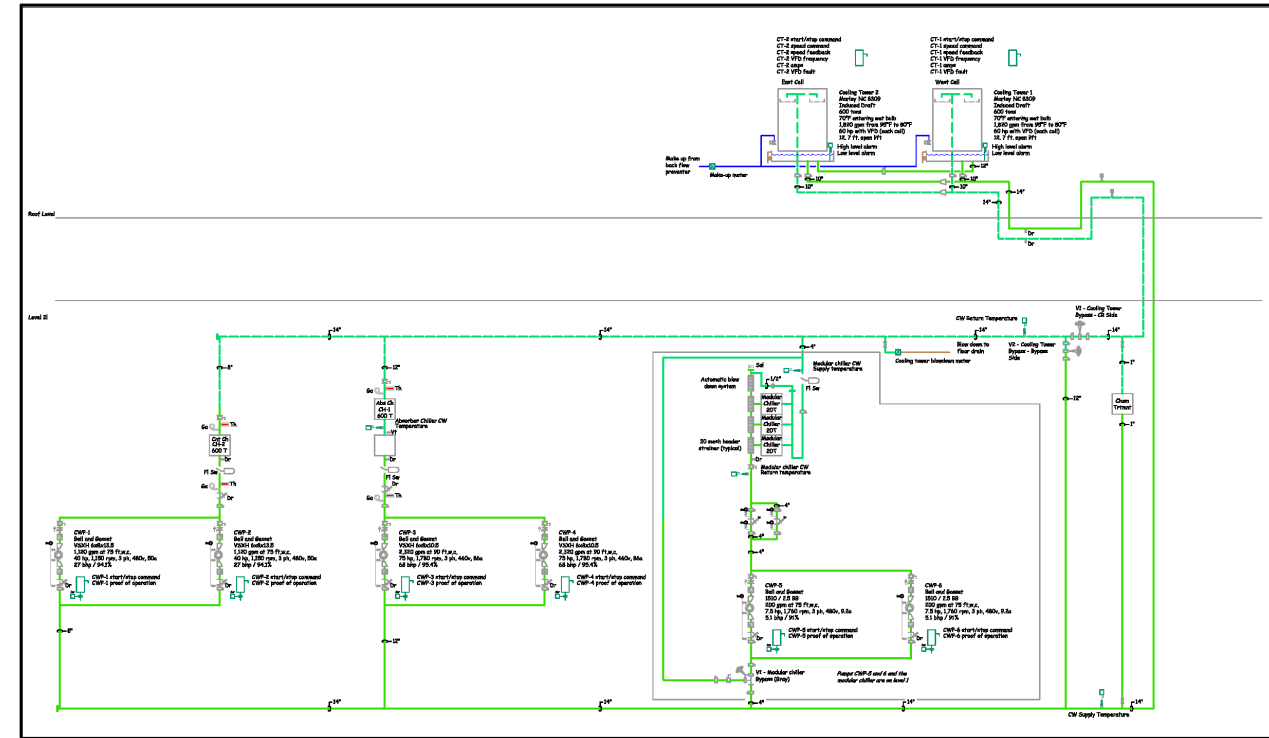
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The “System Diagram” from the Drawing Set

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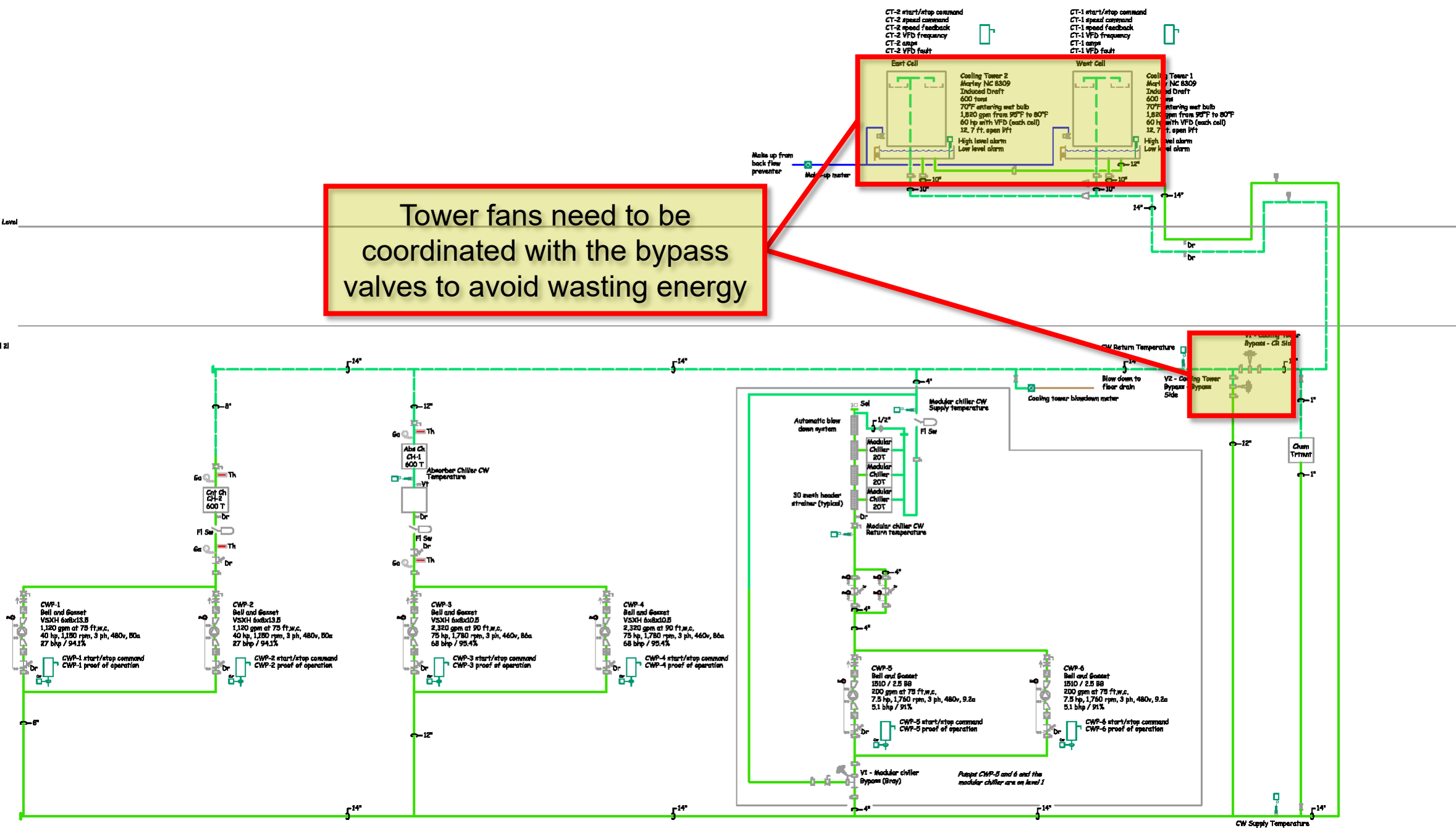


My “System Diagram” for the Condenser Water System

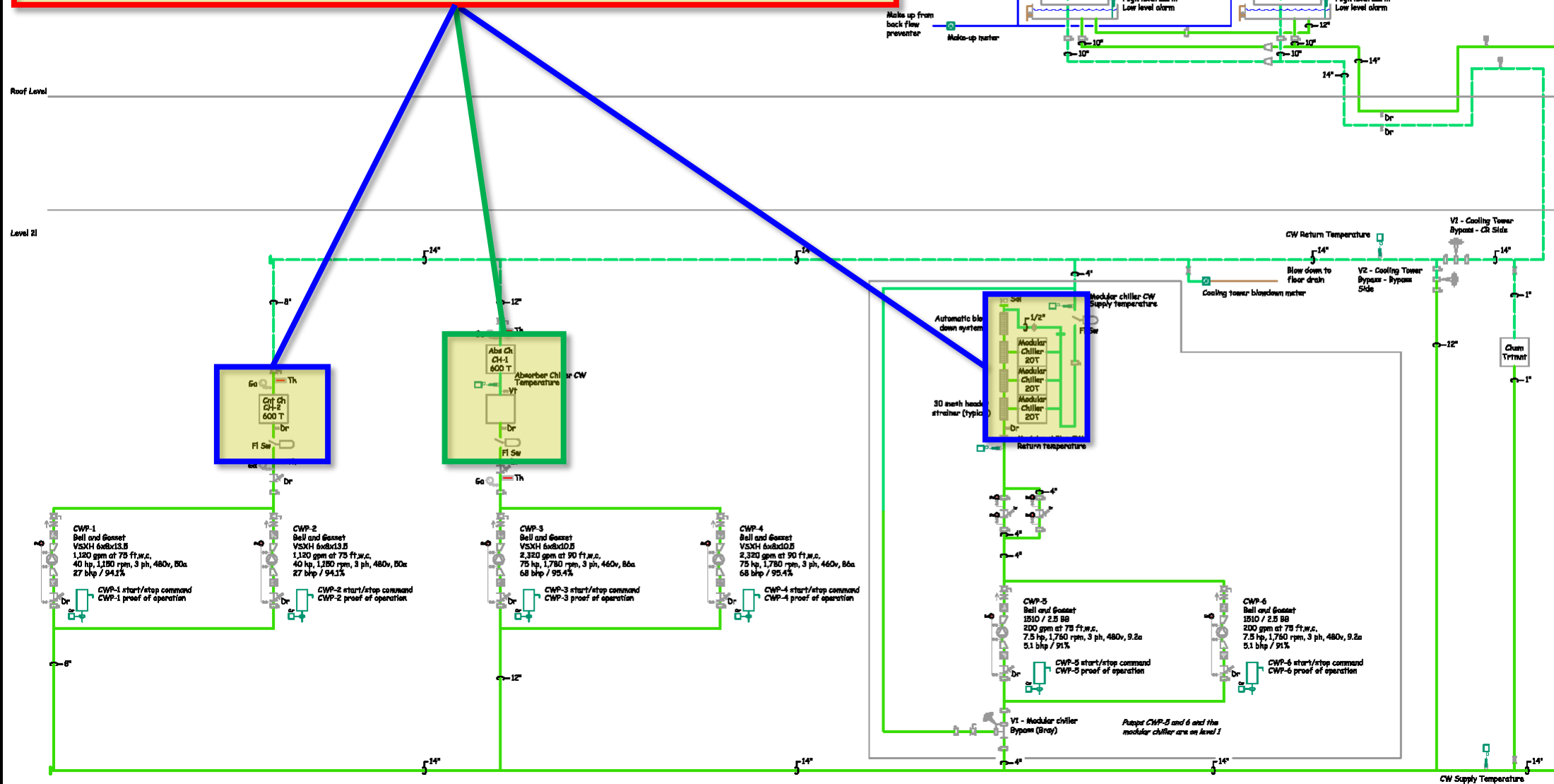
Tower fans need to be coordinated with the bypass valves to avoid wasting energy

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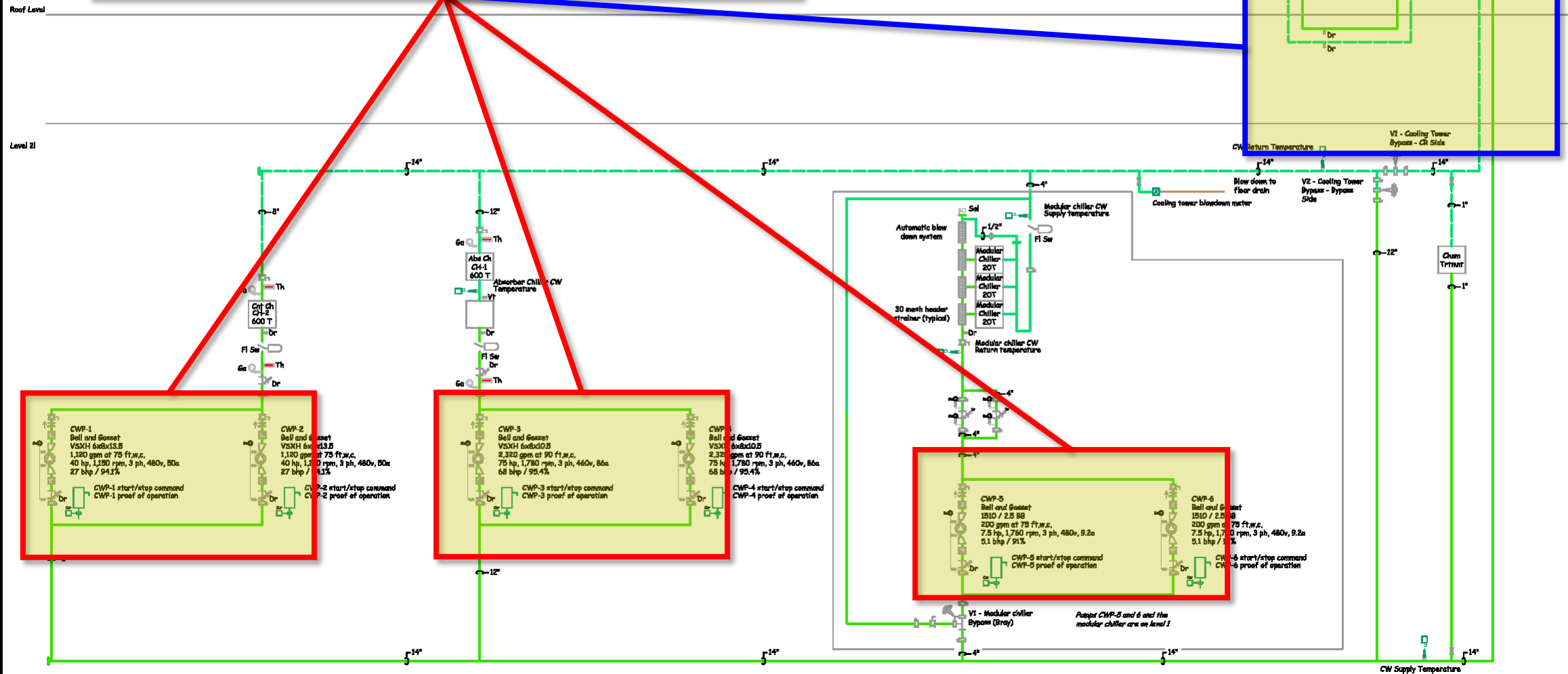
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The **absorption chiller** will solidify if condenser water temperatures drop below 80°F; the **centrifugal chillers** will become more efficient with condenser water temperatures in the 65-75°F range



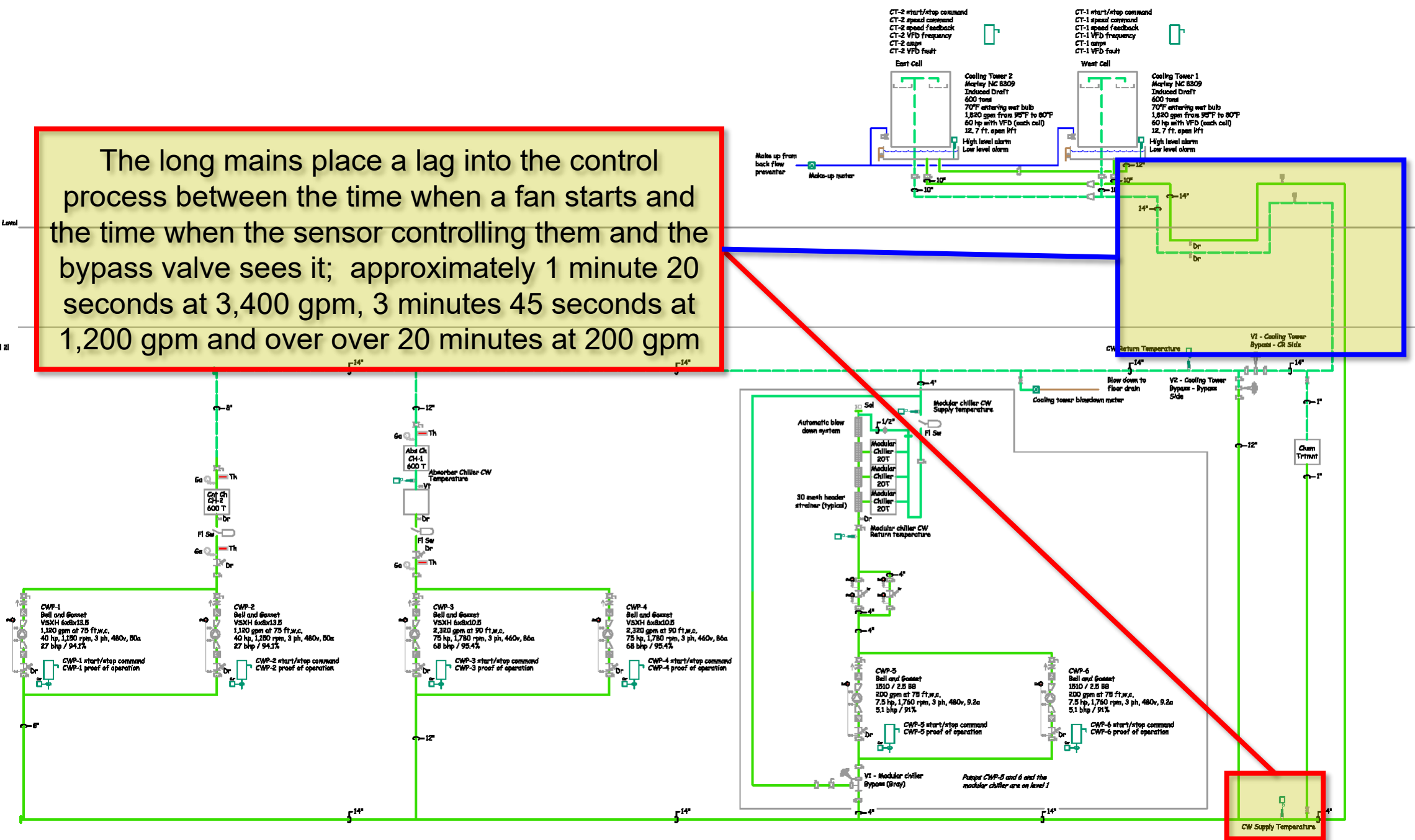
System flow can vary from 200 gpm to 3,400 gpm. The head in the **common mains (200 foot each way to the towers)** will vary significantly as a result and the pumps will be highly interactive and move around on their curves



The long mains place a lag into the control process between the time when a fan starts and the time when the sensor controlling them and the bypass valve sees it; approximately 1 minute 20 seconds at 3,400 gpm, 3 minutes 45 seconds at 1,200 gpm and over over 20 minutes at 200 gpm

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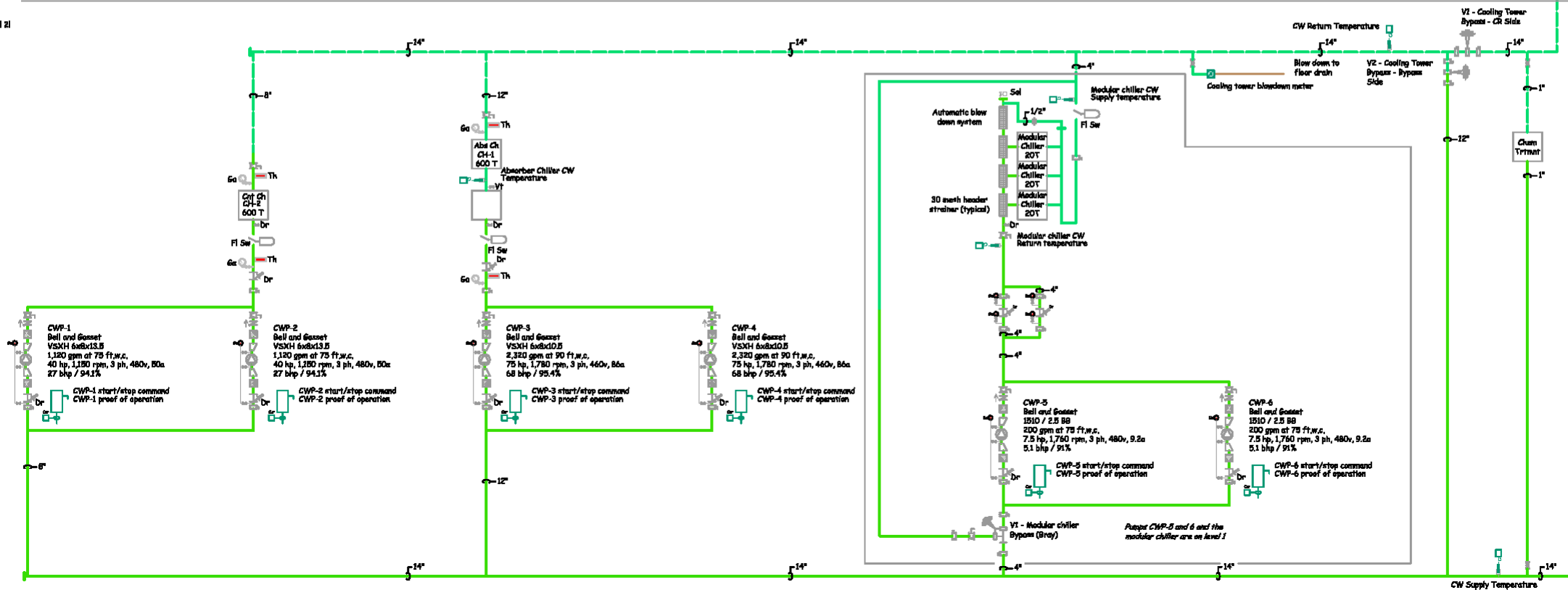
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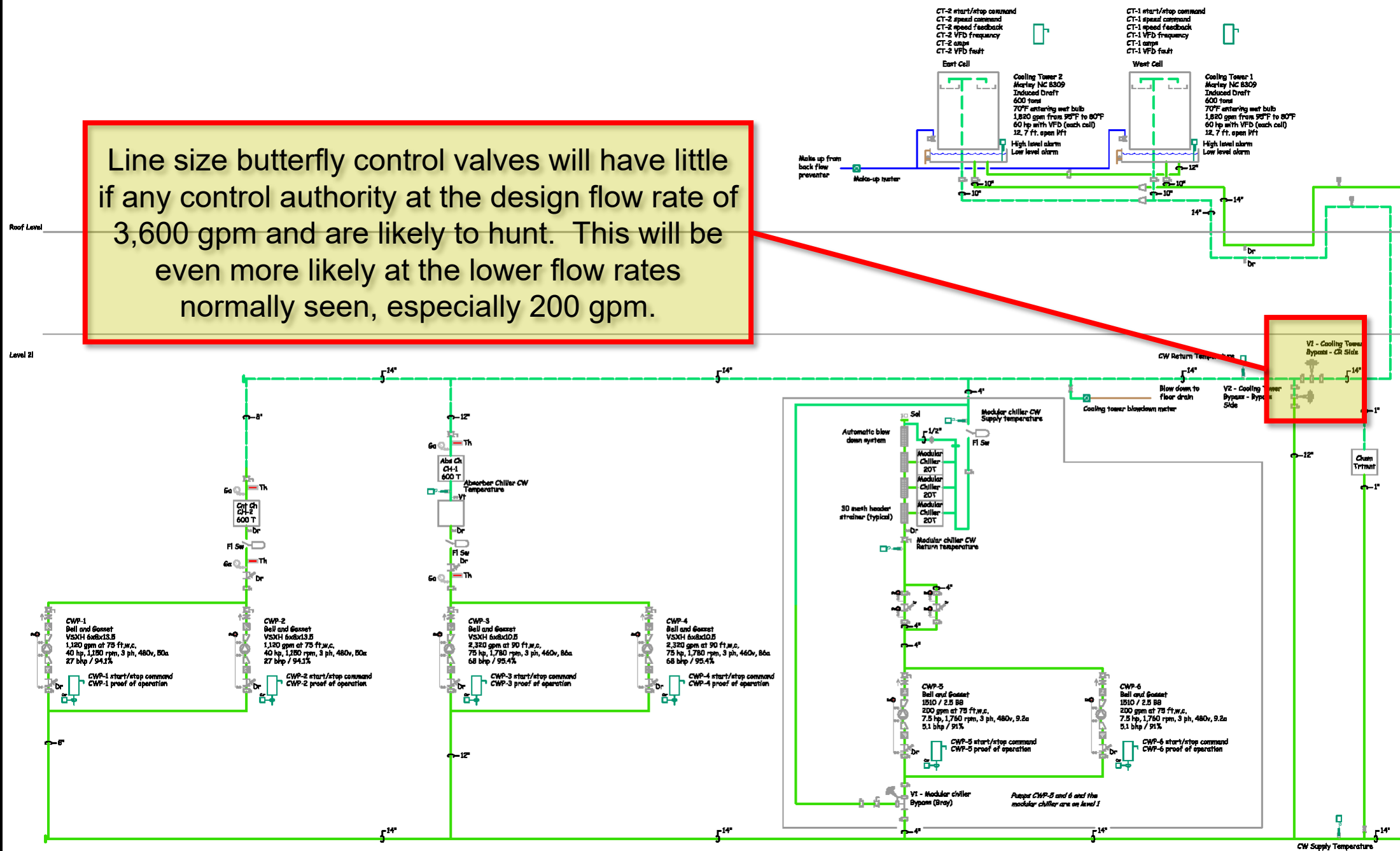
The condenser water system has a huge range of flow variation but no way to isolate a tower cell and maintain uniform flow distribution over the cells (in addition to having no weirs, dams or cups in the hot distribution basins)

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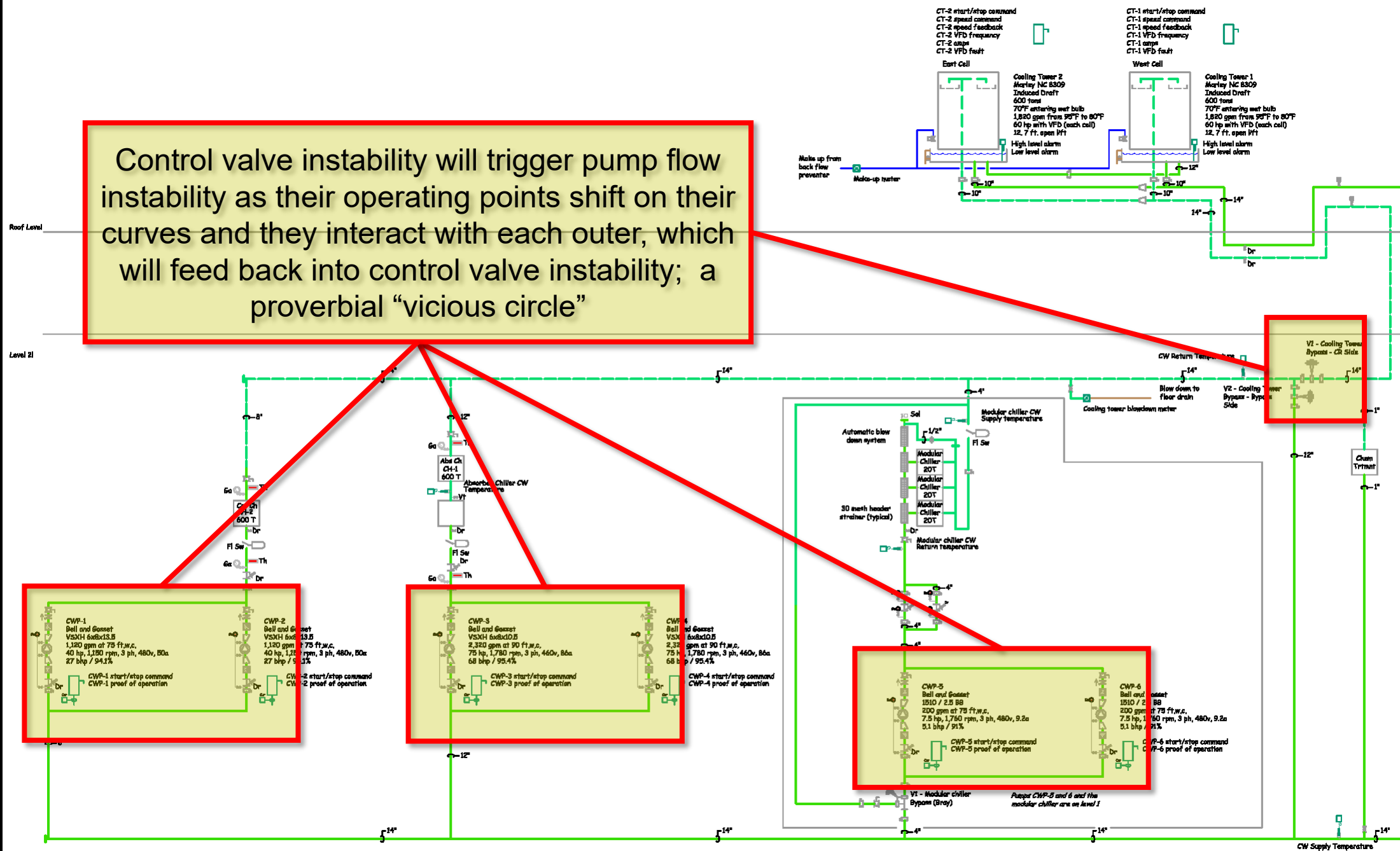
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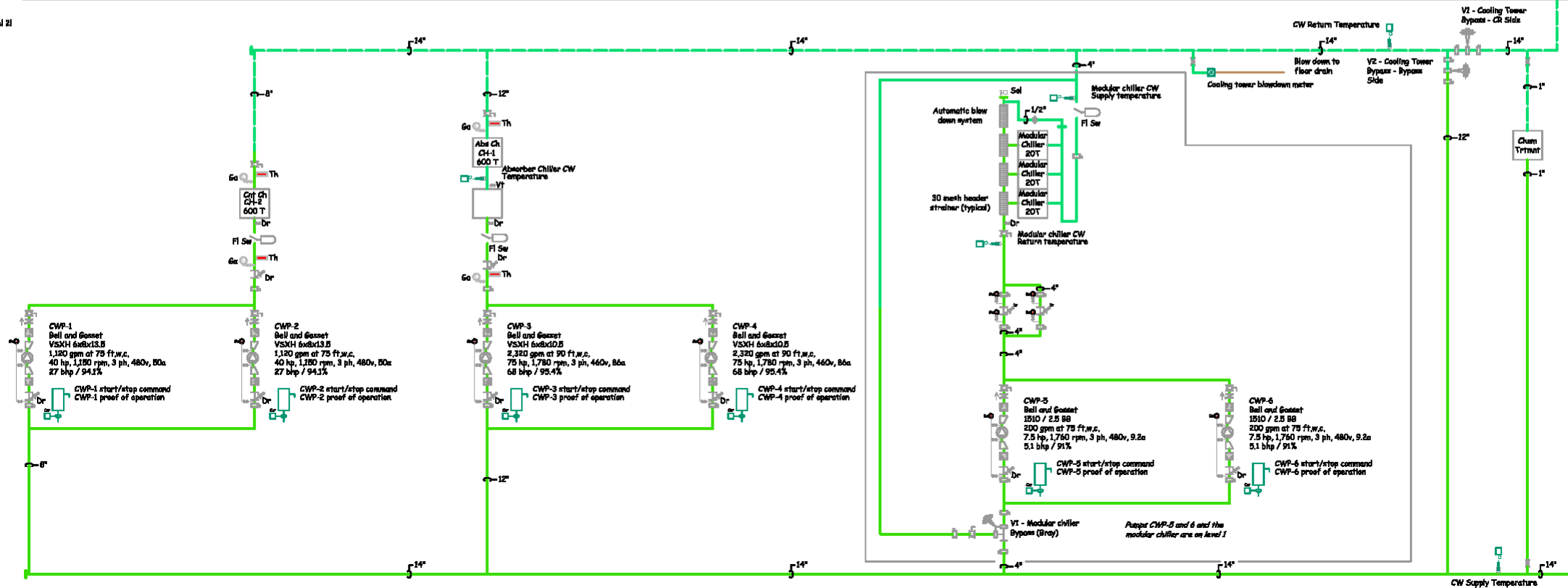
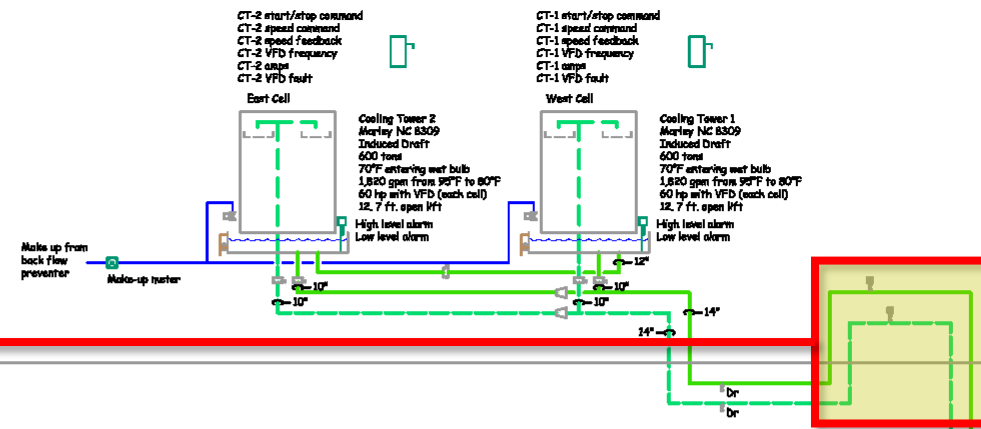
Line size butterfly control valves will have little if any control authority at the design flow rate of 3,600 gpm and are likely to hunt. This will be even more likely at the lower flow rates normally seen, especially 200 gpm.



Control valve instability will trigger pump flow instability as their operating points shift on their curves and they interact with each other, which will feed back into control valve instability; a proverbial “vicious circle”



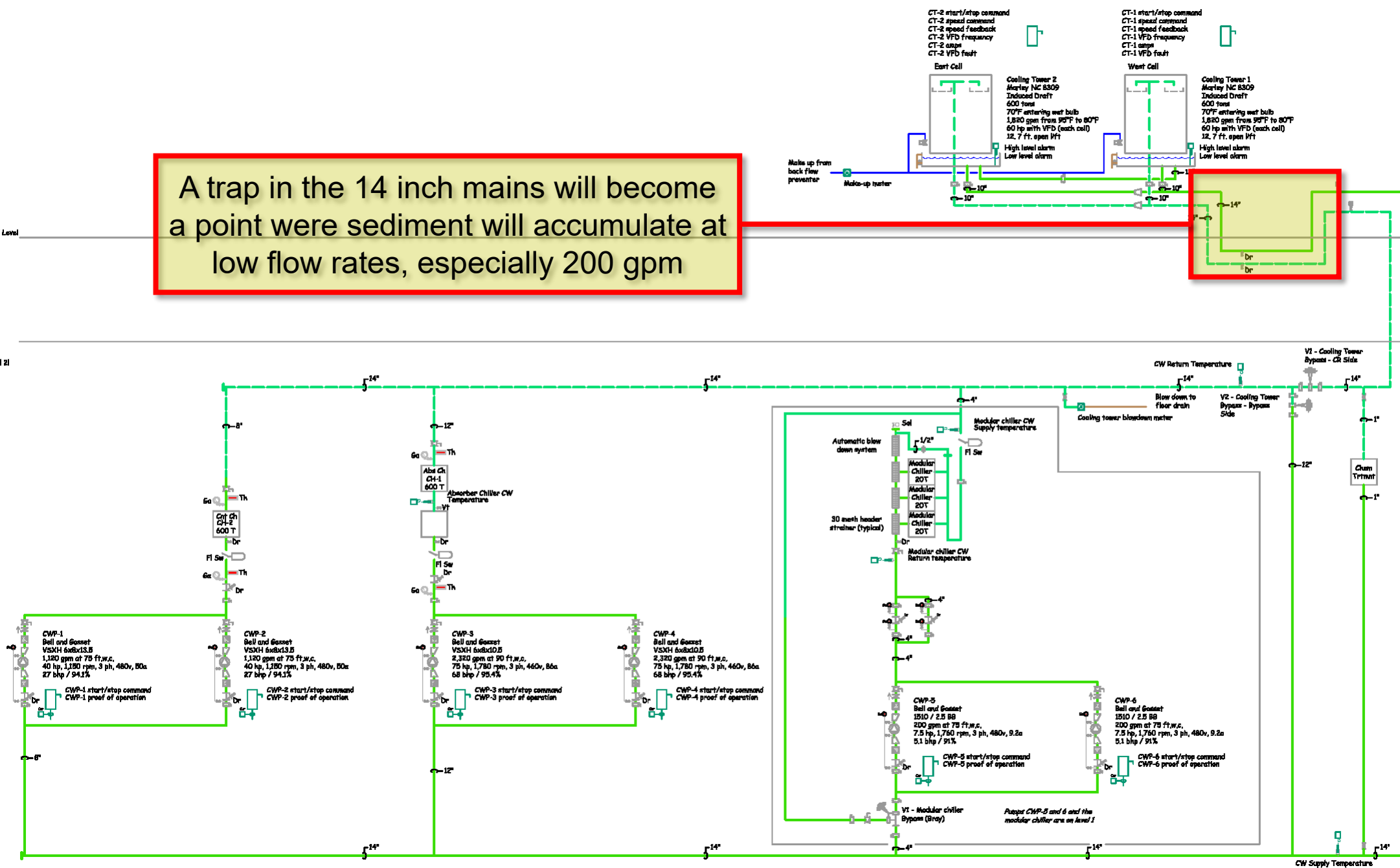
An inverted trap in the 14 inch mains operating at 200 gpm will likely trap air and may even air bind the system at low load conditions



A trap in the 14 inch mains will become a point where sediment will accumulate at low flow rates, especially 200 gpm

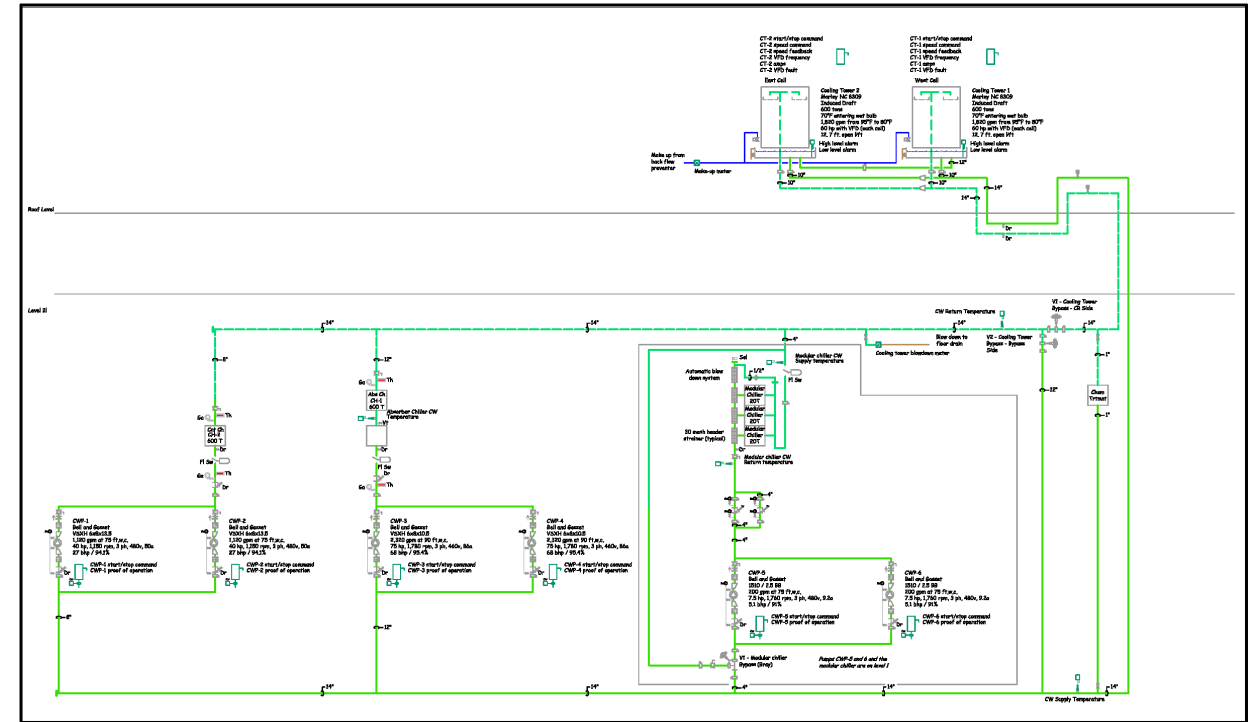
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- A good way to spot problems
- Once field verified, it’s a valuable commissioning resource



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A Resource for Learning to Do System Diagrams
<https://av8rdas.wordpress.com/category/system-diagrams/>