Addressing Out of Date Hospital Piping Schematics





Key Points We Will Cover:



- **1. Prioritize** which piping system needs updated first.
- 2. Redefine how your facility will utilize reliable piping schematics.
- 3. Value of intel found when updating schematics.
- 4. Cost reduction, compliance and safety improvement examples







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Conversation With Med Gas Mike

Hey Mike! We found leaks on south wing oxygen piping but the pipes are only painted green, no label. Can you advise?

Look for the service shut off valve wall label near nurse station 110, should be on wall somewhere. I will be over this afternoon.

OK we looked but there are no labels on walls for service shutoff, bring a flashlight and ladder!

Text message

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Hazard Detection Scenario:





Hazard Detection Scenario:

- Unsafe cross-connection to Potable Water
- Medical facility built in 1993
- 27 additional cross-connections
- Facility averted potential contamination

-Wrong type of backflow preventer -Leaking indicates malfunction -False sense of protection

-Replaced by Hospital staff-Properly protected with Testable Type-Now on Schematic + Maintenance Log







Surprising Stats



- 15-50 valves per 500 feet of hospital water piping
- 20% of valve locations are unknown







Prioritize Which System First



Potable Water - Medical Gas - Chilled Water - Other?





Fig 1. Building Containment - protects upstream public water supply from building domestic water and fire protection water (Not Organization Facility).



Prioritize Which System First



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- Color Coded
- System Flow Directions
- Existing/Missing Label Locations
- Valve Tag Reference, Labeling
- Pipe Size
- Room Number/Location
- Customizable Findings



Prioritize Which System First

Create the Path to Reliable Piping Schematics

- Visual onsite survey
- Utilizing existing drawings/legacy knowledge
- Captures existing conditions











Redefining Current Schematics



"We learned 4 departments routinely needed trustworthy schematics to operate efficiently."



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Value of Intel From Periodic Surveying



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Value of Intel From Periodic Surveying

"During the piping survey process, the team gathered critical legacy knowledge about the system before he retired."





Cost Reduction, Compliance, Safety



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"The intel captured, and clear roadmap of piping, radically changed how we maintain the building."

REQUIREMENTS LIST Sorted by Drawing and I.D. Number

Drw. # Dev.Type		Size	PT	I.D.#	Location Description and Remarks		
	M-04	REMOVE	1	Ι	23M4-5FG	Piping not in use - disconnect and cap	
	M-04	HBVB	0.75	I	23M4-6FG	Hose bibb	
	M-08	LABEL	0.75	I	23M8-1FG Non-potable water piping mislabeled a "DOMESTIC COLD WATER" in multij relabel as "NON-POTABLE WATER"		
	M-08	REMOVE	3	I	23M8-2FG	Piping not in use - disconnect and cap	
	M-09	REMOVE	1	Ι	23M9-5FG	Domestic hot water piping not in use - disconnect and cap	
	M-09A	RPBP	1	Ι	23M9A-1FG	R.O. water make-up - replaces inappropriate existing DCV I.D. #23M9A-1FGE	



The Data Indicates a Need for Reliability

Top 5 building services equipment projects being replaced and upgraded by hospitals in the next year are:

12% Plumbing14% Chillers14% Electrical15% Elevators

24% Air handlers



Source: 2024 ASHE Hospital Construction Survey





Piping Schematics Will Enable Efficiency





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Location Description and Remarks Drw. # Dev.Type Size PT I.D.# M-27 RPBP 23M27-2 R.O. water make-up for boiler and storage tanks 1.5 1 M-27 RPBP 2 1 23M27-3 Back-up "SERVICE WATER" feed to MOB2 and walk-in coolers in kitchen - install RPBP or disconnect and cap M-27 LABEL 23M27-4 Non-potable water piping mislabeled as "COLD 2 1.1 WATER" in multiple locations - relabel as "NON-POTABLE WATER" Piping mislabled as "DOMESTIC HOT WATER" in M-27A LABEL 4 1 23M27A-4 multiple locations - relabel as "POTABLE WATER" or "DOMESTIC COLD WATER" M-27A REMOVE 0.75 23M27A-5 Remove hose bibb on test cock #1 of existing RPBP I.D. #23M27-1E M-27A REMOVE 0.375 1 23M27A-6 Piping not in use - disconnect and cap

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Reliable Piping Schematic Anatomy

• **Pipes:** Material, diameter, and insulation status are noted, along with any signs of wear or corrosion.



RPBP-Supplies to Irrigation System and Dec. Fountain.



RPBP in Common Supply - Medical Vacuum Pumps.



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-Reliable piping schematics are necessary, justifiable, and attainable.





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