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One Shutdown Allowed Boston College, Central Heating Plant Expansion

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Existing Central Heating Plant



- Provides steam to approx.
 2.4M sq. ft.
- 3 existing boilers
 - 40-50 years old
 - 38,000 lbs/hr of steam each
 62,000 lbs/hr firm capacity
- 24/7/365 operation
- 1 weekend shutdown per year for maintenance (Memorial Day Weekend)

Project Purpose



- Increase firm capacity to meet peak load; 100,000+ lbs/hr
- Long-term firm capacity = 116,000 lbs/hr
- **Defer replacement** of existing boilers
- Accommodate Institutional Master Plan timeline & uncertainties









Project Scope Overview

- 8,900 sq. ft. 2-story addition
- New **140-ft.** boiler/generator exhaust stack
- 2 new 40,000 lbs/hr, dual-fuel boilers
- Removal of oldest existing boiler
- Integration of new boiler systems into existing heating plant























Challenge: One Shutdown Allowed

Migration of Existing & New Boiler Systems

- Integration of new boiler system into existing steam distribution
- Connection of old boiler exhaust breaching into new stack
- Critical: Requires total steam plant shutdown
- Annual Memorial Day Weekend Plant Shutdown











How We Did It: Pre-construction Accuracy

- 1. Coordination & Safety
- 2. Scheduling for Success
- 3. Budgeting for Cost Certainty









Solution 1: Coordination & Safety

- Multiple stakeholders and CMs
- Preparing temporary services
- Lock-out/Tag-out













Solution 2: Scheduling for Success

- Hour-by-hour schedule
- Shutdown timelines
- Daily updates to BC with Daily Work Plans:
 - Each area's work & assigned workers











72-HOUR SHUTDOWN											
COOL DOWN	36-HOUF	START-UP/CX									
5/24: Boiler turned off @ 12PM	5/25: Work started @ 2AM	5/27: Work complete @ 8AM	5/27: Boiler turned on @ 10AM								

Look Ahead BC Central Heating Plant												
Last Updated:	5/23/2019											
SUB CONT	Renovation	Friday	Fri/Sat	Saturday	Saturday	Sat/Sun	Sunday	Sunday	Sun/Mon	Monday	Monday	Mon/Tues
		2nd shift	3rd shift	1st shift	2nd shift	3rd shift	1st shift	2nd shift	3rd shift	1st shift	2nd shift	3rd shift
	Existing Boiler Plant											
BC	Shutdown Boiler Plant - Boiler #3 - 3:00 PM, Isolate Gas Main	X										
JC Higgins	Strip Insulation at steam header, mark out cuts, demo Boiler #3 spence station	Х										
JC Higgins	Cut in section Valve #1 and crossover tee south end, tack in fab and flange		Х									
JC Higgins	Higgins After section valve tacked in, start section valve #2, weld out Valve #1		Х									
JC Higgins	Weld out Section Valve #2, Cut in cross over #2 tee and tack in			Х								
JC Higgins	Weld out Crossover Tee, Bolt all welded valves south to north			Х	Х							
JC Higgins	Weld Noew North Crossover Main (Bonus Weld)				х							
JC Higgins	All Final Connections Check. Start final connections smaller systems & cleanup					Х						
JC Higgins	Continue Welding, removal of temp haners/Rigging. Install permanent hangers					Х	Х					
Baker Testing	UT Inspection of steam header welding							Х	Х	Х		
Atlantic	Insulation of existing main									Х	Х	
JC Higgins	Foreman Support for Startup											Х
Cyn	Clean interior of ductwork	Х										
McCusker	Strip Insulation at existing ductwork	Х	Х									
McCusker	Torch Cut Existing Duct out of building			Х	Х							
JDC Demo	Removal of Demo Debris			Х	Х							
McCusker	Installation of stack breeching at new addition slab tie in over control room			Х	Х							
McCusker	Installation of breeching to Boiler #2 in Existing Plant					Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
McCusker	Installation of Breeching to Boiler #1 in Existing Plant									Х	Х	
McCusker	Foreman Support for Startup											Х
Ostrow	Electrical Support for Memorial Day Work	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х					
Ostrow	Electrical Support for Memorial Day Work (On Call)							Х	Х	Х	X	Х
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BC Boller Startup												X

Solution 3: Budgeting for Cost Certainty

- Estimating vs. Reality
- Planning for Holiday Work
- Unforeseen conditions











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Lessons Learned



- ✓ Extensive, detailed pre-planning
- Continuous collaboration between all involved parties
- Established chain of communication













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