

# **Energy Savings and Maintenance and Operations Practices**

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#### **Operations & Maintenance (O&M)**

>Operations and Maintenance are the decisions and actions regarding the **control** and **upkeep** of property and equipment. These are inclusive, but not limited to, the following: 1) actions focused on scheduling, procedures, and work/systems control and optimization; and 2) performance of routine, preventive, predictive, scheduled and unscheduled actions aimed at preventing equipment failure or decline with the goal of increasing efficiency, reliability, and safety.



#### **Preventive Maintenance**

#### ➢ Reactive Avg Maintenance Maintenance **Breakdown\*** Type ➢ Preventive Reactive >55% Preventive 31% ➢ Predictive Predictive 12% Other ~2% ➢ Reliability Centered

\*From a study in 2000 in the US



#### **Operations Efficiency**

Operational Efficiency represents the life-cycle, cost-effective mix of preventive, predictive, and reliability-centered maintenance technologies, coupled with equipment calibration, tracking, and computerized maintenance management capabilities all targeting reliability, safety, occupant comfort, and system efficiency.

O&M department prime objective "keep things running and functional"



#### **Energy Management**

"Energy management is the proactive, organized and systematic coordination of procurement, conversion, distribution and use of energy to meet the requirements, taking into account environmental and economic objectives"

Prime objective is to create policies and practices that aim to minimize energy consumption to the maximum extent possible.



Source: VDI-Guideline VDI 4602, page 3, Beuth Verlag, Berlin 2007.

#### **Organizational Structure**

Organizational setup and hierarchy
Facilities/Public Works
M&O Department
Sustainability Department
Energy Manager/Department
Other



#### **Typically, O&M Energy Savings Measures...**

Low-cost or no cost in nature
Easily implemented with in-house personnel
Quick paybacks



## **Examples – Lighting Systems**

- Review Light Levels
- Inspect and Improve control of Interior and Exterior Lighting
- Replace incandescent and fluorescent lamps with LEDs
- ► Install LED Exit Signs
- Clean lighting equipment and document lighting levels
- ➢Group re-lamping or de-lamping



## **Examples – HVAC Systems**

- Establish HVAC unit service schedules
- Maintain boilers/ furnaces
- Inspect cooling equipment
- Maintain economizers
- ≻Test AHU's
- Inspect and clean coils, fans, air ducts
- ➢ Replace air filters
- Maintain controls
- Sensor Calibration

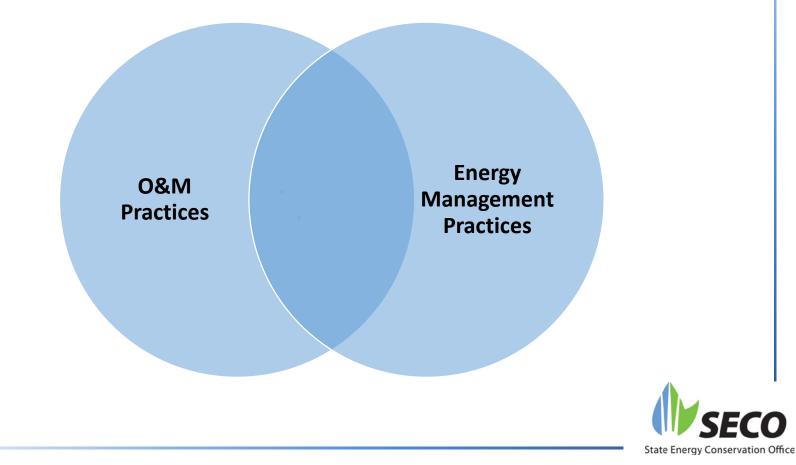


## **Examples – HVAC Systems (cont.)**

- Schedule HVAC equipment operation based on building occupancy
- > Avoid manual operation of equipment
- Separately schedule temperature control and ventilation
- Maintain optimum cooling, heating, and setback set points
- ➢ Hail guards on condenser coils
- Insulate Hot Water and Chilled Water equipment
- Repair leaking control valves
- Flush hot water fixtures



#### Nexuses between O&M and Energy Management Functions



#### **Importance of Cross Training**



## **Strategies to Reduce Energy Waste**

**Behavioral Practices** 

Practices that can be adopted by all building occupants; staff, students, etc.

#### O&M Practices

Practices that can be adopted by building custodians, operators, and managers

Both requiring very little to no capital investment!



## **Effective O&M Program Benefits**

- Energy savings of 5%-20% of whole-building energy use (depending on building type, baseline, & use)
- Minimal comfort complaints
- Equipment that operates adequately until the end of its useful life or beyond
- ► IAQ maintained
- Safe working conditions for the buildings' operating staff



#### **Temperature Setpoints**

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Occupied Cooling	74°F - 76°F
Unoccupied Cooling	85°F
Occupied Heating	67°F - 69°F
Unoccupied Heating	50°F

What is the impact of raising the space cooling setpoint by 1 degree Fahrenheit?

Approximately 1% reduction of HVAC energy consumption/year!



#### **HVAC Scheduling**

- Schedule HVAC Operation based on building occupancy
  - Cooling, heating, outside air ventilation, etc.
  - Occupancy sensors communicating with HVAC

A facility in the NCTCOG region could save 15% of HVAC cooling costs by reducing HVAC operation by 2 hours

Assumptions: DFW Climate; 12 month operation; existing EFLCH = 1,267; proposed EFLCH = 1,078



### **Lighting**

► Lighting makes up 20%-40% of electric bill

Turn off lights when not in use!Offices, common areas, kitchen, etc.

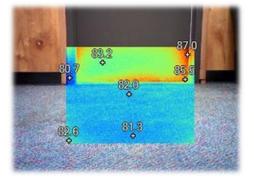


Turning off the lights for even one hour of per day could result in approximately 10% reduction in lighting energy!



#### **Outside Air Infiltration Reduction**

Reduce outside air infiltration
Weather stripping, leaky ducts, etc.



 An average exterior doorway without weather stripping could result in approximately \$25/year in cooling and heating energy costs!
Source: SECO Quick Calcs for DFW area



#### **Discussion and/or Questions?**

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