LAB VENTILATION PROJECT
Ford ES&T and UA Whitaker Buildings

Town Hall Meeting
August 15, 2019

Agenda

• Goals
• ABM Introduction & Similar Lab Ventilation Projects
• Roles & Responsibilities / Points of Contact
• Project Overview / Scope of Work
• Project Benefits
• Project Construction Flow & Schedule
• Lab Preparation Requirements
• Additional Researcher Resources and Communication Process
• Q & A
Overall Goals

• Gain Input and Feedback
• Identify Concerns
• Construction

Schedule General Overview
• Schedule Commitments
• Q & A
Roles & Responsibilities / Points of Contact

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Lab Ventilation Project Overview

- Ford ES&T and U.A. Whitaker Buildings
- 13-month construction period, started August 12th
- Construction will impact 150 labs
- Pilot project was conducted in each building
Lab Ventilation Project – ES&T

Convert Labs with TSI controls to TEL controls

• General Lab Space Changes:
  • New TEL Room Controller
  • Purge Button
  • Area Motion Sensor(s)
  • Lab Supply Valve Actuator Change-out (new fast-acting actuator)
  • New Lab Supply Differential Pressure Sensors and Probes
  • General Exhaust Valve Actuator Change-out (new fast-acting actuator)
  • New General Exhaust Differential Pressure Sensors and Probes

• Fume Hoods Changes (when applicable):
  • TEL Fume Hood Controller
  • TEL Auto-Sash Closer with Occupancy Sensor
  • Lab Exhaust Valve Actuator Change-out (new fast-acting actuator)
  • New Lab Exhaust Differential Pressure Sensors and Probes

• Snorkels (Task Exhaust) Changes (when applicable):
  • New Fast-Acting Actuator
  • On/Off Wall Switch

TEL Controls
Consistent Temperature Setpoint

- 72.5 degrees Fahrenheit with +/- 2.5 degree deadband
- Subject to lab requirements, determined by Questionnaire
- 3 degrees Fahrenheit of user adjustability
- Unoccupied setback, wider deadband ( +/- 5 degree F)

Space Ventilation

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<td>Air Changes Per Hour</td>
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Occupancy

- Lab/Space General Hours of Operation: 7AM to 10PM (Mon.-Fri.)
- Installed area motion sensors will detect occupancy and adjust the space to “occupied”, thereby increasing the ventilation rate and adjusting the temperature deadband back to 2.5 degrees F

Lab/Space and Task Equipment Ventilation

GA Tech EHS Lab Safety Manual

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<th>General Rules Regarding Laboratory Fume Hoods</th>
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- Tested to failure @ 40 FPM during pilot case
Project Benefits

• Consistent pressure and temperature controls
  • Enable better working conditions
• Safer, better functioning lab
  • Consistent environmental conditions
• Install purge button for release of chemicals to increase ventilation rate
• ABM onsite technical support for 10 years to deal with various issues & preventative maintenance
• Reduced carbon footprint for the Institute

Construction Flow

• Bound to a strict 13-month construction period
  • Approx. 3 to 5 labs will be in construction simultaneously at any given time during the 13-month period
• Work will be concentrated on a single floor or wing of the building at a time
• Work will move through building floor by floor
Pre-planning & Scheduling Logistics
(approximately 30 days prior to lab construction)

- A pre-construction lab visit will be required for each lab
  - May include representatives from Facilities and EHS
- Identify critical information:
  - Research that is sensitive to vibration
  - Hazardous chemical which need special storage
  - Access to experiment during construction
  - Experiments that cannot be interrupted

Construction Flow

Pre-planning & Scheduling Logistics
(approximately 30 days prior to lab construction)

- Preliminary air flow readings
  - Contractor in lab for approximately two hours, primarily before 10:00 AM
  - The research teams will not need not be present
  - The research teams do not need to halt any experiments
  - The contractor will be opening up each fume hood to the 18” sash height position.
Construction Schedule

Lab Preparation Requirements

- All labs with fume hoods and/or task exhaust (snorkels) will be retrofitted
- Lab operations will be interrupted for 7 days
  - Construction above the ceiling
  - “Day 2” walk-through with research team representative
  - Equipment Commissioning
  - Controls training for research teams (typically Friday prior to turnover)
- **Be Construction Ready**: Time for Equipment and Chemical removal is not included in the 7 days
Lab Preparation Requirements

• Hoods must be vacated; as well counters on either side (see photograph)
• Storage under does not have to be vacated
• Remove all chemicals, equipment and tools from inside fume hood - Must be empty
• Remove equipment and chemicals from benchtop on either side of fume hoods - Need to access side panels of the fume hood
• Lab benches and equipment will be physically covered by ABM
• ABM can allow occasional visits to lab to check on things, if arranged in advance
ES&T Pilot

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Follow up after Town Hall Meetings
School-Wide Meetings
Town Hall/Q & A Meetings
Website Communication:
  • Project Overview & Facts
  • Meeting Minutes
  • Updated Construction Schedule

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