

Energy Efficiency Baselines for

# CLEANROOMS

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## **Incentive Programs**

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PG&E's incentive programs are designed to help PG&E customers save energy by implementing energy efficiency measures. Many market sectors, such as residential and commercial, are served by well-established calculation methods. The industrial sector – in particular, high tech industrial facilities such as laboratories, cleanrooms and datacenters – are large consumers of energy, yet are poorly targeted by standard incentive calculations.

PG&E's incentive programs for high tech customers are designed to help the customer go beyond selection of incrementally more efficient components, and push designers and owners to consider new design strategies not normally offered in lowest-first-cost situations. Historically, cleanrooms have not received the same level of attention as commercial projects. This leaves ample opportunity to significantly reduce the energy budget for cleanroom facilities by incorporating non-standard but well proven design strategies.

PG&E takes a customized design-assistance approach. Customers are invited to sign up for the Customized New Construction (CNC) or Customized Retrofit (CR) incentive program at the beginning of their high-tech project. PG&E hires a consultant with expertise in the customer's type of facility, who then meets with the customer's design team. Potential energy efficiency measures are explored. Any measure that saves energy is open for consideration. The consultant then analyzes the measures the customer wishes to pursue, estimating the annual energy savings, the implementation cost, and the PG&E incentives for which the customer is eligible.

## **High Tech Industrial Facilities**

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Datacenters, laboratories, and cleanrooms are referred to as “high tech industrial” spaces. These spaces are largely exempt from Title 24 compliance. For more definition of the term “cleanroom”, refer to Cleanroom Definition.

The typical high tech industrial facility (i.e., the industrial space and the HVAC systems serving it) operates continuously – 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, 365 days/year – even if the space is not occupied by staff continuously.

Offices, conference rooms, auditoriums, cafeterias, restrooms and so forth are referred to as “commercial” space, and are governed by Title 24.

Buildings that contain industrial space often contain commercial space as well. Such buildings are referred to as “hybrid”.

## Modeling Approach

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Energy calculations for commercial space are typically performed using EnergyPro or an equivalent Title 24 performance compliance program. These programs take into account the construction of the building envelope (roof, walls, glazing), solar orientation, and shading to determine the extent of HVAC loads due to outside conditions. These “envelope loads” are often comparable to or even exceed the internal loads (people, lights, and office equipment).

The internal and process loads in high tech industrial spaces are typically far greater than any HVAC loads through the building envelope. Additionally, the HVAC systems serving high tech industrial spaces are often not easily modeled in software programs designed for commercial spaces. As a result, the energy calculations for high tech industrial facilities typically ignore envelope loads, and are typically performed with custom software packages.

Performing an energy analysis for a hybrid building usually requires a two-pronged modeling approach (EnergyPro or similar for the commercial space, and custom software for the industrial space.) Care must be taken to integrate the two analyses properly to avoid double-counting.

## Baselines

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To determine the energy savings due to a particular energy efficiency measure, the proposed situation is compared to a baseline situation.

For commercial spaces in the PG&E service territory, the baseline is defined by California’s Title 24 Non-Residential Building Energy Efficiency Standard.

This Title 24 standard does not apply to HVAC systems that serve “process loads<sup>1</sup>”:

3. **Energy excluded.** The following energy shall be excluded:
  - A. Process loads; and
  - B. Loads of redundant or backup equipment, if the plans submitted under Section 10-103 of Title 24, Part 1, show controls that will allow the redundant or backup equipment to operate only when the primary equipment is not operating, and if such controls are installed; and
  - C. Recovered energy other than from space conditioning equipment; and
  - D. Additional energy use caused solely by outside air filtration and treatment for the reduction and treatment of unusual outdoor contaminants with final pressure drops more than one-inch water column. Only the energy accounted for by the amount of the pressure drop that is over one inch may be excluded.

There is some debate as to what constitutes a process load, and as to how far "downstream" in the HVAC system the exemption from the Title 24 standard applies. In any event, high tech industrial spaces are interpreted to be spaces and associated

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<sup>1</sup> 2007 Title 24 Standard, Section 141 (c) 3. A. (page 79).

infrastructure where the dominant design criteria are to satisfy the needs of processes rather than human comfort.

Some portions of the HVAC systems that serve industrial spaces, and are therefore exempt from Title 24, must still adhere to the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers' (ASHRAE) Standard 90.1. For example, a chilled water plant delivering chilled water at a standard temperature must meet minimum performance criteria, regardless of the activity in the space being cooled.

This document does not intend to establish new baselines in any case where Title 24 and/or ASHRAE 90.1 have already defined them. Although Title 24 and ASHRAE 90.1 do not cover process load HVAC systems as a whole, both standards may have baselines that are appropriate to any individual component, such as equipment selection. In that case, designers are expected to abide by the relevant Title 24 or ASHRAE 90.1 baseline. This document only aims to provide baselines where neither Title 24 nor ASHRAE 90.1 gives guidance.

The starting point for defining high tech industrial baselines is to determine what is current standard design and operating practice for these types of facilities in the PG&E service territory. These practices are a moving target, particularly in the high tech industry. Periodic research is needed to update the descriptions of standard practice.

Rumsey Engineers has conducted much of this research. In some instances direct benchmarking measurements in the field were undertaken. It is indicated where this is the case. In other instances literature searches or phone surveys were conducted. Finally, Rumsey Engineers relied on extensive experience as mechanical designers in the high tech industrial field to assess current standard practice.

The second step in defining industrial baselines is to set the bar slightly higher than current typical practice (in the same way that the Title 24 standard pushes the envelope of typical commercial construction.) This is intended to encourage adoption of new technologies and operating strategies in addition to selecting more energy efficient system components. In general, the incentive programs are designed to reflect trends in design practice and recognize those designs that are above the norm in terms of energy performance.

Energy savings for a given measure are determined by comparing the estimated energy use of the proposed new system to the estimated energy use of a baseline system that serves the same load.

HVAC equipment operating efficiencies depend not only on technology and load factor of the devices used in their construction but also the fluid temperatures and flow rates involved in the heat transfer process. For instance a water-cooled chiller, regardless of compressor technology, will transfer heat more efficiently as the chilled water temperatures approach the condenser water temperatures. Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI) Standards prescribe test conditions under which HVAC

equipment efficiencies are determined. The standard test conditions allow for equipment to be rated uniformly, enabling fair comparisons.

California Title 24 and ASHRAE 90.1 energy efficiency standards both mandate minimum non-residential air conditioner and electric water chiller efficiencies with respect to ARI Standards 340/360 and 550/590, respectively. The test conditions under these ARI standards, however, do not necessarily coincide with typical operating conditions for HVAC equipment in PG&E territory serving high-tech and bio-tech facilities. When there is a difference between ARI standard test conditions and typical operating conditions for air conditioners or electric chillers, the minimum equipment efficiency mandated by California Title 24 is used to establish one point on an equipment efficiency curve. This curve is then modified, via DOE-2 default efficiency formulas, to construct the baseline efficiency curve at typical operating conditions in PG&E territory.

## ***Metrics***

Baselines are defined not just for equipment efficiency, but overall system efficiency. Incentives are based on the degree to which the entire proposed system (the air delivery system, the cooling system, humidity control system, etc.) out-performs its baseline counterpart.

## ***Title 24 Equipment***

Unless otherwise stated, we follow Title 24 standards for the efficiency requirements of individual pieces of equipment (DX cooling units, chillers, boilers, etc.) High tech industrial spaces generally have stringent requirements for safety, redundancy, control of space temperature & humidity, and so forth, but these requirements can usually be met with off-the-shelf HVAC equipment.

## ***Retrofit Program***

In the baseline case for retrofit projects, all equipment should be assigned a baseline efficiency as defined by this document, with the exception of equipment that meets Early Retirement criteria as defined by the Customized Retrofit (CR) Procedures Manual. The Early Retirement Program feature is intended to accelerate the retirement of less efficient equipment by offering increased incentives (see CR Procedures Manual).

For equipment that meets Early Retirement criteria:

- The baseline case can incorporate either the equipment's existing efficiency or its baseline efficiency.
- If the existing equipment efficiency is worse than baseline efficiency (which is the assumption of the CR Procedures manual) modeling the existing efficiency in the baseline case will increase the calculated savings and incentive.

- If the existing equipment efficiency is better than baseline efficiency, modeling the existing efficiency in the baseline case will decrease the calculated savings and incentive. This case is not accounted for in the CR Procedures Manual. In this case PG&E recommends assigning the baseline efficiency in the baseline case, as would be done if the equipment was not eligible for Early Retirement.
- In the baseline case for retrofit projects, all equipment should be modeled with the existing operating setpoints (temperatures, flow rates, etc.) and configurations (quantity and capacity of equipment).

### ***Existing Equipment in New Construction Projects***

In some cases, new construction projects can include equipment which interfaces with existing equipment, for example, building a new cleanroom that is served from a campus chilled water plant. If the existing equipment performance or load is affected by the interface with the new construction, the existing equipment would have to be modeled in order to accurately reflect the savings for the project. In these situations, the existing system type and actual efficiencies for the equipment should be modeled for both the baseline and proposed case. If the circumstances do not make it possible to obtain the actual equipment efficiencies, the baseline efficiencies presented in this document should be used. All system setpoints should match the existing for both the baseline and proposed cases unless the effects of the new construction project require the setpoints to be changed.



## **Format of this Document**

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This is a living document, to be updated as more data is gathered on actual field operations, as technologies evolve, and as new energy efficiency measures are considered.

### ***Categories***

The baselines presented in this document are arranged in the following categories:

- Loads
- Redundancy
- Space Design Conditions
- Air Delivery Systems
- Hydronic Systems
- Cooling Systems
- Heating Systems
- Humidity Control Systems
- Process Systems

### ***Subcategories***

Most of the categories are further divided as follows:

#### **System Configuration**

Description of the baseline system, what components it contains, how it is generally operated.

#### **System Efficiency Metric**

What is the baseline operating efficiency of the entire system?

#### **Economizing & Heat Recovery**

Are there any economizing or heat recovery schemes that are considered baseline?

#### **Pressure Drop**

Baseline pressure drops for air delivery and hydronic systems.

#### **Component Efficiency**

Baseline efficiencies for individual system components.

#### **Thermal Storage**

Are there any thermal storage components that are considered baseline?

#### **Control Sequences**

Baseline methods of system control.

## **Cleanroom Definition**

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A cleanroom is an environment that has a low level of environmental pollutants such as dust, airborne microbes, aerosol particles and chemical vapors. More accurately, a cleanroom has a controlled level of contamination that is specified by the number of particles per unit of air volume, and by maximum particle size.

Cleanrooms are cooling dominated; i.e., little or no comfort heating is required. Reheat of supply air is needed after dehumidification.

### ***Classification Categories for Cleanrooms***

In the United States, cleanrooms are classified according to cleanliness level using one of two standards, 'cleanroom class' and/or 'ISO standard.' For example, a 'Class 1' cleanroom (ISO 3) will contain only one particle larger than 0.5 microns, per cubic foot of air. A 'Class 10' cleanroom (ISO 4) will contain only 10 particles larger than 0.5 microns per cubic foot of air, and so forth. The following table correlates these two most frequently-used cleanroom classifications:

Class 1	ISO 3
Class 10	ISO 4
Class 100	ISO 5
Class 1,000	ISO 6
Class 10,000	ISO 7
Class 100,000	ISO 8

### ***Size Categories for Cleanrooms***

#### **Small Cleanrooms**

These are facilities provided with up to and including 360 tons total installed capacity, not including any cooling system redundancy.

#### **Large Cleanrooms**

These are facilities provided with more than 360 tons total installed capacity, not including any cooling system redundancy.

## Loads

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Envelope loads are not typically modeled for cleanrooms. However, if the envelope load is modeled, a simplified model is used that adds or removes heat (BTUs) from the cleanroom perimeter zone. This avoids having to construct two separate models to analyze both the envelope and internal loads. The simplified model is a linear curve fit based on the performance of a “typical” building in different climate zones determined by an eQuest® building energy model. The building was assumed to meet Title-24 minimum requirements for the envelope assembly. The simplified model outputs the hourly envelope load by inputting the outside air drybulb temperature and coefficients A and B from the table below. A different pair of coefficients is used for each climate zone. The model assumes only the perimeter zone, the area within 15 feet of an exterior wall, is affected by the envelope load. The area of the perimeter zone (perimeter square feet) is used to normalize the output to the building size. The simplified model is listed below:

$$\text{Envelope Load in BTU/hr} = [A * (\text{Outside Air Drybulb Temp}) + B] * [\text{Perimeter Square Feet}]$$

### Coefficients

Climate Zone	A	B
2	0.317	-16.47
3	0.380	-20.75
4	0.340	-18.11
11	0.365	-19.76
12	0.377	-20.19

## Redundancy

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- The baseline cleanroom systems are modeled at the same redundancy level to which the corresponding proposed cleanroom systems are designed.
- If the redundancy level of a proposed cleanroom system is not stated by the customer, the baseline follows current typical engineering practice for the given type of system in a cleanroom context. This is usually N+1.
- For information on control of redundant fans and pumps, see Air Delivery Systems\Control Sequences and Hydronic Systems\Control Sequences, respectively.

## Space Design Conditions

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### Baseline Space Design Conditions

Parameter	Value
Space Drybulb Temperature Setpoint	72 °F
Space Relative Humidity Range	The baseline range is set equal to the proposed range. If the proposed range is not given, 45% to 55% RH is assumed.
Recirculation Rate (assumed to be continuous, 24/7/365)	Depends on cleanliness rating. See Air Delivery Systems, below.
Ventilation Rate	The baseline ventilation rate is assumed to be equivalent to the Title 24 minimum rate for office space of 0.15 cfm/sf, plus any additional ventilation required for fume hoods or similar devices. The ventilation air is assumed to be provided by a dedicated makeup air handler (MUAH).
Exhaust Rate	For modeling purposes the exhaust volume is assumed to be same as the ventilation volume (no in/exfiltration in space). In reality, the ventilation volume exceeds the exhaust volume in order to maintain positive pressurization of the clean space. This is not yet addressed by this baselines document.

### Baseline Occupancy

Human occupancy is assumed to add negligible thermal and humidity loads to the HVAC system that serves the cleanroom.

## Air Delivery Systems

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### System Configuration

The CA Title 24 Non-Residential Alternative Calculation Method (ACM) Manual lists minimum outside air ventilation rates for a variety of occupancy types but does not include cleanrooms<sup>2</sup>. We consider cleanrooms as part of the “All Others” occupancy type, for which CA Title 24 requires 0.15 cfm/sf, and we use it as the baseline. This is an appropriate minimum to ensure human comfort and dilution of non-process air-borne

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<sup>2</sup> CA Title 24 2008 Non-Residential ACM Manual, Table N2-5 (page 2-34).

contaminants (e.g. building envelope off gassing). In practice, ventilation requirements for maintaining ideal cleanroom air quality conditions may exceed this baseline.

## **Recirculation**

Due to the stringent cleanliness requirements for cleanroom air, only the minimum outside air (OSA) required for ventilation purposes is introduced to the space. As a result, the majority of the air in a cleanroom environment is recirculated. Baseline practice entails a constant recirculation rate.

## **Ventilation**

The baseline ventilation air system consists of one or more dedicated MUAHs equipped with constant-speed fans. The MUAH is assumed to deliver air at a neutral drybulb temperature of 72 °F.

## **Exhaust**

The exhaust air volume is assumed to be equal to the ventilation air volume. The exhaust fans are assumed to be constant-speed. The exhaust system is not equipped with any heat recovery devices.

## ***Recirculation System Efficiency Metric***

**The operative metric for a cleanroom recirculation air delivery system is the total recirculation fan energy in Watts divided by the cleanroom floor area in square feet.**

This differs from the standard air delivery system metrics of cfm/kW or W/cfm. These metrics are fine when the system needs to deliver a fixed amount of air, but the objective of the cleanroom space is to maintain a certain level of cleanliness. If the cleanroom operator can reduce the recirculation air flow and still maintain the cleanliness rating, this should be reflected in the energy efficiency metric for the cleanroom air recirculation system. The W/sf metric captures this. The baseline values are shown in bold in the table below.

For a given cleanroom cleanliness rating, the efficiency of the air recirculation system is dictated by the recirculation air flow rate, the total static pressure drop (TSP) of the recirculation system, and by the efficiency of the recirculating fans (the fan/drive/motor combination).

Improving any one of these three aspects alone (reduced air volume, reduced pressure drop, or increased fan system efficiency) does not necessarily provide better-than-baseline overall recirculation system efficiency. It is the combination of the three aspects that determines the resulting value of W/sf.

### Baseline Cleanroom Air Recirculation System Efficiency

US Class	ISO Class	Air Change Rate (air changes per hour)	Total Static Pressure Drop (in. w.g.)	Fan System Efficiency (%)	Recirculation Fan Energy Density (W/sf)
1	3	800	1.1	51%	<b>34</b>
10	4	465	1.6	53%	<b>27</b>
100	5	200	2.7	73%	<b>15</b>
1,000	6	100	3.1	68%	<b>9</b>
10,000	7	50	3.1	58%	<b>5</b>
100,000	8	20	3.2	51%	<b>2</b>

The values in this table for ISO Classes 4 through 7 are based on a benchmark study of cleanroom efficiency conducted by PG&E in 2003. The values for ISO Classes 3 and 8 are extrapolated. A 10-foot cleanroom ceiling is assumed.

### **Pressure Drop**

The total static pressure drop of the air delivery system is the sum of the pressure drops of the components that make up the system – the filters, coils, fans, duct system, silencers, dampers, grilles, and any other devices the air flows through - while under peak design airflow conditions.

Baseline pressure drops are defined below for many of these components, but it is the total static pressure drop that influences the efficiency of the air delivery system. In other words, reducing the pressure drop below the baseline value for just one or two components of the system does not necessarily provide a better-than-baseline TSP.

### **Ventilation**

#### **MUAH Face Velocity**

The baseline MUAH coil face velocity is 500 fpm. This is a long-standing design rule of thumb. Reducing the face velocity decreases the fan energy required to deliver a given air volume.

#### **Ventilation Duct Static Pressure Drop**

The baseline duct static pressure drop is 0.10" w.g. per 100 ft. This is also a long-standing design rule of thumb.

## **Recirculation**

### **RAHU Face Velocity**

The baseline RAHUH coil face velocity is 500 fpm. This is a long-standing design rule of thumb. Reducing the face velocity decreases the fan energy required to deliver a given air volume. Note that the following values apply only at the peak design airflow.

### **Recirculation Duct Static Pressure Drop**

The baseline duct static pressure drop is 0.10" w.g. per 100 ft. This is also a long-standing design rule of thumb.

## **Exhaust**

Exhaust path pressure drop = 1.7 in. w.g. A pressure drop of 0.7" is used for the exhaust stack plus 1.0" for the exhaust duct, up to and including a vertical run of 3 floors. An additional 0.5" is used for every additional floor beyond a vertical run of 3 floors.

## ***Component Efficiency***

### **Fans**

The following table lists baseline fan efficiencies for common fan sizes. These values apply to the MUAH, RAHU, and exhaust fans.

Nominal Fan Motor Horsepower	Baseline Efficiency
1	0.145
1.5	0.270
2	0.345
3	0.440
5	0.500
7.5	0.533
10	0.556
15	0.587
20	0.608
25	0.624
30	0.638
40	0.658
50	0.675
60	0.686
75	0.698
100	0.715
125	0.727
150	0.736
200	0.750

## Fan Filter Units (FFUs)

The baseline 2-ft by 4-ft fan filter unit delivers 2,490 cfm per kW at an external pressure drop of 0.3 in. w.g. This result was obtained by analyzing data in a study conducted by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory<sup>3</sup>.

## Fan Drives

Baseline: V-shaped belt drive, non-cogged, with a 95% average belt lifetime efficiency.

<i>Drive Type</i>	<i>Average Lifetime Efficiency</i>
V-shaped belt drive, non-cogged	95% <sup>4</sup>
V-shaped belt drive, cogged	98% <sup>4</sup>
Direct drive	100%

## Control Sequences

### Recirculation

Baseline recirculation fans are constant speed, balanced at startup, and run 24/7/365. There is no setback of recirculation air flow or the space temperature setpoint during unoccupied hours.

### Ventilation

If there is no process exhaust requirement, the baseline ventilation rate is constant 24/7/365 at the Title 24 minimum requirement for office space, 0.15 cfm/sf. This is provided by a constant-speed MUAH.

If there is a process exhaust requirement, the baseline ventilation system is variable-volume. The MUAH supply fan is equipped with a VFD, controlled to maintain a constant supply duct static pressure.

In either case, there is no setback of ventilation air flow or the ventilation air temperature setpoint during unoccupied hours. There is no demand-controlled ventilation sequence.

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<sup>3</sup> The report is available on-line at <http://gaia.lbl.gov/btech/papers/62163.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> US Department of Energy Industrial Technologies Program (2008, September). *Motor Systems Tip Sheet #5*.



## **Exhaust**

If there is no process exhaust requirement, the baseline exhaust air flow rate is assumed to be equal to the ventilation air flow rate. The exhaust fan runs at constant speed.

Cleanroom process exhaust must be ejected at high velocity (typically 2,000-3,000 fpm), which requires significant fan energy. Accommodating a variable flow exhaust system is not trivial, as the exit velocity must be kept above a required minimum. The standard approach is to draw in outside, dilution air just prior to the exhaust stack fan. The exhaust fans run at constant speed, continuously moving the peak design exhaust volume.

## **Redundant Fans**

For air delivery systems with redundant fans, the baseline model assumes the redundant fans are never needed and never run. The energy savings calculations do not model failure events of fans.

# **Hydronic Systems (Chilled Water, Condenser Water, Hot Water)**

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## ***System Configuration***

### **Chilled Water**

The baseline chilled water pump configuration is a constant flow primary loop with constant-speed primary pump motors, and a variable flow secondary loop. A VFD on the secondary pump is baseline for facilities of more than 300 tons<sup>5</sup>. In this case, the pump speed is controlled to maintain a constant pressure delta at a far point in the secondary loop. For facilities of 300 tons or less, the secondary pump is assumed to be constant speed and to “ride its curve” as the CHW valves open & close. Secondary chilled water pumps are piped in a parallel bank of pumps such that any secondary chilled water pump can operate with any chiller and all secondary chilled water pumps can run simultaneously, depending on the needed chilled water flow to serve the cooling load.

### **Condenser Water**

The baseline condenser water pump configuration is one constant speed condenser water pump per chiller, with each pump dedicated to its respective chiller.

### **Hot Water**

Hot water pumping systems are primary-only with continuous variable flow. Hot water systems serving 120,000 sf or more have variable-speed drives, and systems serving less than 120,000 sf shall be modeled as riding the pump curve<sup>6</sup>.

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<sup>5</sup> ASHRAE 90.1-2007, section G3.1.3.10.

<sup>6</sup> ASHRAE 90.1 - 2007, section G3.1.3.5.

## ***System Efficiency Metric***

### **Condenser Water**

Condenser water pumps operate at no more than 19 W/gpm at design conditions<sup>7</sup>, where the flow rate (gpm) is the total condenser water flow rate per pump and the power draw (Watts) is the power demand for each condenser water pump.

### **Heating Hot Water**

The baseline total hot water pumping energy at peak design load is 19 W/gpm<sup>8</sup>, where the flow rate (gpm) is the total hot water flow rate per pump and the power draw (Watts) is the power demand for each hot water pump.

### **Water Flow Rate**

#### CHW Flow Rate

The baseline chilled water flow rate is the ARI test standard flow rate of 2.4 gpm/ton.

#### CW Flow Rate

The baseline condenser water flow rate is the ARI test standard flow rate of 3.0 gpm/ton.

*Exception:* In Retrofit program projects and New Construction projects reusing existing equipment, water flow rates should match existing conditions.

### ***Pressure Drop***

Baseline total head pressure is selected based on the New Construction Baseline Pump System Efficiency table on the next page.

*Exception:* In Retrofit program projects and New Construction program projects reusing existing equipment, baseline total head pressure is the existing total head pressure.

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<sup>7</sup> ASHRAE 90.1-2007, Appendix G3.1.3.11.

<sup>8</sup> ASHRAE 90.1-2007, Appendix G3.1.3.5.

## Component Efficiency

### Pumps

There are different methods for determining the baseline pump efficiency in new construction and retrofit project. For new construction, baseline pump efficiency is selected based on the nominal chiller capacity from the New Construction Baseline Pump System Efficiency table below. For baseline facilities, pump selections are tailored to the project via impeller trimming.

#### New Construction Baseline Pump System Efficiency

Chiller Capacity	Primary CHW Pumps					Secondary CHW Pumps				
	Primary CHW Flow	Pressure Drop	Motor Size	Motor Efficiency	Pump Efficiency	Secondary CHW Flow	Pressure Drop	Motor Size	Motor Efficiency	Pump Efficiency
tons	gpm	ft	hp	%	%	gpm	ft	hp	%	%
100	240	20	2	84.0%	64.2%	192	60	5	87.5%	78.3%
200	480	20	5	87.5%	59.4%	384	60	10	90.2%	75.9%
300	720	20	7.5	88.5%	58.7%	576	60	15	90.2%	75.9%
400	960	20	10	90.2%	58.1%	768	60	25	91.7%	74.7%
500	1200	20	15	90.2%	57.0%	960	60	30	92.4%	74.1%
600	1440	20	15	90.2%	57.0%	1152	60	30	92.4%	74.1%
700	1680	20	15	90.2%	57.0%	1344	60	40	93.0%	73.7%
800	1920	20	20	91.0%	57.0%	1536	60	50	93.0%	73.7%
900	2160	25	25	91.7%	57.0%	1728	60	50	93.0%	73.7%
1000	2400	25	30	92.4%	57.0%	1920	60	60	93.6%	73.2%
1200	2880	25	40	93.0%	56.5%	2304	60	75	93.6%	73.2%
1500	3600	25	50	93.0%	56.0%	2880	60	75	93.6%	73.2%
2000	4800	25	60	93.6%	55.6%	3840	60	100	94.1%	72.8%

The above table should be used to select baseline primary and secondary chilled water pumps for a given nominal chiller size. Once a baseline chiller capacity is selected using the methodology outlined below in the Baseline Quantity and Size of Chiller section, the table above establishes the corresponding chilled water pumps.

A different method is used to determine the baseline pump efficiency in Retrofit program projects. New pumps in retrofits are specified based on fixed, existing conditions rather than the more flexible design conditions in a new construction project. Baseline pump efficiency for retrofit projects can be determined from the Retrofit Program Baseline Pump Efficiency table below.

## Retrofit Program Baseline Pump Efficiency

		Head (ft)									
		20		40		60		80		100	
		hp	eff (%)	hp	eff (%)	hp	eff (%)	hp	eff (%)	hp	eff (%)
GPM	100	1	58	2	69	5	59	5	51	7.5	56
	500	5	72	7.5	84	15	79	20	71	20	75
	1000	7.5	79	15	79	25	80	30	84	40	86
	1500	15	73	25	77	40	80	50	80	60	85
	2000	15	76	40	62	50	79	60	82	75	81
	2500			40	77	75	63	100	65	100	72
	3000			50	73	75	75	100	82	100	86
	3500			60	70	100	71	100	81	125	84
	4000			60	78	100	74	125	78	150	81
	4500			75	73	125	72	125	84	150	86
5000			100	75	125	72	150	77	200	81	

The above table is considered baseline practice for pump efficiency based on system pressure drop and flow rate. The table was derived by selecting the least expensive option for a given condition from prominent pump manufacturers' product selection software. All selections in the table are sized to not exceed 90% of the rated power at the given condition.

### Pump Motors

Baseline motor efficiencies are tabulated in the Electrical section of this document. Baseline pump motors are not equipped with VFDs, except the secondary CHW pump motors as described elsewhere in this document.

### Control Sequences

If the secondary pumps are equipped with VFDs, it is baseline practice to control the pump speed to maintain a constant differential pressure setpoint.

For hydronic systems with redundant pumps, the baseline model assumes the redundant pumps are never needed and never run. The energy savings calculations do not model failure events of pumps.

It is baseline practice to stage the condenser water pumps on and off with the chiller they serve. Baseline condenser water pumps do not run when their associated chiller is off.

## **Cooling Systems**

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**Baseline cooling system efficiency varies by system type (DX, air-cooled chiller, water-cooled chiller), and by system capacity. In all cases the efficiency is expressed in units of kW/ton. Unless otherwise stated, the incentive for a cooling system energy efficiency measure (or suite of measures) is based on the degree to which the measure(s) improve upon the baseline.**

Substituting one or more heat-driven chillers (e.g., absorption chillers) in an effort to reduce the kW/ton efficiency of the proposed system compared to baseline does not qualify for an incentive.

There are many different aspects of cooling systems that can be addressed to improve efficiency. Baseline practice for many of these aspects are defined below, but exceeding baseline practice for one or more of these aspects does not necessarily provide better-than-baseline overall system efficiency. It is the resulting overall kW/ton efficiency of the cooling system that determines the resulting savings and incentive.

### ***System Configuration***

This section applies to projects that fall under the Customized New Construction (CNC) program only. The baseline for Retrofit projects is determined by the existing system type.

#### **Small Cleanrooms**

The baseline cooling system for cleanrooms served by less than or equal to 360 tons total installed capacity not including redundancy is an air-cooled chilled water plant serving RAHUs and MUAHs.

#### **Large Cleanrooms**

The baseline cooling system for cleanrooms served by more than 360 tons total installed capacity (not including any cooling system redundancy) is a water-cooled chilled water plant serving RAHUs and MUAHs.

### **Air-Cooled Chilled Water Plant**

The baseline air-cooled chilled water plant has:

- No thermal storage.
- Redundancy = N+1 on chillers and CHW pumps.
- Safety factor on capacity = 98% design condition \* 1.20.
- All chillers are identical.
- Idle chillers are staged on after operating chillers exceed 80% load factor.
- The cooling load is assumed to be shared equally among all active chillers.
- Baseline chillers are electric (not absorption or adsorption).

## **Water-Cooled Chilled Water Plant**

The baseline chilled water plant has:

- No thermal storage.
- No water-side economizing (aka “free cooling”)
- Redundancy = N+1 on chillers, cooling towers, and pumps if not otherwise specified in the proposed design.
- Safety factor on capacity = 98% design condition \* 1.20.
- All chillers are identical
- Idle chillers are staged on after operating chillers exceed 80% load factor
- The cooling load is assumed to be shared equally among all active chillers.
- Baseline chillers are electric (not absorption or adsorption).

Electric chiller technology type (screw, scroll, centrifugal; constant-speed vs variable speed; etc.) tends to vary with capacity, but PG&E’s incentive program does not dictate technology type. If a chiller of any technology type can be shown to produce annual energy savings over the defined baseline chiller in its capacity class – and using the same fuel -- then it is eligible for an incentive.

## ***System Efficiency Metric***

The operative metric for cleanroom cooling systems is kW/ton.

## **Chilled Water Plant – Performance Calculation Method**

If the entire CHW plant (chillers, cooling towers, CW pumps, CHW pumps) is being considered in the analysis but the proposed design does not include any changes to the chilled water system, then the chilled water plant performance metric can be used to calculate plant energy consumption. In order for this calculation method to be accepted, it must be used in both the baseline and proposed models. The plant performance at various load factors can be found in the tables below for a water-cooled and air-cooled based chilled water plant.

### Water-Cooled Chilled Water Plant Performance (kW/ton) vs Load Factor

Load Factor	Chiller	CHW Pumps	Cooling Tower	CW Pumps	Chilled Water Plant (Total)
0.2	0.797	0.100	0.002	0.285	1.183
0.3	0.657	0.074	0.002	0.190	0.922
0.4	0.593	0.062	0.002	0.143	0.801
0.5	0.560	0.057	0.003	0.114	0.734
0.6	0.543	0.055	0.003	0.095	0.696
0.7	0.533	0.041	0.004	0.081	0.660
0.8	0.530	0.040	0.005	0.071	0.645
0.9	0.530	0.039	0.005	0.063	0.638
1.0	0.532	0.039	0.006	0.057	0.634

### Air-Cooled Chilled Water Plant Performance (kW/ton) vs Load Factor

Load Factor	Chiller	CHW Pumps	Chilled Water Plant (Total)
0.2	0.995	0.091	1.086
0.3	0.954	0.068	1.022
0.4	0.858	0.058	0.916
0.5	0.811	0.054	0.865
0.6	0.793	0.052	0.845
0.7	0.790	0.047	0.838
0.8	0.794	0.047	0.841
0.9	0.800	0.048	0.848
1.0	0.810	0.049	0.860

These curves are for plants consisting of one chiller. For plants with multiple chillers, the chillers are assumed to stage on in series. The resulting performance curves will have better efficiency. Chilled water plants with multiple operating chillers can not use this method and the entire plant must be modeled.

### Economizing & Heat Recovery

Air-side economizing is not baseline practice for cleanrooms. The filtration requirement usually makes this configuration not cost-effective.

### Water-Cooled Chilled Water Plant

The baseline water-cooled chilled water plant does not use water-side economizing (aka “water-side free cooling”).

## **Component Efficiency**

### **Chillers**

#### **Chiller Efficiency**

As described in the Baselines section at the beginning of this document, the efficiency of a baseline chiller that is providing chilled water in a temperature range that is typical for space cooling needs (42 to 50 °F) is expected to meet the CA Title 24 minimum efficiency standard. The efficiency of baseline chillers that provide chilled water temperatures lower than this (for example, making ice or maintaining low humidity levels) or higher than this (for example, serving water-cooled industrial tools), are currently not addressed by this document.

Chiller manufacturers typically describe the efficiency of their products with a single number (EER, COP, or kW/ton) that corresponds to full load operation at specific conditions. Some may offer a single efficiency number that is an average over a well-defined, limited number of operating conditions (SEER or IPLV). Title 24 follows suit, by assigning minimum allowable efficiencies to chillers that are grouped by their nominal, full-load capacity (and technology type).

However, the operating efficiency of virtually all chillers varies significantly with the load imposed on them, ambient air conditions, the chilled water supply temperature setpoint, and if water-cooled, the condenser water temperature setpoint. The efficiency typically decreases as the load decreases, as the chilled water supply temperature decreases, and as the ambient air temperature and/or the condenser water temperature increases. The shape of this efficiency-vs-load, or “performance” curve also usually differs by chiller technology type.

Furthermore, chilled water systems for high tech facilities are typically and deliberately oversized by designers, to provide redundancy and increased safety factors. Therefore, chilled water systems for high tech facilities typically operate most of the time at something less than 100% capacity.

For these reasons, it is not accurate to compare a single baseline and proposed full-load chiller efficiency values at nominal conditions to model annual chiller energy use. To accurately estimate the energy use of a given chiller, part-load chiller efficiency data must be used. These efficiency curves with the estimated load imposed by the facility, a typical meteorological year of hourly weather data appropriate for the project site, and chilled water and condenser water temperature setpoints, to determine the chiller’s annual energy use.

Because Title 24 does not address part-load chiller performance, or performance at other than standard ambient conditions, several baseline chiller performance curves have been created that match Title 24 minimum efficiencies at full load and have shapes that are characteristic of the given technology type. These curves are run through the same type



of analysis as described in the previous paragraph to estimate the annual energy use of a baseline chiller appropriate to the project at hand.

Baseline chiller curves are modeled on single-compressor chillers.

### **Baseline Quantity and Size of Chillers**

All chillers in a baseline chilled water plant are identical and rotated equally. Baseline chillers have one compressor. Cooling load is shared equally among all active chillers. The maximum nominal cooling capacity of a single baseline chiller is assumed to be 2,000 tons. Chillers larger than this are not commonly commercially available and are, therefore, not considered typical design.

Baseline chillers are selected first based on the peak expected cooling load. The first rule when selecting the number and size of non-redundant chillers is to take the greater of:

- The minimum number of chillers necessary to meet the peak design cooling load, including a baseline safety factor (1.2). In many cases only one chiller is needed to meet this requirement, but if the peak design cooling load is greater than 1,670 tons, more than one chiller will be needed.
- Two chillers.

The second rule to determine the baseline quantity and size of chillers is to ensure that the active chiller load factor at the minimum expected cooling load is at least 50%. If after applying Rule 1 the active chiller load factor at the minimum expected cooling load is less than 50%, the number of chillers should be increased and their capacity decreased, ensuring Rule 1 is not violated.

### **Air-Cooled Chillers**

Air-cooled chillers may be baseline only for existing equipment in Retrofit and New Construction program projects.

### **CHWST Setpoint**

The baseline chilled water supply temperature setpoint is 44 °F, constant.

### **CHW Loop Delta-T**

The baseline chilled water loop  $\Delta T$  is 10 °F.

### **CHW Flow Rate**

The baseline chilled water flow rate is the ARI test standard flow rate of 2.4 GPM/ton.

### **Minimum Chiller Load Factor**

The baseline minimum operable chiller load factor is 20%.

### **Air-Cooled Chiller Efficiency**

The full load efficiency of a baseline air-cooled chiller at ARI Standard 550/590 test procedure conditions equals the minimum full-load efficiency requirement from the 2008 California Non-Residential Title 24 Standards. A portion of the table in which the efficiency requirement appears is provided here.

### **California Non-Residential Title 24 Standards, 2008: Table 112-D – Water Chilling Packages – Minimum Efficiency Requirements**

<i>Equipment Type</i>	<i>COP</i>	<i>kW/ton</i>
Air-Cooled, With Condenser, Electrically Operated	2.80	1.256

The default chiller curve formulas defined in the CA Title 24 2008 Alternative Calculation Method (ACM) Manual are used to generate part-load chiller efficiency curves at varying outside air dry bulb temperatures. The minimum 2008 Title 24 chiller efficiency shown above is applied as the full load ARI standard condition to these formulas.

### **Water-Cooled Chillers**

#### CHWST Setpoint

The baseline chilled water supply temperature setpoint is 44 °F, constant.

#### CHW Loop Delta-T

The baseline chilled water loop  $\Delta T$  is 10 °F.

#### Minimum Chiller Load Factor

The baseline minimum operable chiller load factor is 20%.

#### CCWT Setpoint

The ARI test standard is a cold condenser water temperature of 85 °F, but in PG&E territory 80 °F is a more common specification point. A CW temperature reset is required by CA Title 24, but is typically not implemented in critical facilities.

The baseline cold condenser water temperature setpoint is 80 °F, constant.

## Water-Cooled Chiller Efficiency

**Chiller Performance (kW/ton) vs Load Factor**

<i>Load Factor</i>	<i>&lt;150 tons<sup>9</sup></i>	<i>&gt;=150 tons and &lt;300 tons<sup>9</sup></i>	<i>&gt;=300 tons<sup>10</sup></i>
0.10	2.575	2.339	1.242
0.20	1.422	1.291	0.797
0.30	1.060	0.962	0.657
0.40	0.895	0.813	0.593
0.50	0.809	0.735	0.560
0.60	0.763	0.693	0.543
0.70	0.740	0.672	0.533
0.80	0.731	0.664	0.530
0.90	0.731	0.664	0.530
1.00	0.738	0.670	0.532

The above chiller efficiency curves were obtained by using default chiller curve formulas defined in the CA Title 24 2008 Alternative Calculation Method (ACM) Manual. The minimum 2008 Title 24 chiller efficiency for each chiller type is applied as the ARI standard condition to these formulas. The efficiency curve outputs, adjusted for CCWT = 80 °F, generate the values in the above table.

The above efficiencies implicitly assume the ARI standard condition CHW and CW flow rates of 2.4 gpm/ton and 3 gpm/ton of chiller capacity, respectively.

## **Open Loop Cooling Towers**

### **Efficiency**

The efficiency of a cooling tower plant (measured in kW of cooling tower fan energy divided by tons of cooling provided by the entire chilled water plant) varies with ambient conditions and the cooling tower specifications. Baseline cooling tower specifications are described below. Cooling towers are modeled based on the selected cooling tower manufacturer's reported performance data.

### **Cold Condenser Water Temperature**

The baseline CCWT is 80 °F.

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<sup>9</sup> Values were obtained by using default chiller curve formulas defined in the CA Title 24 2008 Alternative Calculation Method (ACM) Manual and a screw compressor chiller

<sup>10</sup> Values were obtained by using default chiller curve formulas defined in the CA Title 24 2008 Alternative Calculation Method (ACM) Manual and a centrifugal compressor chiller.

### **Approach Temperature**

The baseline cooling tower approach temperature to the ambient wetbulb temperature at the “nominal condition” is 10 °F.

“Nominal condition” is defined as:

- A hot condenser water temperature of 95 °F.
- An ambient wetbulb temperature of 75 °F.
- A condenser water flow rate equal to the maximum design flow for the given tower. (This is not necessarily the same as the *chiller’s* design CW flow rate.)
- Fan speed = 100%.

The actual approach temperature of a given tower at any given moment will vary depending on incoming condenser water temperature and flow rate, tower fan speed, and ambient wetbulb temperature.

### **Fan Speed**

- For cooling towers with a fan motor less than 7.5 hp, the baseline tower has a constant speed, single speed fan motor.
- Title 24 2008 requires ‘speed control’ on all cooling towers greater than 7.5 hp. For cooling towers with a fan motor greater than 7.5 hp, the baseline tower has a VFD on the fan motor and is controlled to a constant cold condenser water temperature.

### **Staging**

Baseline cooling towers are staged sequentially, not in parallel.

### **Minimum Condenser Water Flow Rate**

If not otherwise called out in the tower specifications, we assume the minimum allowed condenser water flow in a baseline cooling tower is 50% of the tower’s maximum condenser water flow rate.

### **Closed Loop Cooling Towers**

Closed loop cooling towers may be baseline only for existing equipment in Retrofit and New Construction program projects. Closed loop cooling towers are modeled the same as open loop cooling towers with the exception that closed loop cooling towers have an additional 5 °F approach to the ambient wetbulb temperature as an open loop cooling tower at the same conditions.

### **Dry Coolers**

Dry coolers may be baseline only for existing equipment in Retrofit and New Construction program projects. Dry coolers serving water-cooled DX units are modeled the same as open loop cooling towers, with the exception that dry coolers have an annual average 10 °F approach to the ambient drybulb temperature instead of an approach to the ambient wetbulb temperature.

## Water-Cooled DX and CRAC Units

Water-cooled DX and CRAC units may be baseline only for existing equipment in Retrofit and New Construction program projects. Water-cooled DX units and water-cooled DX CRACs operate at 2008 California Non-Residential Title 24 Standards (see table below).

### California Non-Residential Title 24 Standards, 2008: Table 112A – Electrically Operated Unitary Air Conditioners and Condensing Units (Water-Cooled Condenser) – Minimum Efficiency Requirements

<i>kBTU/hr</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>EER</i>	<i>kW/ton</i>
>240	>20	11.0	1.09

## Thermal Energy Storage (TES) Systems

TES systems are not baseline. They can be configured and applied in different ways. If a TES system will be used to occasionally shed electric demand upon request from PG&E, the customer should inquire with PG&E's Demand Response Program regarding incentives.

If a TES system will be used regularly as part of the cooling system, the difference in annual energy use between the proposed TES system and the baseline (no TES) must be examined. Ice storage systems typically use more total annual energy, even though they can save annual cost by avoiding high-rate peak demand periods. Such a system would not be eligible for an incentive under the Customized New Construction or Customized Retrofit programs. Chilled water storage systems can be designed to save both annual energy and cost, and can therefore earn an incentive.

## Control Sequences

The baseline return air drybulb temperature is controlled to 72 °F.

The baseline supply air drybulb (SADB) temperature floats with the load. The SADB is assumed to never drop below 55 °F.

## Heating Systems

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Cleanrooms are cooling dominated. The only need for heat is in the:

1. MUA system for preheating cold outside air, or reheating after dehumidification.
2. Humidifying system, to create steam.

### ***System Configuration***

The following configuration applies to small and large cleanrooms alike.

#### **Preheat & Reheat**

In a baseline MUAH, preheat and reheat are provided by HW coils served by a natural gas-fired Title 24-compliant boiler.

#### **Humidification**

See next section on Humidity Control Systems.

### ***System Efficiency Metric***

#### **Natural Gas-Fired Boiler**

A baseline boiler is considered to be non-condensing with a full fire thermal efficiency of 84%<sup>11</sup>. For detailed calculations, the following baseline boiler performance curve for a non-condensing boiler is used:

Load Factor	Efficiency as a percentage of quoted full-fire efficiency	Baseline Boiler Efficiency
10%	56%	47%
20%	71%	60%
30%	80%	67%
40%	85%	71%
50%	89%	75%
60%	92%	77%
70%	95%	80%
80%	97%	81%
90%	99%	83%
100%	100%	84%

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<sup>11</sup> In concurrence with PG&E's Boiler Rebate program. Thermal Efficiency from CA Title 24.

## ***Pressure Drop***

The baseline HW pump operating conditions are as described in the Hydronic Systems pressure drop section.

## ***Economizing & Heat Recovery***

There is no air-side heat recovery system in the baseline case.  
There is no boiler stack heat recovery in the baseline case.

## ***Component Efficiency***

### **Natural Gas-Fired Boiler**

See System Efficiency above.

## **Humidity Control Systems**

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The space humidity range in the baseline cleanroom is set equal to the proposed range. If the proposed range is not given, 45% to 55% RH is assumed.

## ***System Configuration***

### **Dehumidification**

Dehumidification is accomplished by cooling the ventilation air stream, not by desiccant systems.

A single CHW plant provides the CHWST necessary to accomplish dehumidification requirements; this CHWST is served to all cooling coils in the facility, even if they are not called upon to perform dehumidification.

The CHWST setpoint is constant, set at a value to ensure the relative humidity of the ventilation supply air never exceeds the proposed upper limit.

### **Reheat**

If dehumidification is required, the baseline MUAH employs the HW reheat coil to raise the temperature of the ventilation supply air back to baseline space drybulb setpoint (72F).

### **Humidification**

A humidifier is considered baseline equipment in a cleanroom MUAH. In a small cleanroom facility, the humidifier is assumed to use natural gas to create steam at the

MUAH. In a large cleanroom facility, steam is supplied to the MUAH humidifier by a steam boiler in the central mechanical plant.

Adiabatic humidifiers (evaporative, ultrasonic, etc) are not considered baseline.

## ***System Efficiency Metrics***

### **Dehumidification**

The efficiency of this process is determined by the efficiency of the cooling system.

### **Reheat**

The efficiency of this process is determined by the efficiency of the HW system.

### **Humidification**

The baseline gas-fired, MUAH-mounted humidifier uses 1,126 BTU (0.0113 therms) to produce 1 pound of steam. This is the amount of energy required to isobarically bring one pound of 60 °F liquid water at atmospheric pressure to 212 °F saturated water vapor. This energy becomes a load on the cooling system.

## ***Economizing & Heat Recovery***

There is no steam boiler stack heat recovery in the baseline case.

## ***Component Efficiency***

A baseline steam boiler has an annual average thermal efficiency of 76%. The steam injected in to the ventilation supply air stream becomes a load on the cooling system.

## ***Control Sequences***

The CHWST setpoint is constant, set at a value to ensure the relative humidity of the return air never exceeds the upper relative humidity limit.



# Electrical

## **Electric Motors for Fans and Pumps**

Refer to the table below for motor baseline efficiencies, given in percentage. Premium efficiency motors are not considered baseline. If not otherwise specified, we assume the baseline motor is Open Drip-Proof (ODP), 1200 rpm.

**Baseline Electric Motor Efficiencies in Percent (NEMA EPACT Efficiencies)<sup>12</sup>**

Open Drip-Proof (ODP)				
460 V				
Nominal Motor hp	3600 rpm	1800 rpm	1200 rpm	900 rpm
1		82.5	80.0	74.0
1.5	82.5	84.0	84.0	75.5
2	84.0	84.0	85.5	85.5
3	84.0	86.5	86.5	86.5
5	85.5	87.5	87.5	87.5
7.5	87.5	88.5	88.5	88.5
10	88.5	89.5	90.2	89.5
15	89.5	91.0	90.2	89.5
20	90.2	91.0	91.0	90.2
25	91.0	91.7	91.7	90.2
30	91.0	92.4	92.4	91.0
40	91.7	93.0	93.0	91.0
50	92.4	93.0	93.0	91.7
60	93.0	93.6	93.6	92.4
75	93.0	94.1	93.6	93.6
100	93.0	94.1	94.1	93.6
125	93.6	94.5	94.1	93.6
150	93.6	95.0	94.5	93.6
200	94.5	95.0	94.5	93.6
250	94.5	95.4	95.4	94.5
300	95.0	95.4	95.4	
350	95.0	95.4	95.4	
400	95.4	95.4		
450	95.8	95.8		
500	95.8	95.8		

Totally Enclosed Fan-Cooled (TEFC)				
460V				
Nominal Motor hp	3600 rpm	1800 rpm	1200 rpm	900 rpm
1	75.5	82.5	80.0	74.0
1.5	82.5	84.0	85.5	77.0
2	84.0	84.0	86.5	82.5
3	85.5	87.5	87.5	84.0
5	87.5	87.5	87.5	85.5
7.5	88.5	89.5	89.5	85.5
10	89.5	89.5	89.5	88.5
15	90.2	91.0	90.2	88.5
20	90.2	91.0	90.2	89.5
25	91.0	92.4	91.7	89.5
30	91.0	92.4	91.7	91.0
40	91.7	93.0	93.0	91.0
50	92.4	93.0	93.0	91.7
60	93.0	93.6	93.6	91.7
75	93.0	94.1	93.6	93.0
100	93.6	94.5	94.1	93.0
125	94.5	94.5	94.1	93.6
150	94.5	95.0	95.0	93.6
200	95.0	95.0	95.0	94.1
250	95.4		95.0	94.5
300	95.4		95.0	
350	95.4		95.0	
400	95.4			
450	95.4			
500	95.4			

<sup>12</sup> "Induction Motor Efficiency Standards" by John Douglas, PE, 2005, Washington State University Extension Energy Program.

## VFDs

### Efficiency

VFD efficiency is not constant over the operable speed range of the controlled fan or pump<sup>13</sup>. The table below is an adaptation of the chart published on page 43.13 in the 2008 ASHRAE Systems Handbook and is considered baseline practice.

**VFD Efficiency vs Design Speed**

Design Speed, %	Efficiency, %	
	Newer Model	Older Model
20	91	72
40	94	83
60	97	89
80	98	93
100	98	95

### Turndown Limit

For new VFD compatible motors with new VFDs, there is no practical turndown limit. For systems with older motors or older VFDs, the baseline VFD turndown limit is 12 Hz (20%).

### Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)

The baseline UPS system is battery-based, double-conversion, non-switching (all power to the devices supported by the UPS flows through the UPS battery system.) Baseline loading depends on the redundancy requirement of the proposed system.

The baseline efficiency curve depends on the size of the UPS. The baseline efficiency criteria are as follows:

UPS Size	% Load			
	25%	50%	75%	100%
kVA < 20	86.3%	89.1%	89.6%	89.6%
20 ≤ kVA ≤ 100	88.5%	90.5%	91.1%	91.1%
kVA > 100	89.4%	92.2%	93.1%	93.3%

These efficiency values are averages of published UPS efficiency data compiled from several prominent UPS manufacturers. The data set includes several UPS models in each of the listed UPS size ranges.

<sup>13</sup> 2008 ASHRAE Handbook-HVAC Systems and Equipment.

Different cleanrooms have different requirements for UPS run-time in the event of a power outage. The baseline run-time requirement is set to match the requirement of the proposed cleanroom. In the baseline case, it is assumed that run-time requirement is met by adjusting the number of storage batteries, not by changing the baseline power output capacity of the UPS inverter.

## **Process Systems**

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There are many possible types of process systems to be found in cleanrooms. The list below is only a sampling. The assessment of energy efficiency opportunities in process systems is usually best done by an expert in the respective system.

System	Description
Compressed Dry Air	Air compressors create clean, high-pressure air for multiple purposes.
De-Ionized (DI) Water	Water that has been treated to remove minerals and ions, greatly reducing its electrical conductivity.
Fume Hoods	Enclosed workbenches with a constant velocity air flow from the room in to the workbench space. Equipped with a sash that can be raised and lowered as needed for access to the bench top.
Process Vacuum	Process vacuum pumps create a negative-pressure distribution system needed for certain types of lab equipment. Not to be confused with the “house” vacuum system, used for janitorial purposes.
Reverse Osmosis (RO) Water	Similar to de-ionized water, RO water has had most minerals removed by pumping it through a semi-permeable membrane.

## **System Efficiency Metrics**

### **Fume Hoods**

Fume hoods generally do not contain fans themselves. The energy use of a fume hood is reflected in the amount of air moving through the hood and the efficiency of the exhaust system that serves it.

## **Control Sequences**

### **Fume Hoods and Biosafety Cabinets**

Fume hoods can be operated as constant air volume (CAV) or variable air volume (VAV). The baseline for academic institutions is VAV and the baseline for industry is CAV. The baseline sash opening face velocity is a constant 100 ft/min, regardless of space occupancy and regardless of whether an occupant is standing in front of the hood.

Biosafety cabinets can also be operated as CAV or VAV. However, biosafety cabinets have a more demanding tolerance (+/-5%) on variations in air flow than fume hoods. The air flow variation in a typical VAV system is on the order of +/-10%, so the necessary control may be difficult to achieve. The baseline for biosafety cabinets is CAV<sup>14</sup>.

## **Compressed Dry Air**

### **System Sizing**

The baseline compressed dry air (CDA) system is sized without accounting for air storage tanks.

### **System Pressure**

The baseline CDA system pressure is dependent on the maximum pressure required by a downstream process. The compressor(s) must provide this pressure at a minimum, plus an allowance for system pressure drop:

#### **System Pressure Drop**

The pressure drop will be in the system components, which includes main lines, valves, piping, hoses, filters, regulators, separators, and dryers. In the baseline case, this pressure drop is assumed to be 10% of the compressor rated discharge pressure.

Taking into account the system pressure drop, the compressor must be sized for the minimum required pressure of the end-use processes multiplied by a factor of 1.11. For example, if the processes in a facility include three tools that require 90 psig, 100 psig, and 110 psig, then the compressor would be sized for the largest of the three tools, 110 psig, multiplied by 1.11 to account for the system pressure drop;  $(110 \text{ psig}) * (1.11) = 122 \text{ psig}$ .

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<sup>14</sup> <http://ateam.lbl.gov/Design-Guide/DGHtml/biosafetycabinets.htm>.

**System Flow Rate**

The baseline CDA system flow rate is dependant on the air volume requirements of the processes downstream. The compressor must be sized for the maximum peak flow rate the facility will achieve including a safety factor of 1.20. For example, if the processes include three tools that require 80 cfm, 90 cfm, and 100 cfm, and all three tools will run simultaneously, then the compressor would be sized for  $(270 \text{ cfm}) * (1.20) = 324 \text{ cfm}$ .

**Redundancy**

The baseline CDA system follows the same redundancy level as the proposed case.

**Heat Recovery**

The baseline CDA system does not employ heat recovery.

**Motor Type**

The baseline CDA system employs compressors with normal efficiency, not premium efficiency, motors.

**Compressor Control**

The baseline CDA compressor is controlled through a 'load / unload' method. This method unloads the compressor from the motor when the system pressure is adequate. The load on the motor when the compressor is unloaded is assumed to be 25% of the full-loaded horsepower.

**Compressor Type**

There are two types of baseline compressors, single stage lubricant-injected rotary screw and single stage reciprocating. The compressor selected for baseline comparison is based on the minimum required compressor outlet pressure:

	Compressor Type	
Required Compressor Outlet Pressure (psig)	< 100	Reciprocating
	100 +	Rotary

## Compressor Size & Efficiency

The baseline compressor horsepower and efficiency can be found in the AirMaster+ software. Directions:

1. Navigate to the window containing the correct compressor type. Use the 'load / unload' compressor control type.
2. Find a compressor with a the baseline pressure and flow rate.
3. If the system flow rate requirement does not correspond directly to a value in the window, round the system cfm value by following the guide as shown below.

Flow Rate Range	CFM Rounded Down to Nearest...	Example Actual CFM	Example Rounded CFM
CFM < 100	5	87	85
100 <= CFM < 200	10	149	140
200 <= CFM < 500	25	472	450
500 <= CFM < 1000	50	621	600
1000 <= CFM +	100	1345	1300

4. If the selected values fall between nominal compressor sizes, the compressor must be oversized by selecting the next nominal horsepower available.
5. The horsepower and efficiency selected are used as compressor baseline values.

## Air Storage

The baseline size for air storage is approximately 1 gallon of tank capacity per 1 cfm of required flow rate. Air storage is used to reduce sudden pressure changes in the compressed air system only. Baseline compressed air system components are sized assuming no air storage.

## Dryers

For typical drying needs (dewpoint > 32 °F), a refrigerant type dryer is specified. An estimated efficiency for a dryer of this type is approximately 0.8 kW / 100 cfm, based on an operating time equal to that of the compressor.

For higher drying needs (dewpoint < 32 °F), a desiccant type dryer is specified. An estimated efficiency for a dryer of this type is approximately 2.0 – 3.0 kW / 100 cfm, based on an operating time equal to that of the compressor.

References: Approximate efficiencies of dryers are available from the U.S. Department of Energy and the Compressed Air Challenge, "Improving Compressed Air System Performance".

## Calculation Assumptions

The following items are *not* baseline targets. Some of them are average values reflecting typical practice. Other items describe standard calculation procedures.

### Commercial Space Load

To accurately model the performance of a chilled water plant that serves a hybrid building (or multiple buildings), it is necessary to account for the load imposed on the plant by the commercial space. If the commercial space is not being analyzed separately with EnergyPro or similar software, we use the following:

Typical occupant density (floor area per person)	150 sf
Typical office occupancy	8 am to 6 pm, M-F

	Loads			Rates		Load Densities	
	Per Person		Density			Watts/sf	
	BTU	Watts	Watts/sf	Occupied	Unoccupied	Occupied	Unoccupied
People	250	73	0.5	100%	0%	0.5	0.00
Office Equipment			0.5	100%	20%	0.5	0.10
Lights (incl. task lights)			1.2	100%	20%	1.2	0.24
Total						2.2	0.34

### Cooling System Performance

#### Chiller Performance as a function of CHWST, CWST

The efficiency of water-cooled chillers increases by 1.5% for every 1 °F drop in CW temperature, and increases by 1.0% for every 1 °F increase in CHW supply temperature. We use this rule of thumb to modify chiller performance curves to match proposed operating conditions, in cases where the chiller manufacturer is unable to provide us with chiller performance data at those conditions.

#### Chiller Capacity as a function of CHWST, CWST

The *capacity* of water-cooled chillers also increases, about 1.5% for every 1 °F decrease in chiller lift, as compared to the chiller's capacity & lift at nominal conditions. This can be seen in chiller selection software. There is of course a practical limit to this rule of thumb, as every chiller has a minimum allowed operating lift.

## Abbreviations

ACH	Air changes per hour.
AHU	Air handling unit.
ASHRAE	American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-conditioning Engineers.
BTU	British Thermal Unit.
CCW	Cold condenser water.
CCWT	Cold condenser water temperature.
CFM	Cubic feet per minute.
CHW	Chilled water.
CHWR	Chilled water return.
CHWRT	Chilled water return temperature.
CHWS	Chilled water supply.
CHWST	Chilled water supply temperature.
CNC	Customized New Construction.
CR	Customized Retrofit.
CRAH	Computer room air handler.
CRAC	Computer room air conditioner.
CW	Condenser water.
dP	Delta-P (pressure difference).
dT	Delta-T (temperature difference).
DB	Drybulb.
DP	Dewpoint.
DX	Direct expansion.
EER	Energy efficiency ratio.
FFU	Fan filter unit.
HCW	Hot condenser water.
HCWT	Hot condenser water temperature.
HEPA filter	High efficiency particulate air filter.
HHW	Heating hot water.
HVAC	Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.
HW	Hot water.
HX	Heat exchanger.
IPLV	Integrated part load value.
MUA	Makeup air.
MUAH	Makeup air handler.
OA	Outside air.
OAT	Outside air temperature.
ODP	Open drip-proof.
RAHU	Recirculation air handling unit.
RAT	Return air temperature.
RH	Relative humidity.
SAT	Supply air temperature.
UPS	Uninterruptible power supply.
VAV	Variable air volume.
VFD	Variable frequency drive.
WB	Wetbulb.
in. w.g.	Inches of water gauge.