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Dumping and Washing a Crystallizer Page:

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Personnel responsible:

1. Lead Operator

Safety:

Safety shoes and safety glasses are required when working in, on, or around the crystallizers.

Summary:

This procedure covers dumping and washing a crystallizer. When dumping, it is important to take enough time to wash the crystallizer thoroughly or it will not run long before dumping is required again.

A. Dumping a Crystallizer

- 1. Shut down the crystallizer (see procedure Crystallizer Extended Shut Down)
- 2. Connect a steam hose to the bottom valve.
- 3. Open the bottom valve and open steam valve.
- 4. Steam until the temperature reaches 60 degrees C.
- 5. Stop the density loop pump and wash out the density loop.
- 6. Close steam valve and bottom valve blow out steam hose.
- 7. Connect a hose from the bottom valve to the Liquid Load Pump.
- 8. Connect the outlet of the Liquid Load Pump to the Mother Liquor or Peco Tank.
- 9. Open the bottom valve and start the Liquid Load Pump.
- 10. Begin emptying the crystallizer.
- 11. Once the level gets below 100 inches, stop the elbow pump.
- 12. Empty the crystallizer completely.
- 13. Connect the hose to the elbow drain and pump that into the ML or Peco tank.
- 14. Once the elbow is empty, uncouple the hose and stop the Liquid Load Pump.
- 15. Clean up.
- 16. Leave bottom valve and elbow drain open to ensure crystallizer is empty.

B. Washing the Crystallizer

- 1. Close the bottom valve.
- 2. Connect a hose from the Crystallizer Fill Line (2" line near #1 Crystallizer Discharge) to the Crystallizer Discharge.
- 3. Open the Crystallizer Fill Line and Crystallizer Discharge line.
- 4. Connect a steam hose to the bottom valve.
- 5. Open the bottom valve and open steam valve.
- 6. After the level reaches 140 inches, turn on the elbow pump.
- 7. Fill the crystallizer to 185 inches and shut off the water.
- 8. Start the density loop.
- 9. Steam until the temperature reaches 60 degrees C.
- 10. Ensure the water is at least 60 degrees C, if not, steam the crystallizer until it is.
- 11. After the crystallizer is at least 60 degrees C and is circulating, let it circulate for at least 4.5 hours.
- 12. Look into the top of the crystallizer and ensure that all the chunks have been dissolved.



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- 13. Stop the density loop.
- 14. Stop the elbow pump.
- 15. Drain the crystallizer to the drain through the bottom valve and the elbow drain.
- 16. After the crystallizer is empty, shine a light in all the sight glasses at the bottom to make sure everything is drained.
- 17. Wash the last little bit of residue out the drain valve with the level probe washout.
- 18. As needed see "Filling and Starting a Crystallizer".



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