

GILES CHEMICAL CORPORATION		
COMPANY PROCEDURE		
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**Personnel responsible:**

1. Lead Operator, Material Handler

**Safety:**

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

**Summary:**

A crystallizer may need to be shut down for whatever reason. If the shutdown last less than 6 hours, this is the procedure to follow.

A. Shut Down of a Crystallizer:

1. At the centrifuge, open the sample valve and close the feed valve.
2. Close the Crystallizer discharge valve.
3. Stop the discharge pump and wash out the line with water.
4. Close the brine tank valve.
5. Connect a water hose the brine pump valve and wash the brine feed line into the crystallizer.
6. Close the crystallizer brine feed valve and open the sample valve.
7. Stop the brine feed pump.
8. Close the mother liquor pump valve and uncouple the mother liquor feed pump hose.
9. Wash the mother liquor line through to the crystallizer.
10. Stop the mother liquor feed pump.
11. Shut the mother liquor feed valve off, and open the sample valve.
12. Ensure that the Vacuum Isolator Valve (the manual valve near the vacuum control valve) is open to allow some air into the crystallizer.
13. On the Monitoring System, go to the Crystallizers screen.
14. Change the set point on the Vacuum Control Valve to 2.00.
15. Shut the steam off of the fine salt loop heat exchanger.
16. Keep watch on the level, temperature, and density.
17. Make proper intervention if necessary

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B. Restart from shutdown (assuming centrifuge and dryers are ready)

1. At the centrifuge, close the solids sample valve and open the feed valve.
2. On the Monitoring System Crystallizers screen, reduce the Vacuum Control Valve set point to 0.85 and allow the Crystallizer to cool to 30 C.
3. Start discharge pump to resume flow to centrifuge.
4. Begin feed of brine by opening the manual valve to get 15 gpm, and then starting the brine feed pump.
5. Close the mother liquor sample valve.
6. Connect the mother liquor hose, open the pump valve, and start the pump.
7. Open the mother liquor feed valve and adjust flow with the pump valve.
8. Open the steam valve to put steam on the Fine Salt Loop.
9. Resume normal operation.

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