

# How to Design a Decon Laundry

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# Progress

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# Progress

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# Changing Thinking

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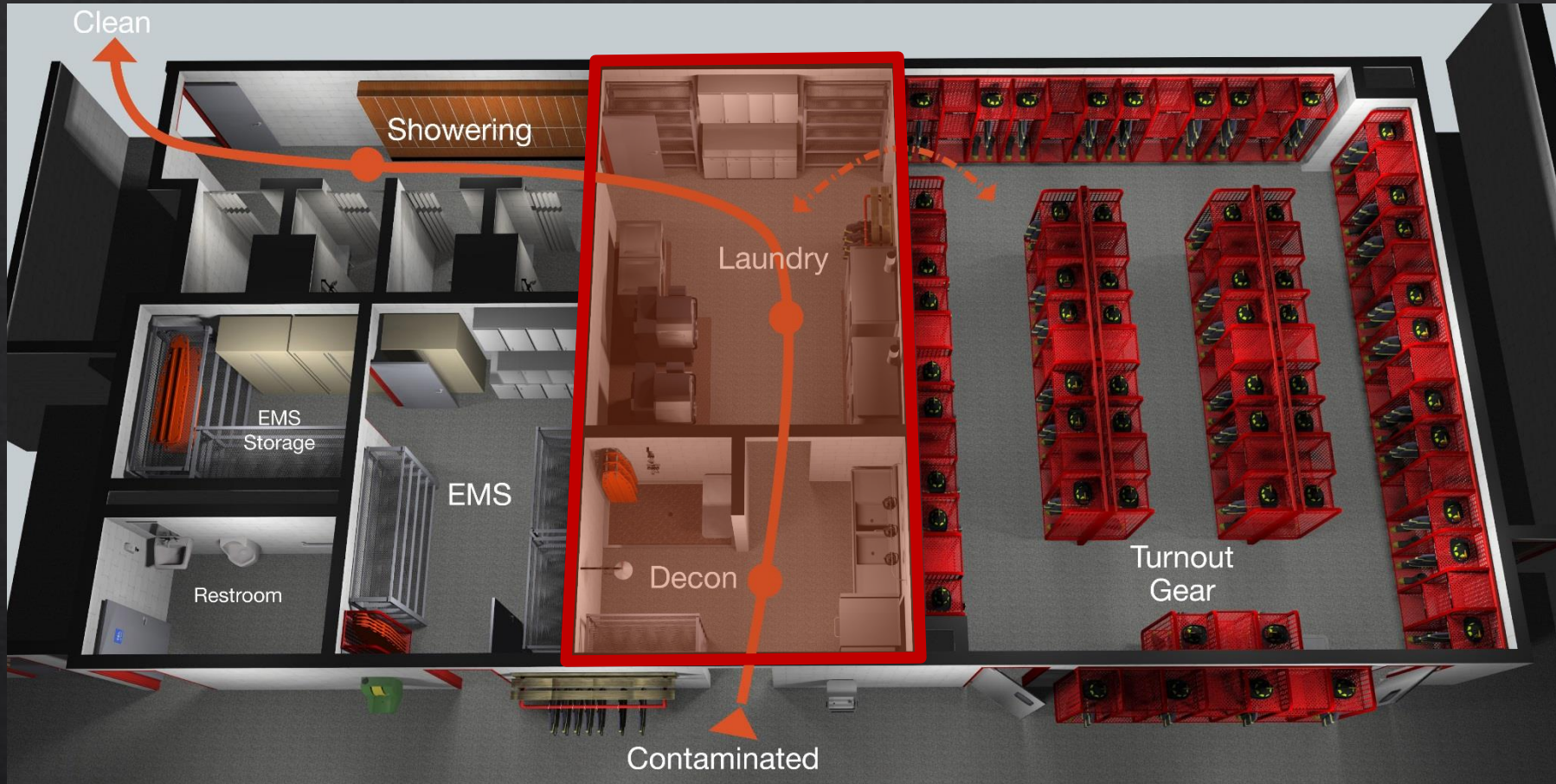
# Just Put it Somewhere

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How can  
these be  
repaired?



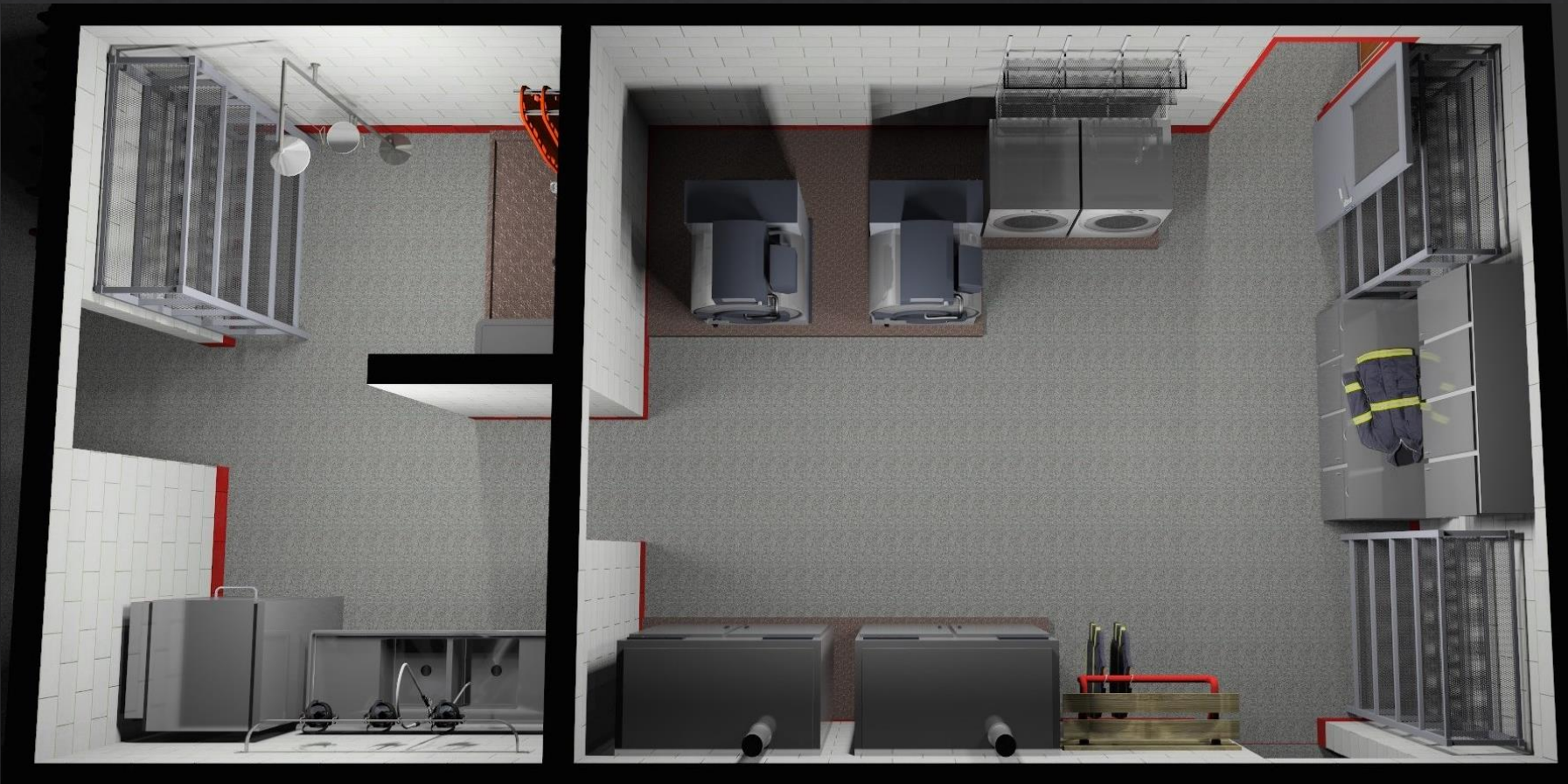
# The Goal





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# Storing Dirty Gear



Door or No Door?



# Pressure Differential



Pressure indication



Simple green status



Red indicates alarm



# Gross Decontamination



# Gross Decontamination

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# SCBA Decon

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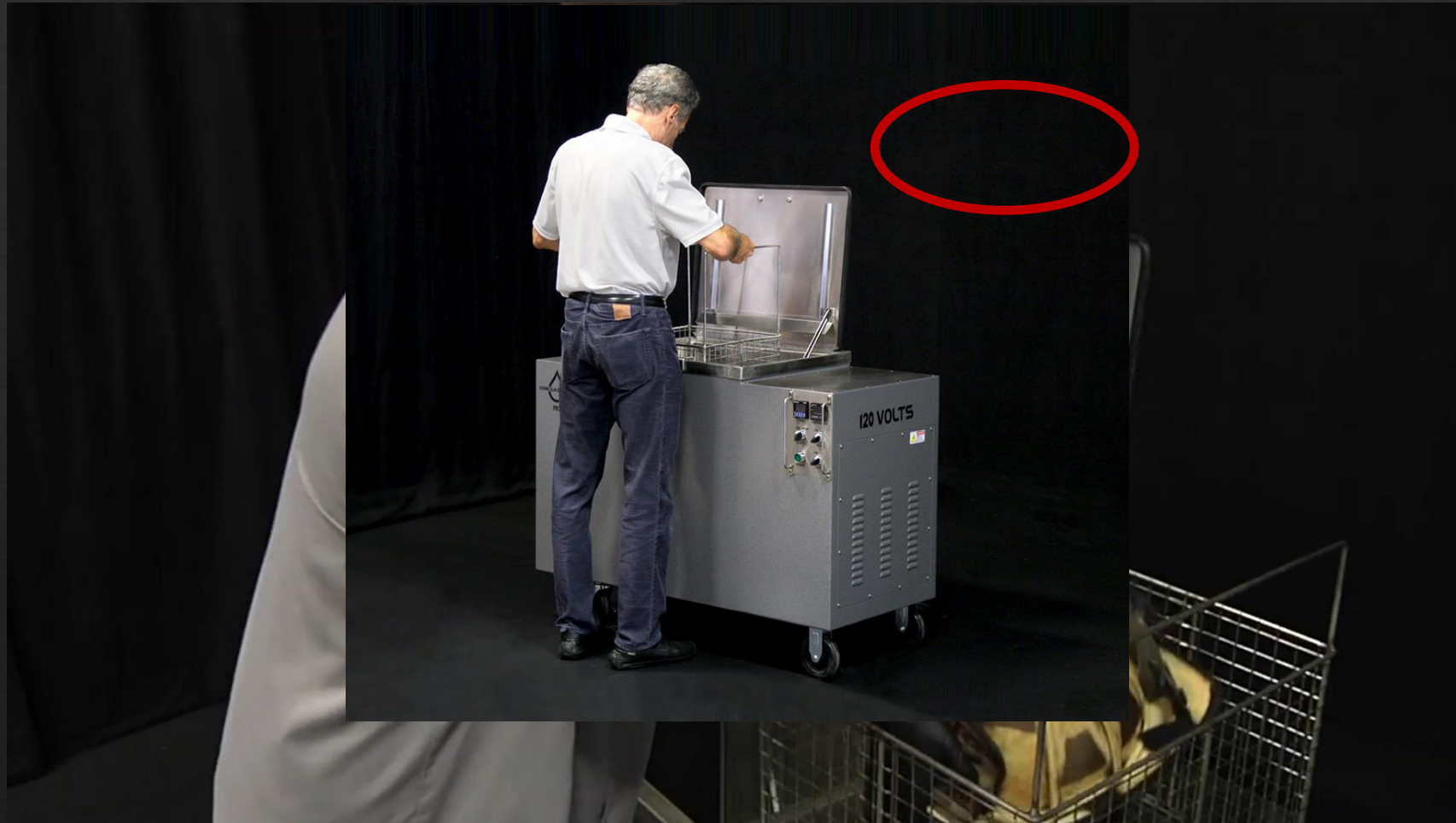
# SCBA Decon





# SCBA Decon – Ultrasonic Cleaning

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# Adequate Space to Work

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Countertop should be  
2'-8" deep

# Installation Requirements for Washer/Extractor

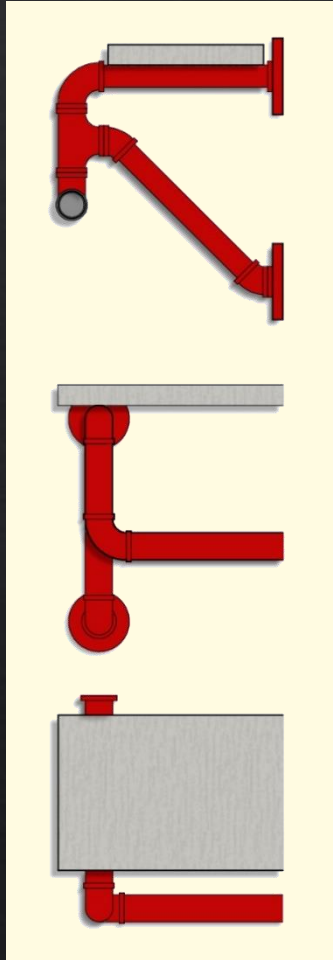
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**Follow  
manufacturers'  
recommendations**





# Gear Drying



## Process Times:

- Extractor – 45 minutes
- Dryer – 3 hours

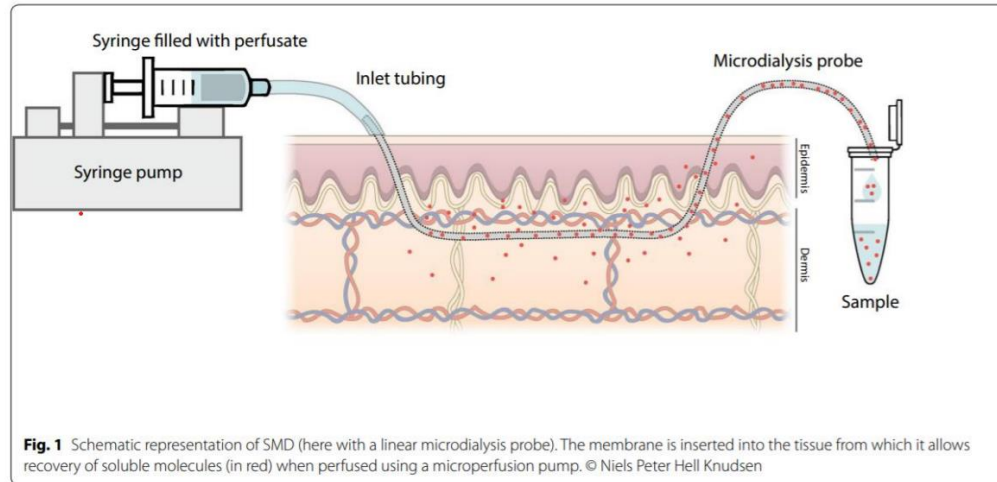
Do you dehydrate the room air?

# Hot Zone Shower

## Intradermal Microdialysis

### Optimization of procedures for target analyte:

- Perfusion rate
- Perfusate
- Membrane molecular weight cutoff
- Physicochemical properties of target analyte
- Skin site and depth



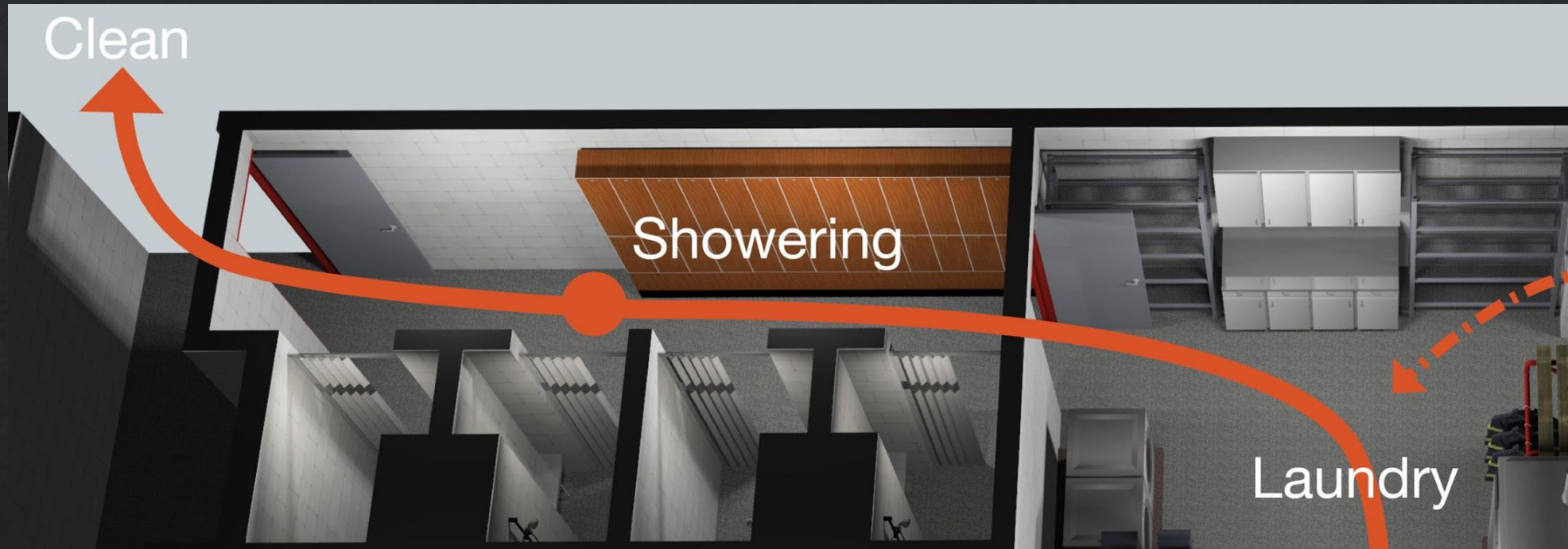
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# Hot Zone Shower

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# Hot Zone Shower

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- **Tepid** shower within an hour
- Gender neutral privacy
- Travel path within the station



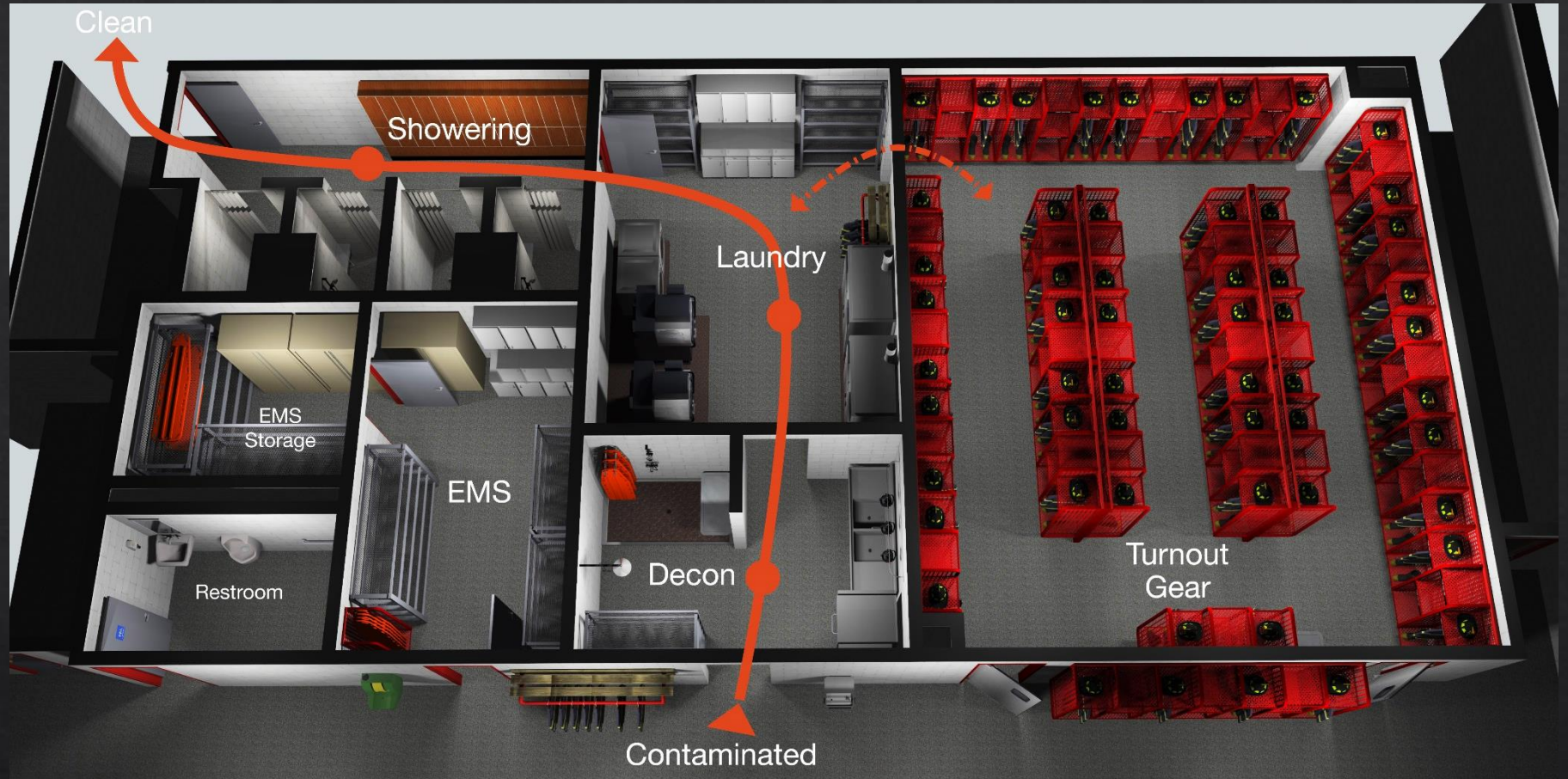
# Understand the Space Before Building It

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# Scale For Your Operational Need



Decon, laundry  
& showers

778 sq ft net,  
w/o gear lockers

# Career vs. Volunteer





# Career vs. Volunteer

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**Decon,  
Laundry &  
showers**

**753 sq ft net**

**How to scale the facility for required size**

# Scaling For Building Size

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Decon,  
laundry &  
showers

550 sq ft net





# Scaling For Building Size



Decon,  
laundry &  
showers  
430 sq ft net

# Lessons Not Learned

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# Selecting Washer/Extractor Capacity

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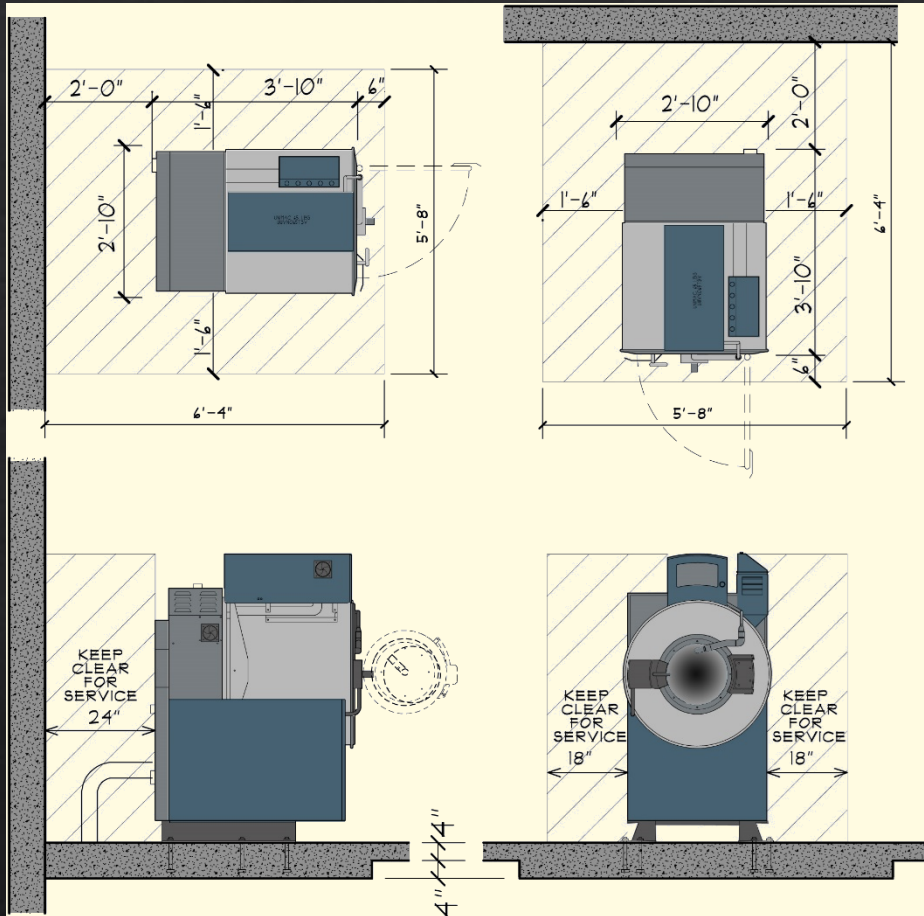
	25 lb. models	40 lb. models	60 lb. models	80 lb. models	100 lb. models	140 lb. models
No. of sets of gear *	1	2 to 3	4 to 5	6 to 7	8 to 9	11 to 13

*\*These figures are based on sample items. Weights and sizes of some brands differ, and therefore the figures should be used only as guidelines*

**Not all manufacturers publish this data**

**Ask for it**

# Clearances

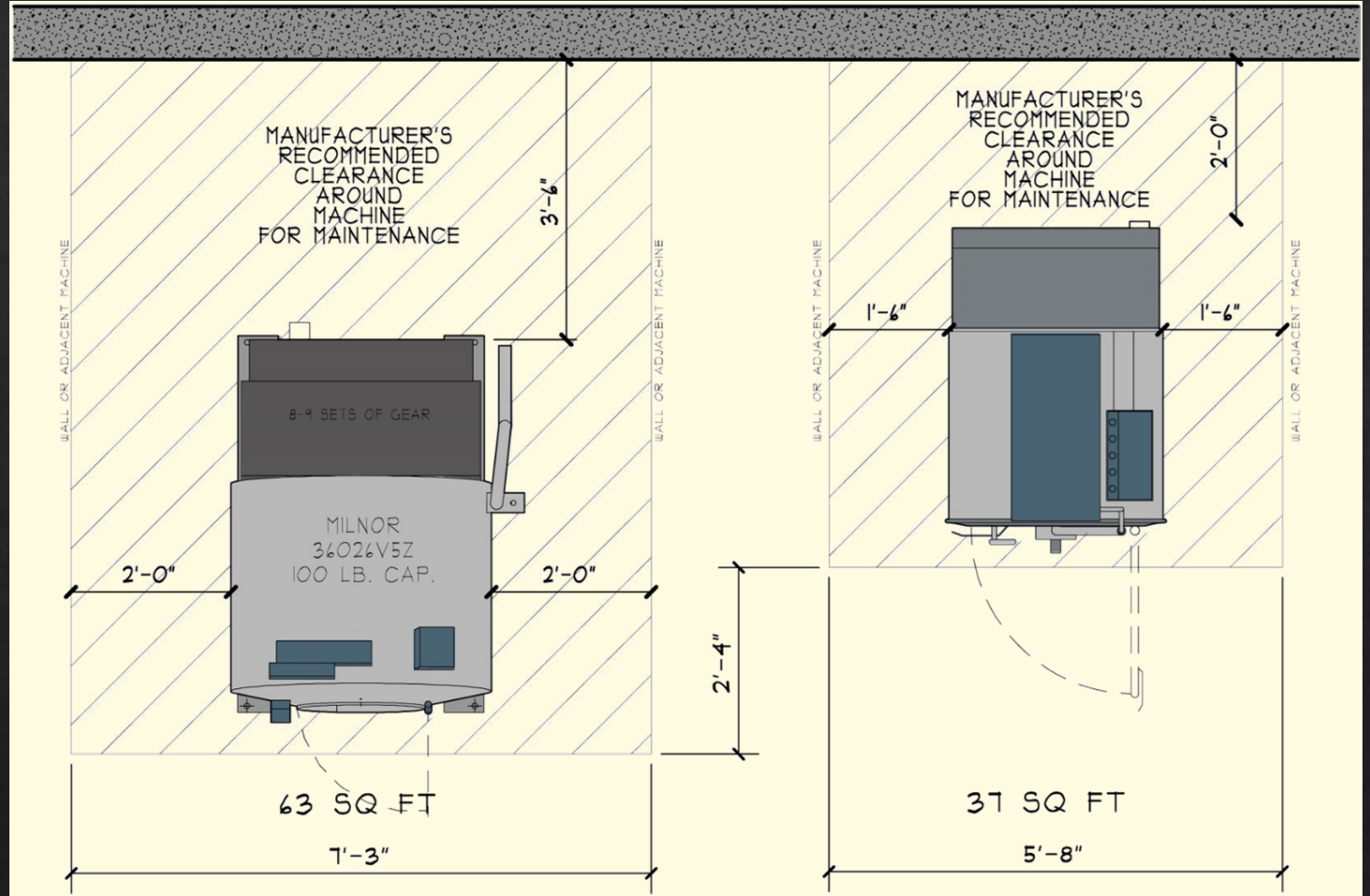


**Clearances define space required for maintenance.**  
**Machines are heavy & are bolted down**



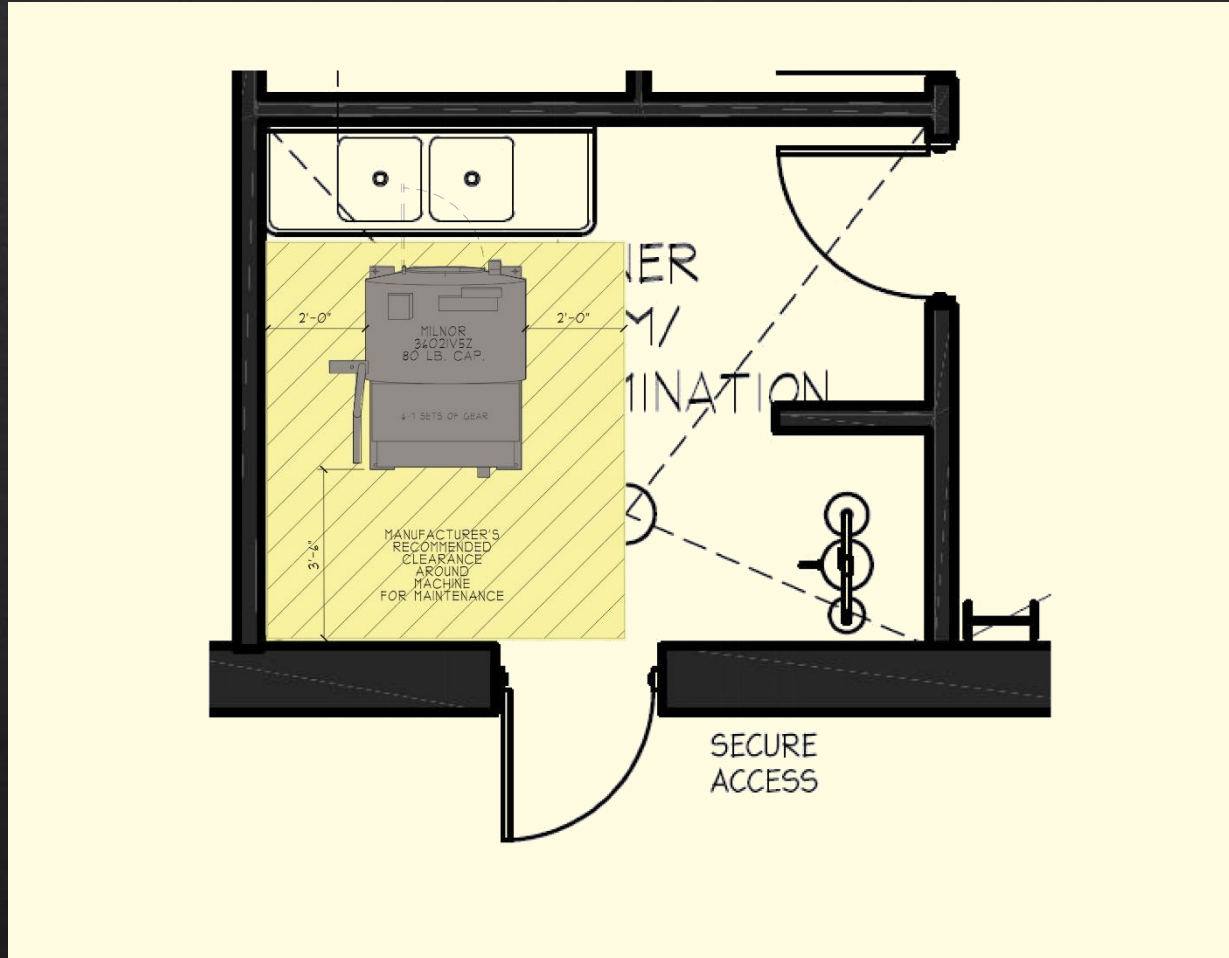
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Required space varies with manufacturer and capacity



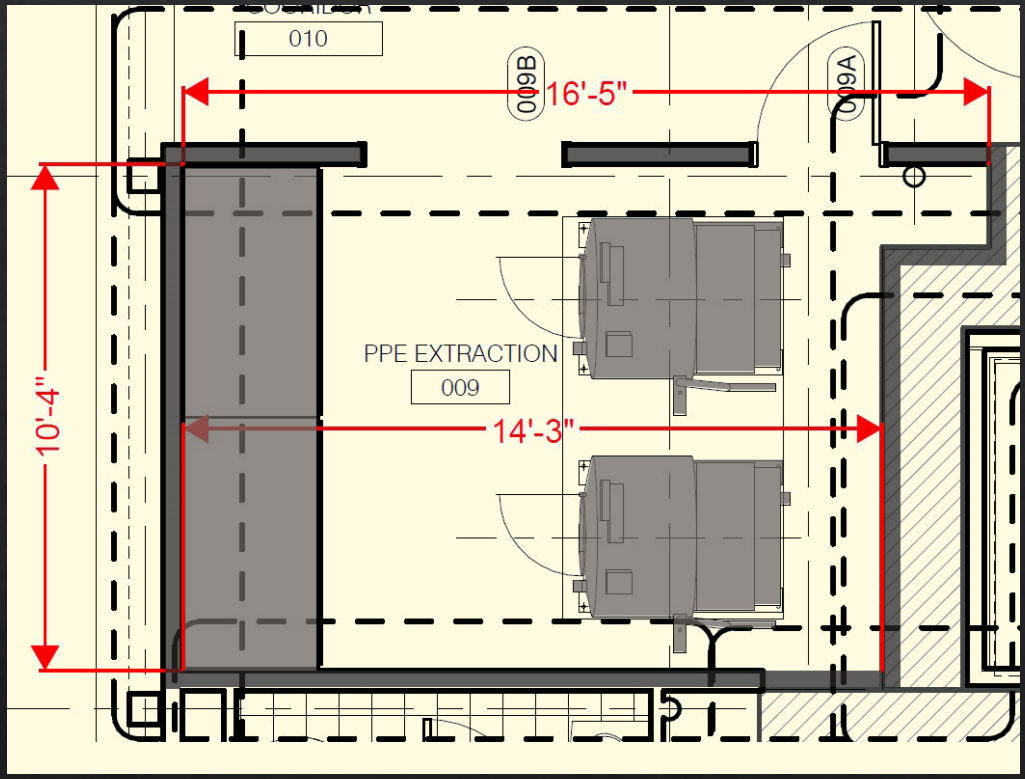
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Know the requirements early in the design process

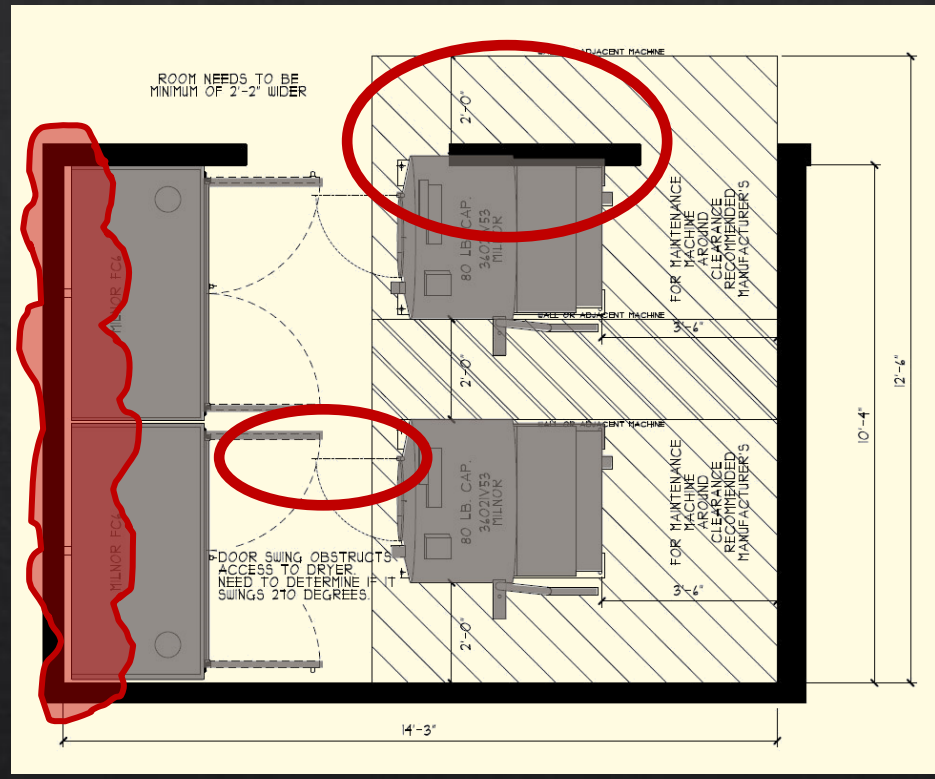




# Clearances



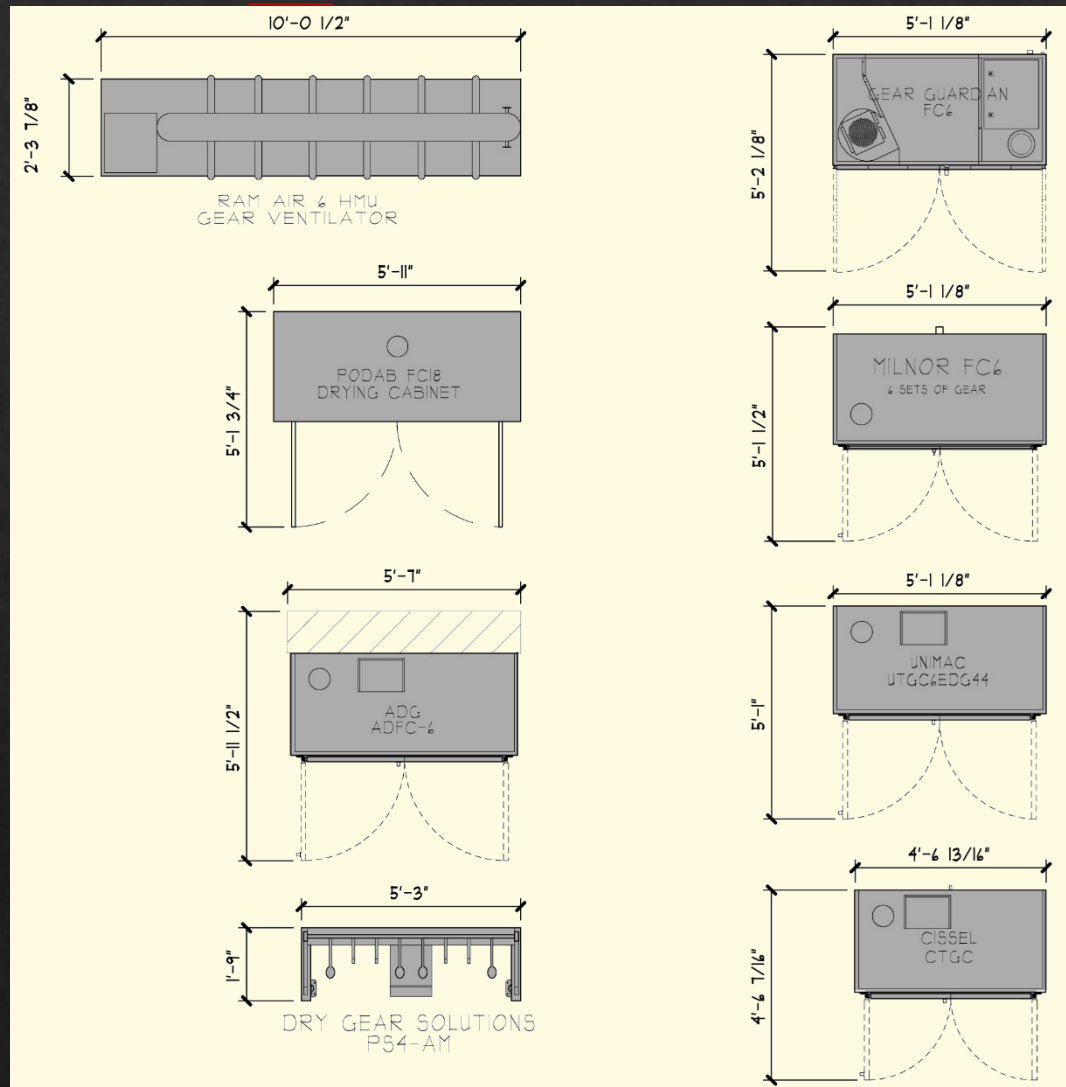
As Designed



Required Clearances

# Gear Dryers

- Consider the required space
- Do not ventilate internally





# Soap



# Drainage

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**A 65 lb. capacity machine will discharge approximately 25 gallons in 20 to 30 seconds prior to extraction**



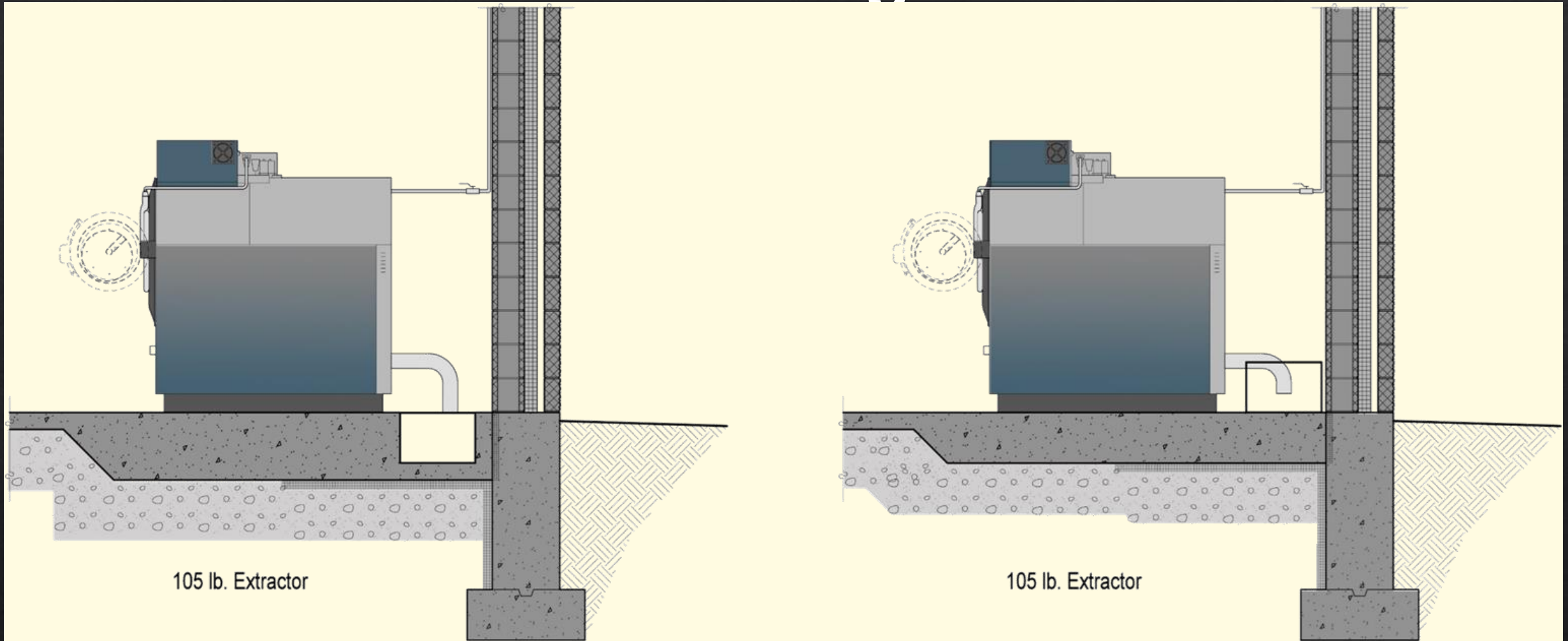
# Drainage

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**Laundry equipment  
manufacturers  
prefer trench drains**

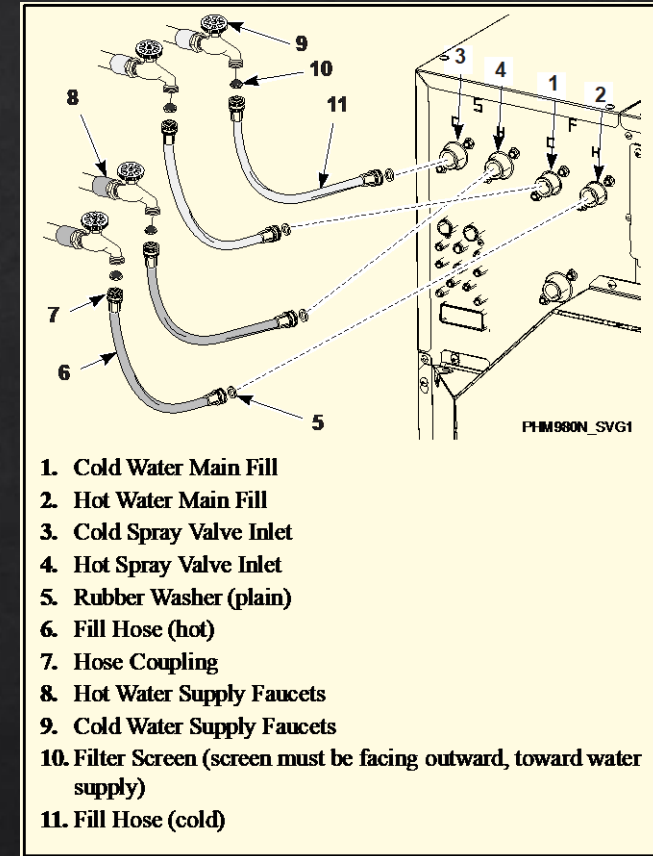
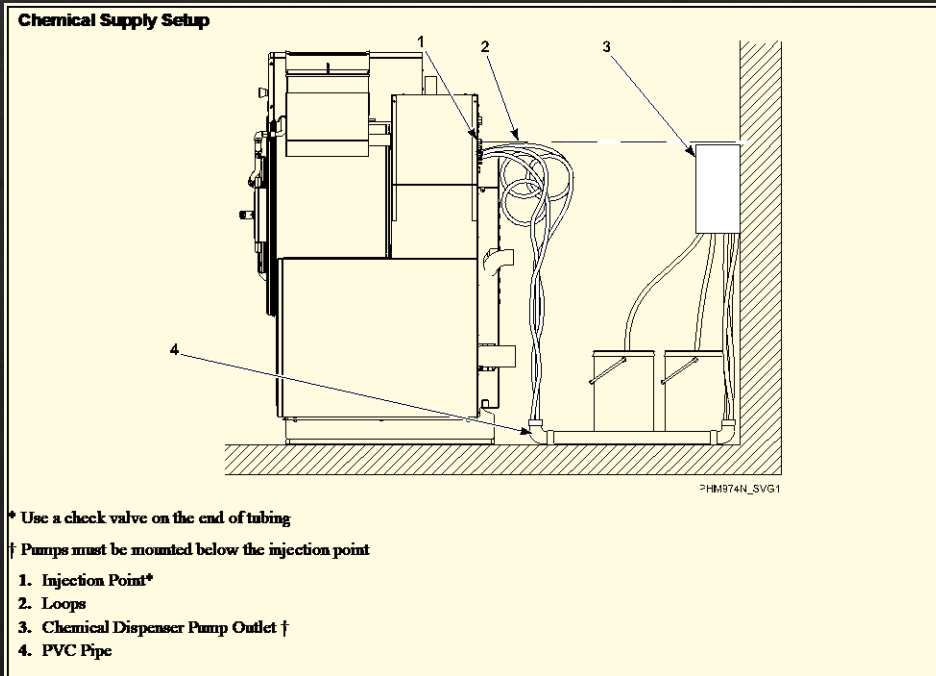
# Drainage



**25 Gallons requires  
3 cu ft of storage**



# Follow Manufacturers' Requirements



The manufacturers provide the information you need. Use it.

# Slab Requirements

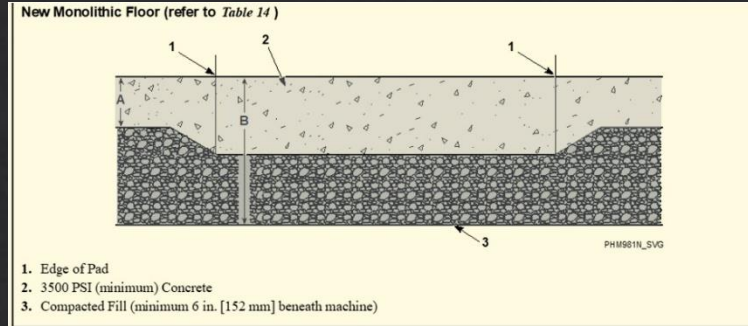
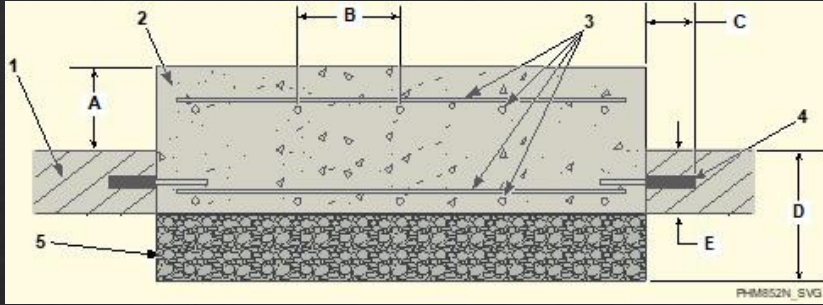
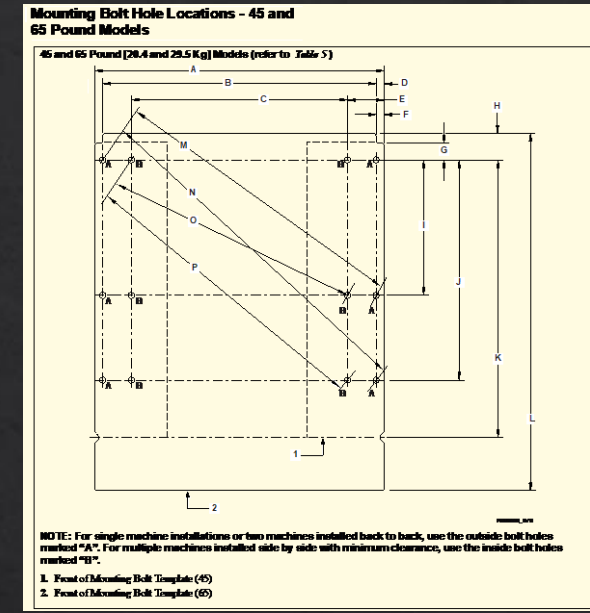
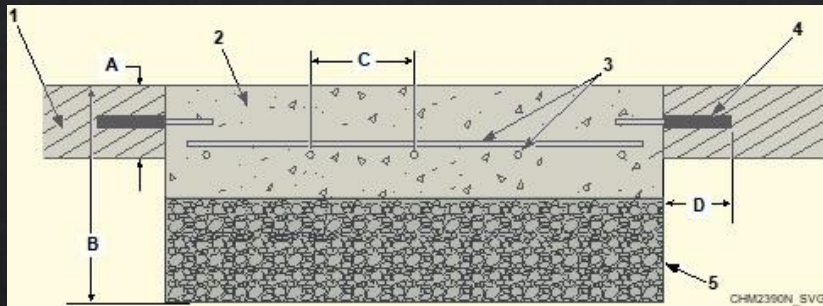


Figure 12



New Monolithic Floor, in. [mm]					
Description	L-speed / 45 (M-speed)	65 (M-speed)	45-65 (V-speed)	85-105	130-200
<b>A</b> Depth of Surrounding Floor	6 [152]	6 [152]	6 [152]	6 [152]	6 [152]
<b>B</b> Total depth of foundation (concrete plus 6 in. [152 mm] fill) (minimum)	Standard*	12 [305]	14 [356]	18 [457]	18 [457]
	Narrow*	14 [356]	16 [406]	20 [508]	20 [508]
	Ultra-narrow*	16 [406]	18 [457]	22 [559]	22 [559]
					26 [660] (Side-by-side) 24 [610] (Back-to-back) 26 [660] (Back-to-back)

\* Refer to Floor Layout and Pad Dimensions.

**Floor Load Data**

Specifications	Floor Load Data						
	45	65	85	105	130	160	200
Static load, lb [kN]	1280 [5.7]	1350 [6.0]	1990 [8.9]	2100 [9.3]	2540 [11.3]	2680 [11.9]	2920 [13.0]
Static pressure, lb/ft <sup>2</sup> [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	158 [7.6]	167 [8.0]	170 [8.1]	179 [8.6]	178 [8.5]	187 [9.0]	204 [9.8]
Maximum dynamic load, lb [kN]	2690 [12]	2690 [12]	3300 [14.5]	3300 [14.5]	4200 [18.7]	4200 [18.7]	4200 [18.7]
Maximum dynamic pressure, lb/ft <sup>2</sup> [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	L-Speed	483 [23.1]	493 [23.6]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	M-Speed	483 [23.1]	493 [23.6]	446 [21.4]	457 [21.9]	469 [22.5]	N/A
	V-Speed	491 [23.5]	499 [23.9]	450 [21.5]	459 [22.0]	471 [22.6]	480 [23.0]
Dynamic load frequency, Hz	L-Speed	8.0	8.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	M-Speed	11.2	11.2	9.9	9.9	9.7	N/A
	V-Speed	15.9	15.9	12.8	12.8	11.8	N/A
<sup>1</sup> Maximum vertical load,	3870 [17.2]	3940 [17.5]	5140 [22.9]	5210 [23.2]	6500 [28.9]	6590 [29.3]	6760 [30.1]
Maximum base moment, lb-ft [kN-m]	8470 [11.5]	8470 [11.5]	10700 [14.5]	10700 [14.5]	15000 [20.3]	15000 [20.3]	15000 [20.3]

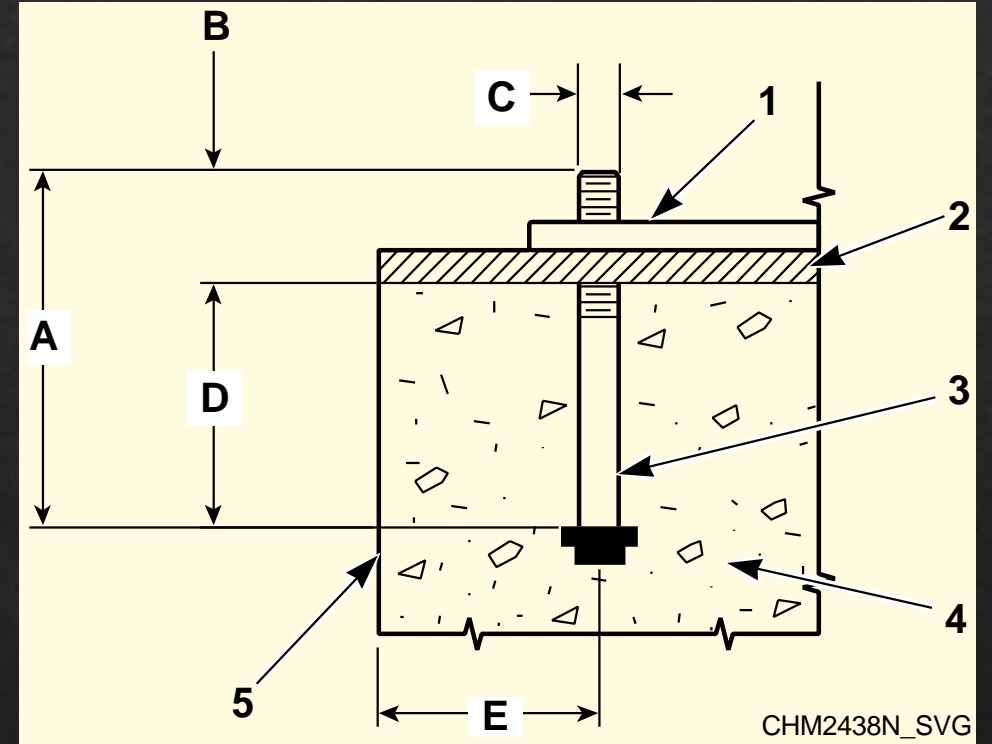
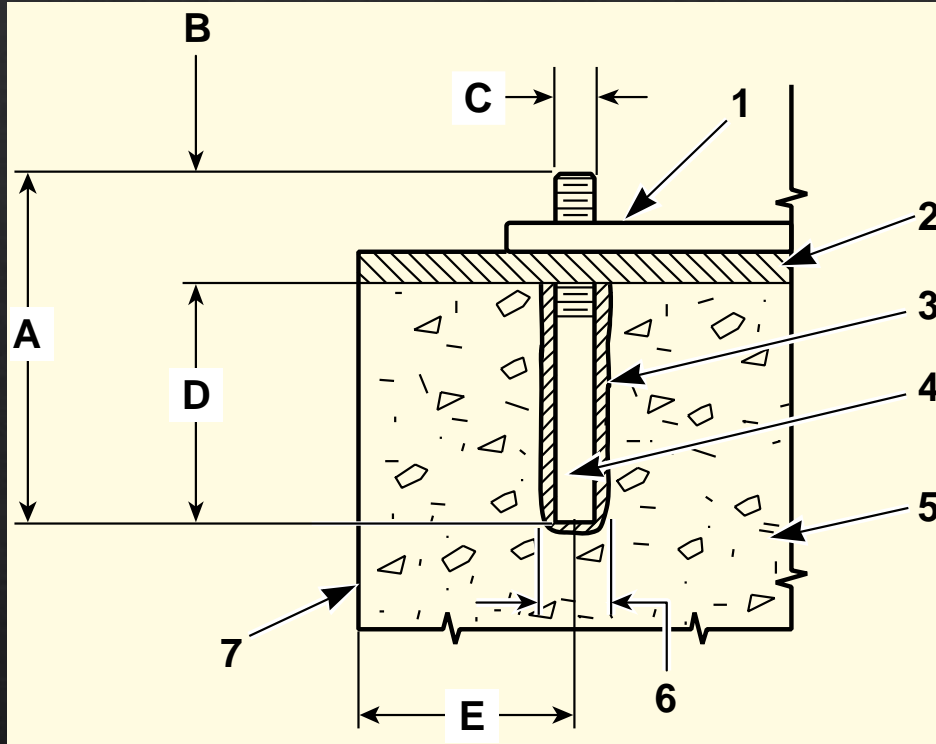
<sup>1</sup> Acting in the downward direction against the floor.

Keep referring to manufacturers' data





# Slab Requirements



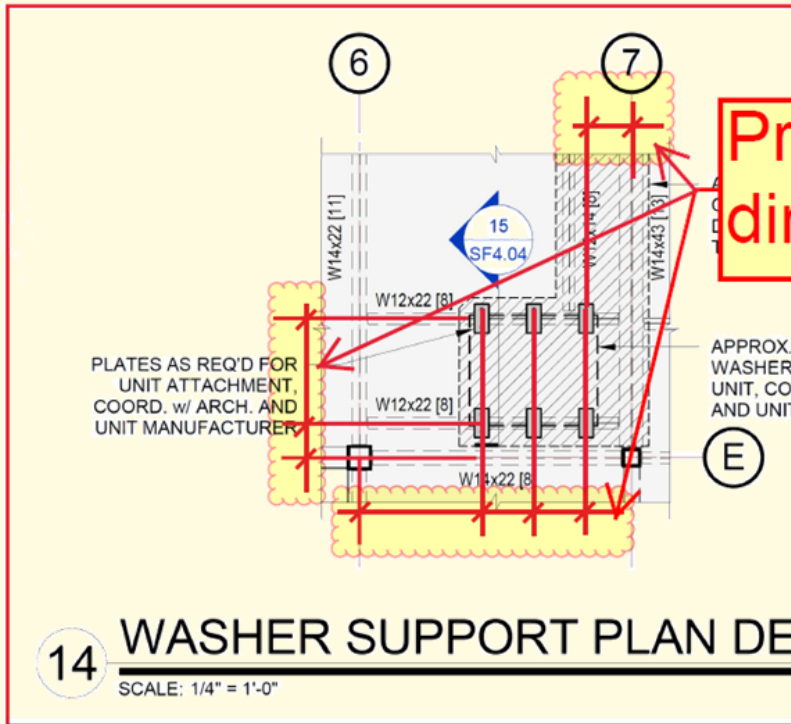
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**Anchoring is not a trivial consideration**

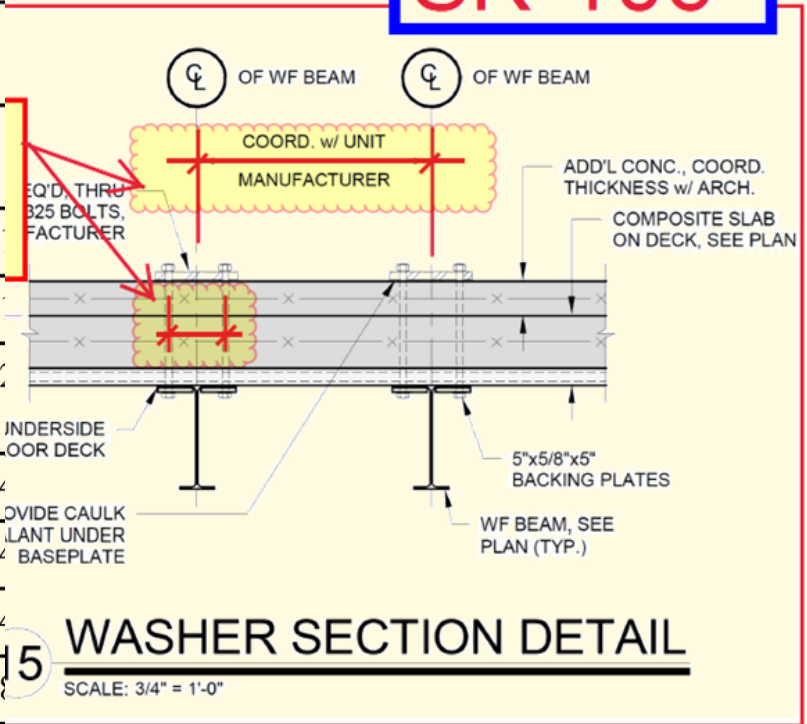
# Elevated Slabs

## Floor Load Data

**SK-106**



Specifications	
Static load, lb [kN]	
Static pressure, lb/ft <sup>2</sup> [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	
Maximum dynamic load, lb [kN]	
Maximum dynamic pressure, lb/ft <sup>2</sup> [kN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	L-Speed
	M-Speed
	V-Speed
Dynamic load frequency, Hz	L-Speed
	M-Speed
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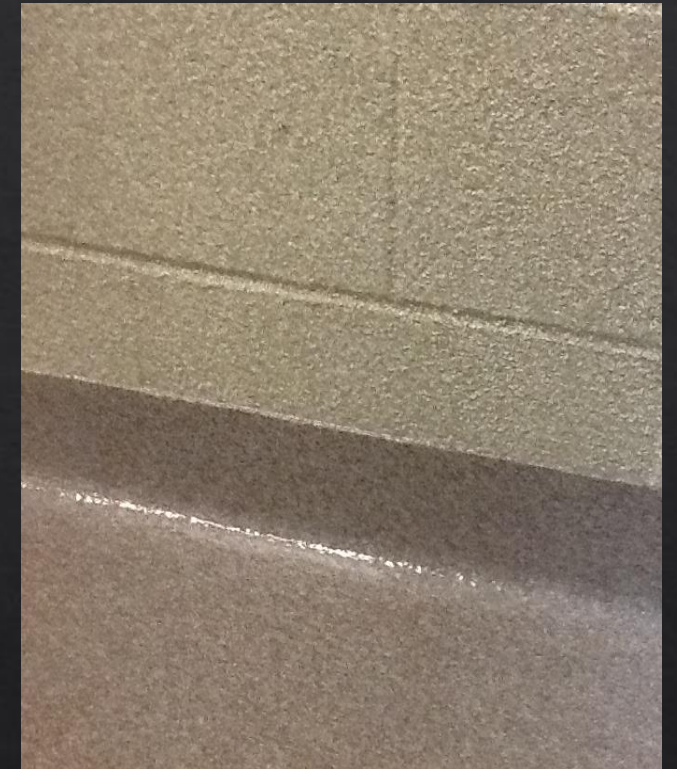
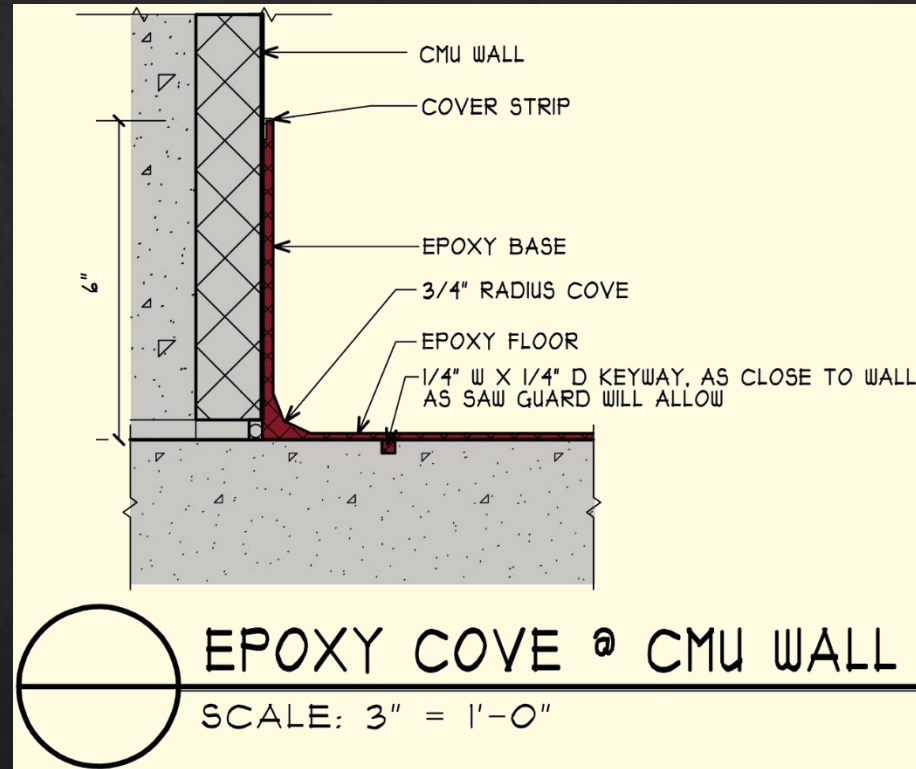


**EXTRACT FROM**



# Surfaces

- Epoxy slab
- Wall finish
- Wall Smoothness
- Sanitary cove
- Flush ceiling
- Dirt gathering places
- Antibacterial finishes?



# Surfaces

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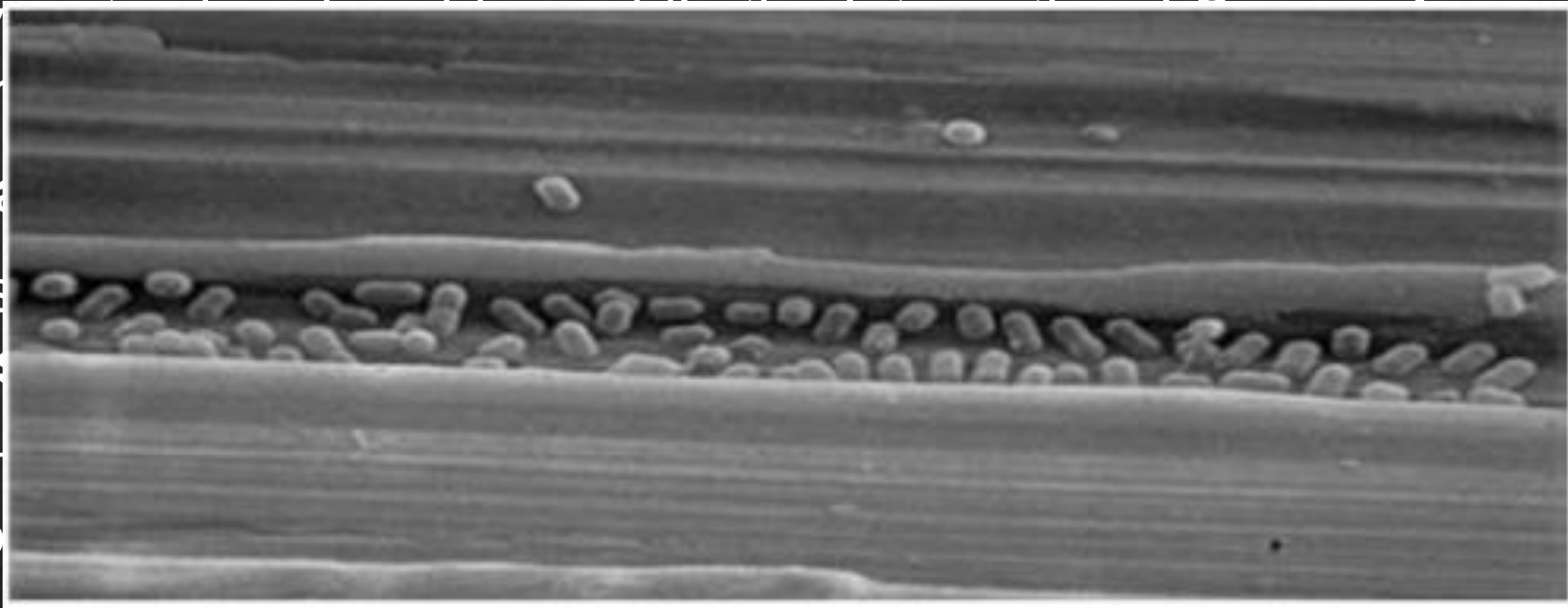
## Nooks and crannies



# Anti-Bacterial Surfaces

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- CDC advises that...ation
- Kaiser Health...program.
- Smooth surfaces...ce;
- reservoirs...y.
- Using antimicro...with
- antimicro...with
- Best practices include: laundering with a dryer, disinfecting, hand washing along with alcohol-based hand sanitizing.



# Other Agents

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- CO<sup>2</sup> ?
- Ozone ?
- UV?
- High Temp Vapor



# Other Agents – CO<sub>2</sub>

- Tersus' cleantech uses LCO<sub>2</sub>
- They state that it removes 95%+ of the PAH according to a recent NC State Study.



# Other Agents - Ozone

Aquawing Ozone Laundry System




Validated Ozone Disinfection



**DEFENDOR<sub>3</sub>**  
**VALIDATED**  
**DISINFECTION**  
**WASH**

- Kill Bacteria
- Destroy Viruses
- Remove Carcinogens
- Gentle on Gear
- Eliminate Smoke Odors

Kill up to 99.99% of pathogens and viruses on Masks and other PPE equipment utilizing a chemical-free, dry ozone process



Ozone is more effective than chlorine in destroying viruses and bacteria

The ozonation process utilizes a short contact time (approximately 10 - 30 minutes)

There are no harmful residuals that need to be removed after ozonation because ozone decomposes rapidly

No installation required.  
No tanks to fill or empty.  
No vents or drains.

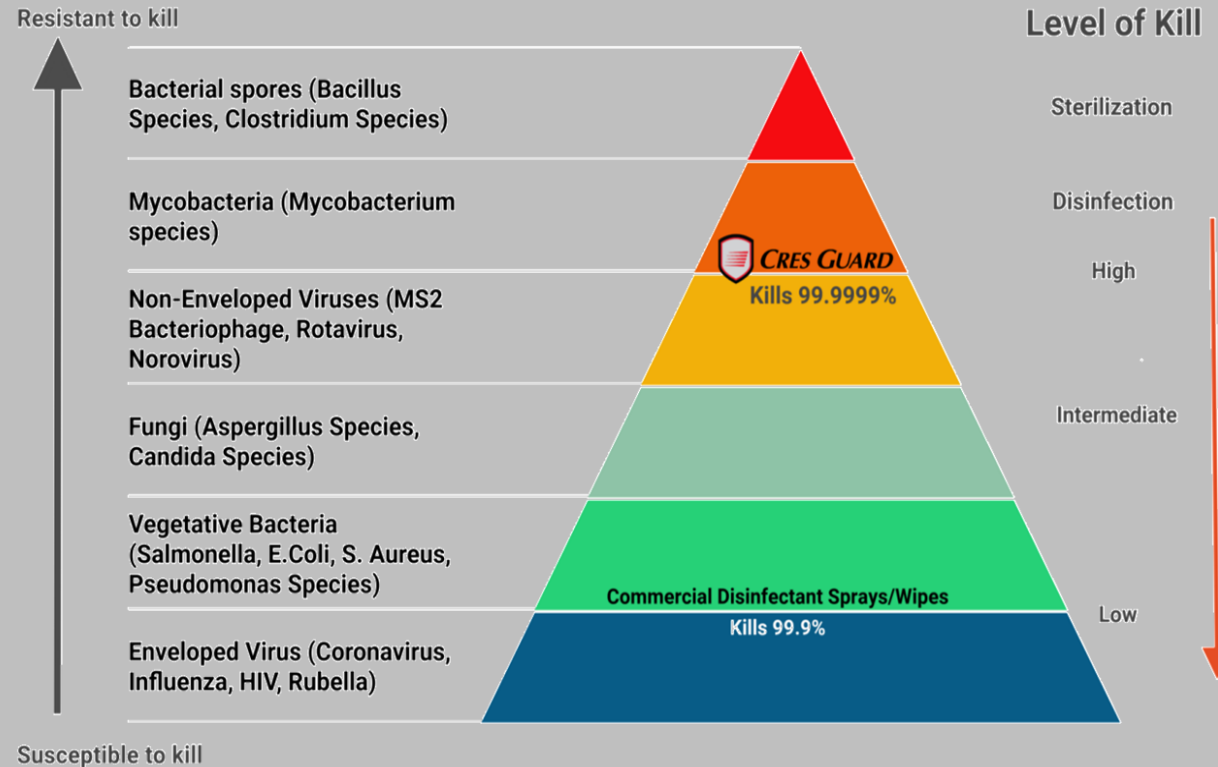
- Is Ozone a viable treatment?



# Other Agents – High Temp Vapor



## Tested to kill Viruses & Bacteria up to 99.9999%



#CGMH73A

# Thinking outside the spectrum: Efficacy of a UV-A lighting system for passive disinfection of healthcare associated pathogens

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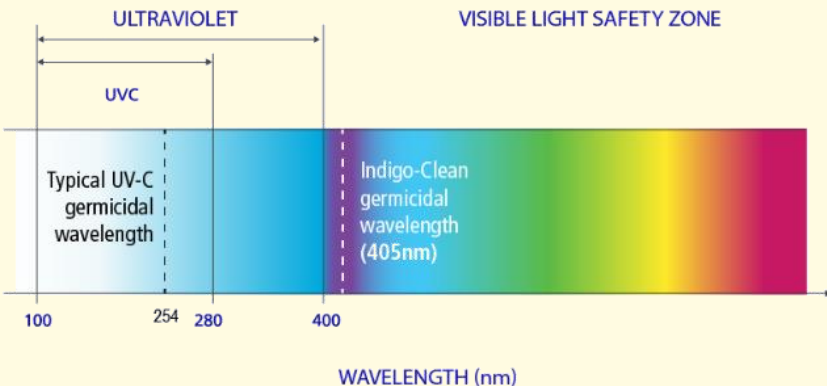
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405 nanometers: Peak germicidal activity via photoexcitation of porphyrin molecules

## Introduction

- Mobile UV-C light room decontamination devices are increasingly used as an adjunct to standard cleaning in patient rooms
- However, UV-C cannot be used when patients or personnel are present
- UV-A (315-400 nm) has been proposed as a safe method to provide continuous disinfection of surfaces that can occur while patients and staff are present

## Methods

- In the laboratory, we evaluated the efficacy of UV-A for reduction of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), *Escherichia coli*, *Clostridium difficile* spores, *Candida auris*, and bacteriophages phi X147 and MS2 on steel disk carriers
- Recovery of organisms from carriers exposed to UV-A was compared to controls held under ambient light for the same duration of exposure

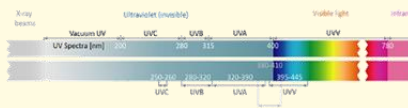


Figure 1. Reduction of organisms exposed to 3 W/m<sup>2</sup> of UV-A

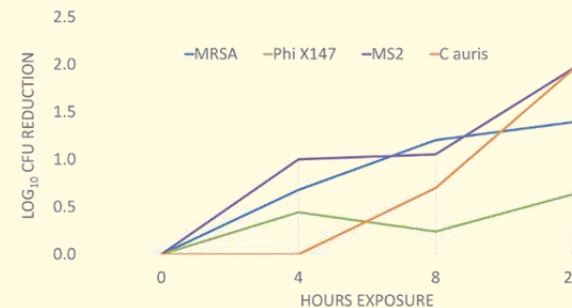
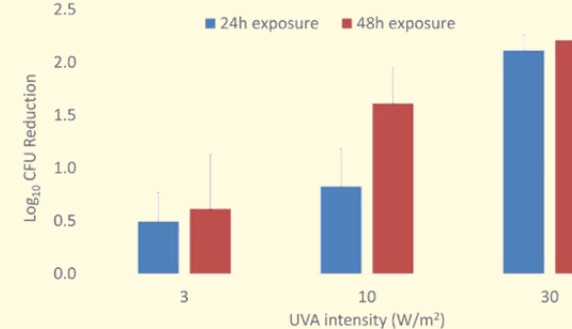


Figure 2. Reduction of *C. difficile* spores exposed to variable intensities of UV-A



## Results

- At the intensity proposed for use in patient rooms (3 W/m<sup>2</sup>), we found that MRSA and *E. coli* were reduced by  $\geq 1.2 \log_{10}$  CFU after 8 hours of exposure (figure 1)
- Bacteriophage MS2 and Phi X147 were reduced by 1.1  $\log_{10}$  PFU and .3  $\log_{10}$  PFU respectively after 8 hours of exposure (figure 1)
- At 3 W/m<sup>2</sup>, *C. difficile* and *Candida auris* were reduced by <0.5  $\log_{10}$  CFU at 8 hours
- At 24 and 48 hours of exposure at 30 W/m<sup>2</sup>, *C. difficile* spores were reduced by 2.1  $\log_{10}$  CFU and 2.2  $\log_{10}$  CFU respectively (figure 2)

## Conclusions and Acknowledgements

- We found that UV-A light was effective in reducing MRSA, *E. coli*, and bacteriophage MS2 at an intensity level proposed for use in patient rooms
- At higher intensities (10, 30 W/m<sup>2</sup>), UV-A was also effective against *C. difficile* spores
- UV-A may be useful as a supplement to standard cleaning by providing continuous low level disinfection of surfaces
- Current, Powered by GE provided the testing apparatus but had no role in the study design or outcome



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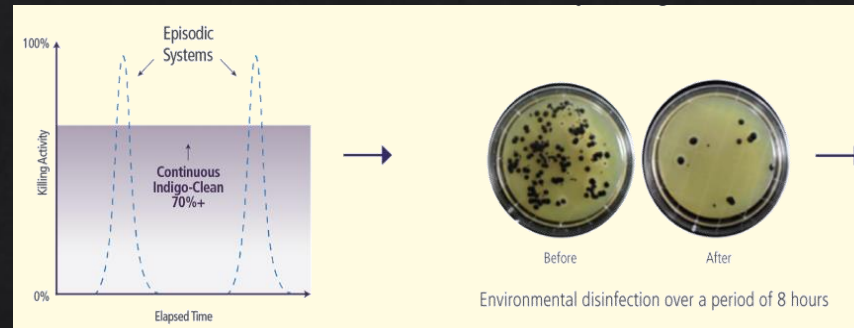
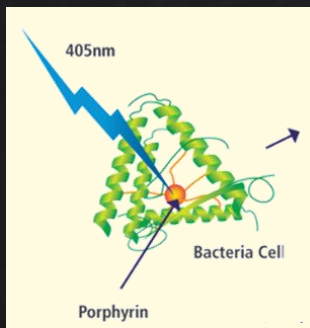


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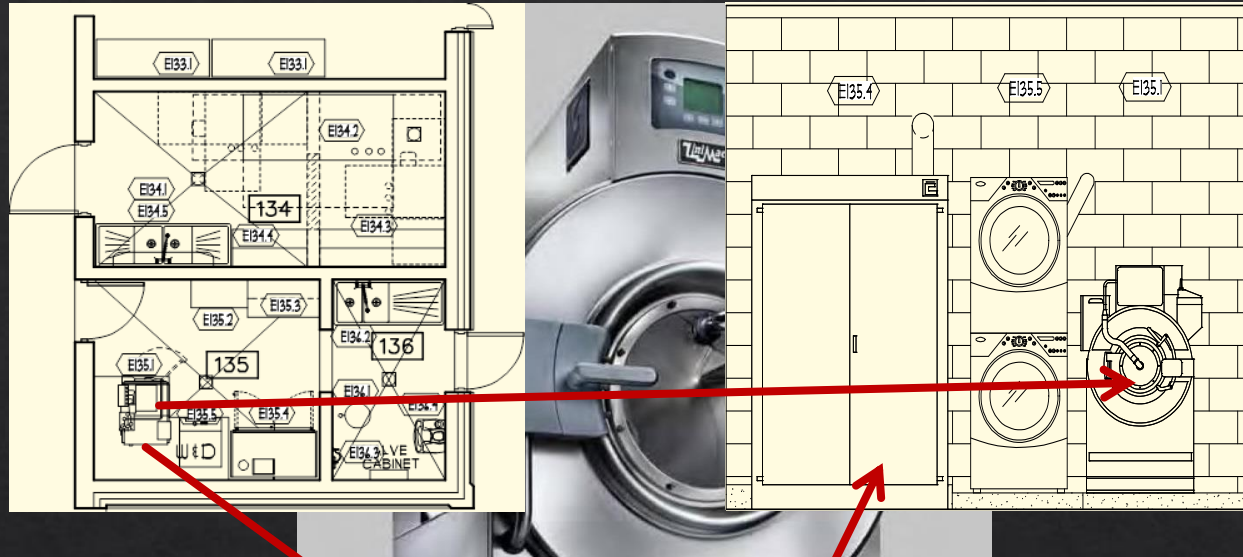
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# Controlling Outcomes



Room No.	Room Name	Equip. No.	Provided by GC	Provided by PC	Provided by MC	Provided by EC	Supplied by Owner	Installed by GC	Installed by PC	Installed by EC	Installed by others, connections by PC	Installed by others, connections by EC	Mfr. & Model No.	Description
134	SCBA	E134.1		X									UNIVERSAL 2N1627-2D24	2 Comp Sink With 2 Drain Boards
		E134.1		X									Advance Tabco K-116	Pre-Rinse Faucet
		E134.2				X	X					X	Owner's equipment	SCBA Compressor & Fill Station - get specs
		E134.3		X										Countertop, Wall & Base Cabinets - See A700
135	LAUNDRY	E134.4		X									Advance Tabco SW1-60	Countertop, Wall & Base Cabinets - See A700
		E134.5		X										SS Single Bar Pot Rack - 60" LONG
		E135.1				X	X				X	X	UniMac # UW60	Turnout Gear Washer Extractor
		E135.2				X							Global #T9A236632	Heavy Duty Shelving 36x18x96 With 5 Shelves
		E135.3		X										Countertop, Wall & Base Cabinets - See A700
136	DECON	E135.4				X	X				X	X	Cissel ACG	Turnout Gear Drying Cabinet
		E135.5				X	X				X	X	Whirlpool WFW88HEAC	Residential Clothes Washer with steam sanitize
		E135.5				X	X					X	Whirlpool WED88HEAC	Residential Electric Clothes Dryer with steam cycle - stacking kit
		E136.1		X									Advance Tabco 93-2-36-24 & Advance Tabco K-116.	2 bowl Pot Sink w/Hand Held, foot control. Sink Bowl 24" x 24" - 14" deep with 8" high backsplash & wall mounted spray arm.
136	DECON	E136.2		X									Guardian G-1662	Drench Shower with test kit
		E136.3		X									Moen 8346	Heavy duty hand held shower
		E136.4		X									Global TPA-237005	Portable Eye Wash Station

# Control The Design & Construction Process



Beware of Value Engineering



# Control The Design & Construction Process



# What About Retrofits?



# Retrofit

Engine 01 Ladder 05 711 South Broad St.	Engine 02 Ladder 03 2426-32 2nd St.	Engine 03 200 Washington Ave.	Engine 05 Ladder 06 4221-29 Market St.	(Engine 09) Ladder 16 2601 Belgrade St.	Engine 07 Ladder 10 3780 Kensington Ave.	Engine 08 Ladder 02 4th and Arch St.	Engine 09 Ladder 21 6900 Germantown Ave.	Engine 10 Ladder 11 1341 South 12th St.
Engine 11 605 South St.	Engine 12 Ladder 25 4445-54 Main St.	Engine 13 1541 Parish St.	(Engine 14) Ladder 15 1658 Foulkrod St.	Engine 16 1517 Belmont Ave.	Engine 18 8205 Roosevelt Blvd	Engine 19 Ladder 08 300 E. Chelton Ave.	Engine 20 Ladder 23 133 North 10th St.	Engine 22 Ladder 31 3270 Comly Rd.
Engine 24 PD 17 20th and Federal	Engine 25 2937 Boudinot St.	Engine 27 1900 Oxford Ave.	Engine 28 2530 E. Ontario St.	Engine 29 (Ladder 07) 4th and Girard Aves.	Engine 33 4750 Richmond St.	Engine 34 1301 N. 28th St.	Engine 35 Ladder 25 4208 Ridge Ave.	Engine 36 Ladder 20 7818 Frankford Ave.
Engine 37 103 W. Highland Ave.	Engine 38 4931 Magee	Engine 39/Ladder 30 PD 05 6654 Ridge Ave.	Engine 40/Ladder 04 PD 12 69th & Woodland Ave.	Engine 41/Ladder 24 PD 19 599 N. 61st St.	Engine 43 Ladder 09 2110 Market St.	Engine 44 3420 Haverford Ave.	Engine 45 Ladder 14 26th and York St.	Engine 46 9179 Frankford Ave.
Engine 47 3095 Grays Ferry Ave.	Engine 49 13th and Shunk St.	Engine 50 Ladder 19 1325 W. Cambria St.	Engine 51/Ladder 20 PD 38 5931 Old York Rd.	Engine 52 4501 Van Kirk St.	Engine 53 Ladder 27 412 Snyder Ave.	Engine 54 63rd and Lancaster Ave.	Engine 55 Ladder 22 115 W. Luzerne St.	Engine 56 830 Rhawn St.
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Engine 68 Ladder 13 5198 Willows St.	Engine 69 (Ladder 25) 82nd and Bartrum Ave.	Engine 70 4800 Langdon St.	Engine 71 Ladder 28 1900 Cottman Ave.	Engine 72 1127 W. Louden St.	Engine 73 7599 Ogontz Ave.	Marine Unit 1 1 Washington Ave.	Marine Unit 2 Passyunk & Schuykill Aves	Task Force One 6601 State Road

# Test Cases

<p>Engine 01      Ladder 05 711 South Broad St.</p> 	<p>Engine 05      Ladder 06 4221-29 Market St .</p> 	<p>Engine 09      Ladder 21 6900 Germantown Ave.</p> 
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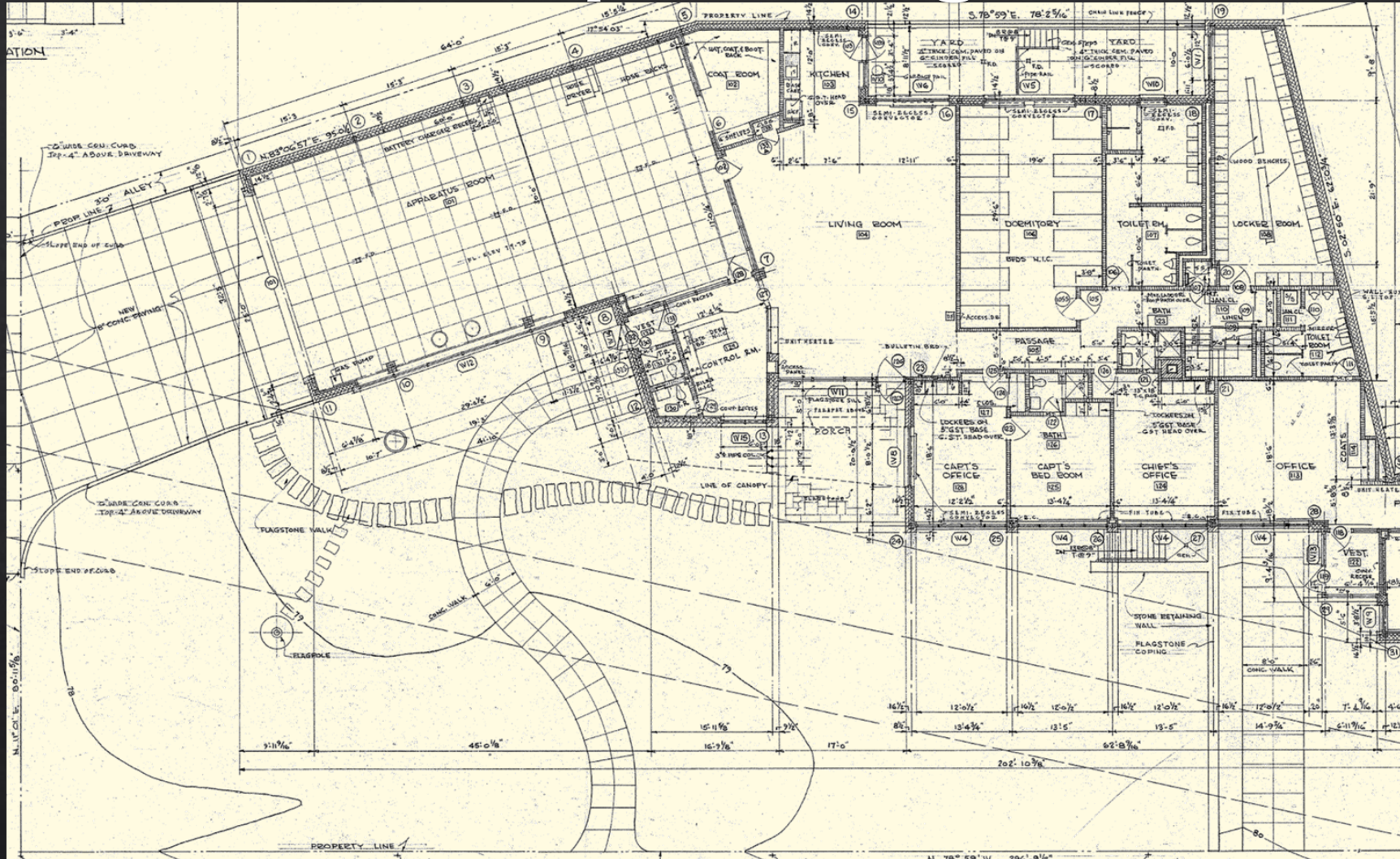
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Space available for expansion

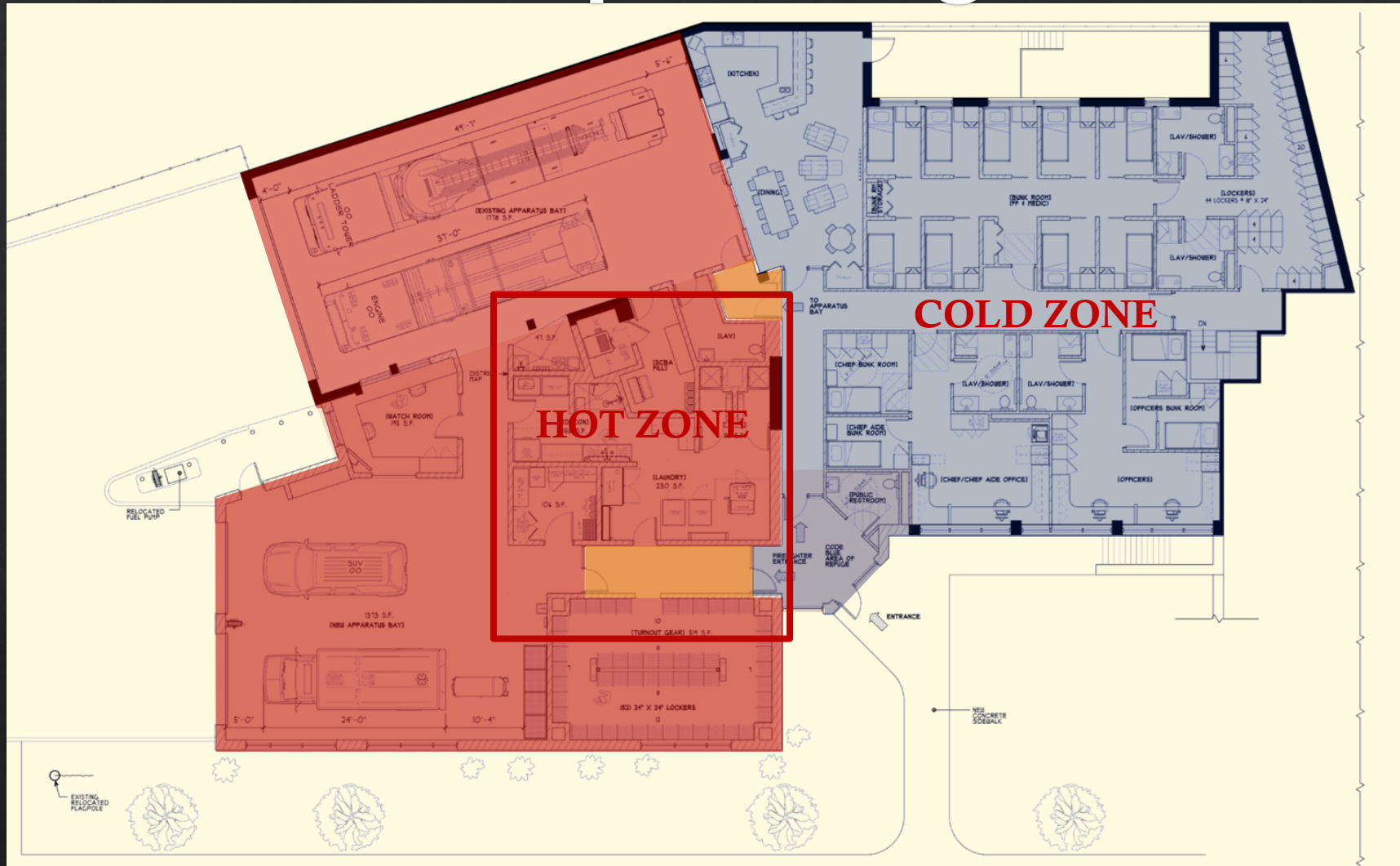


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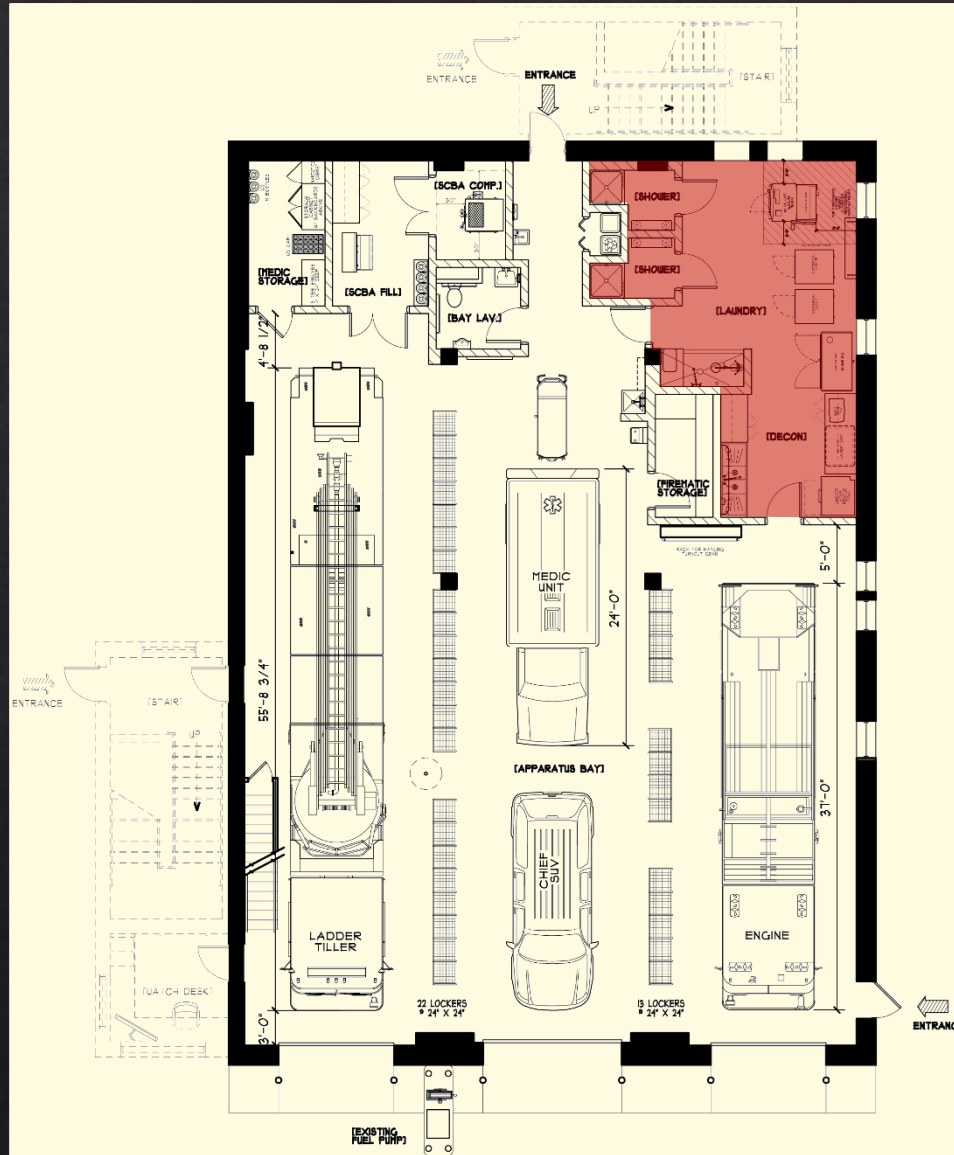
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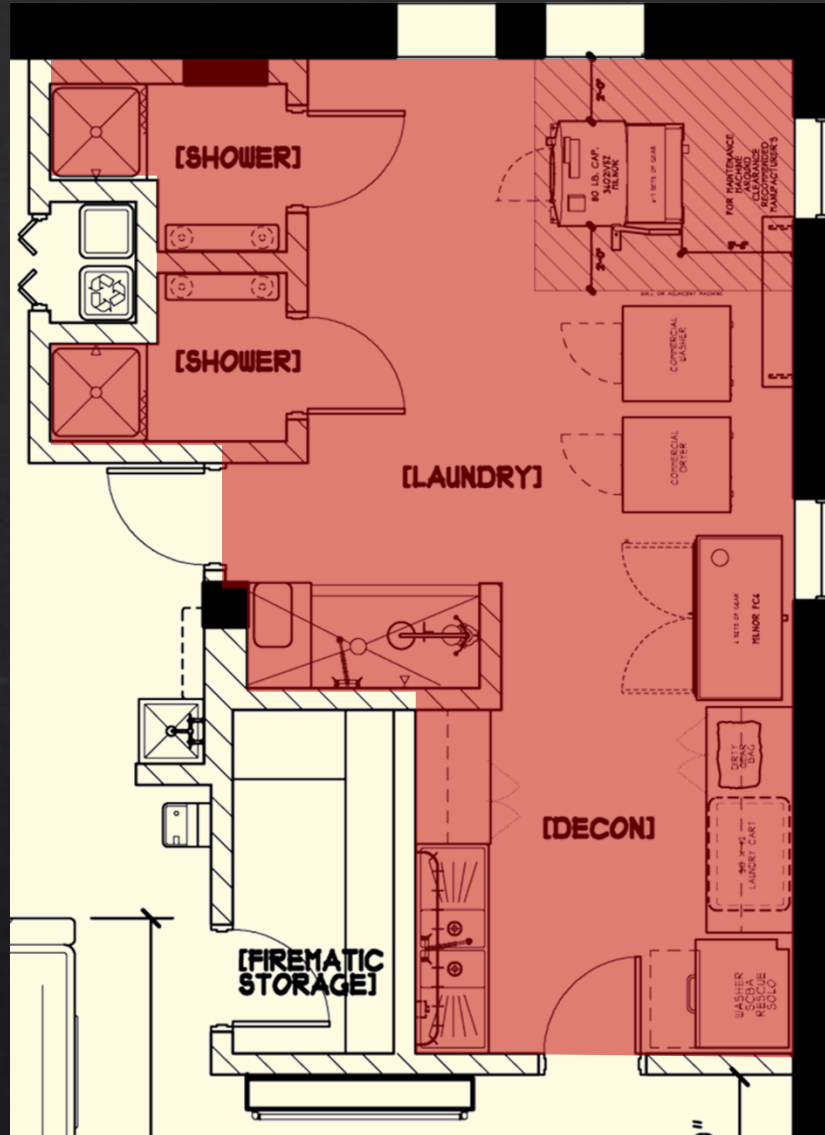
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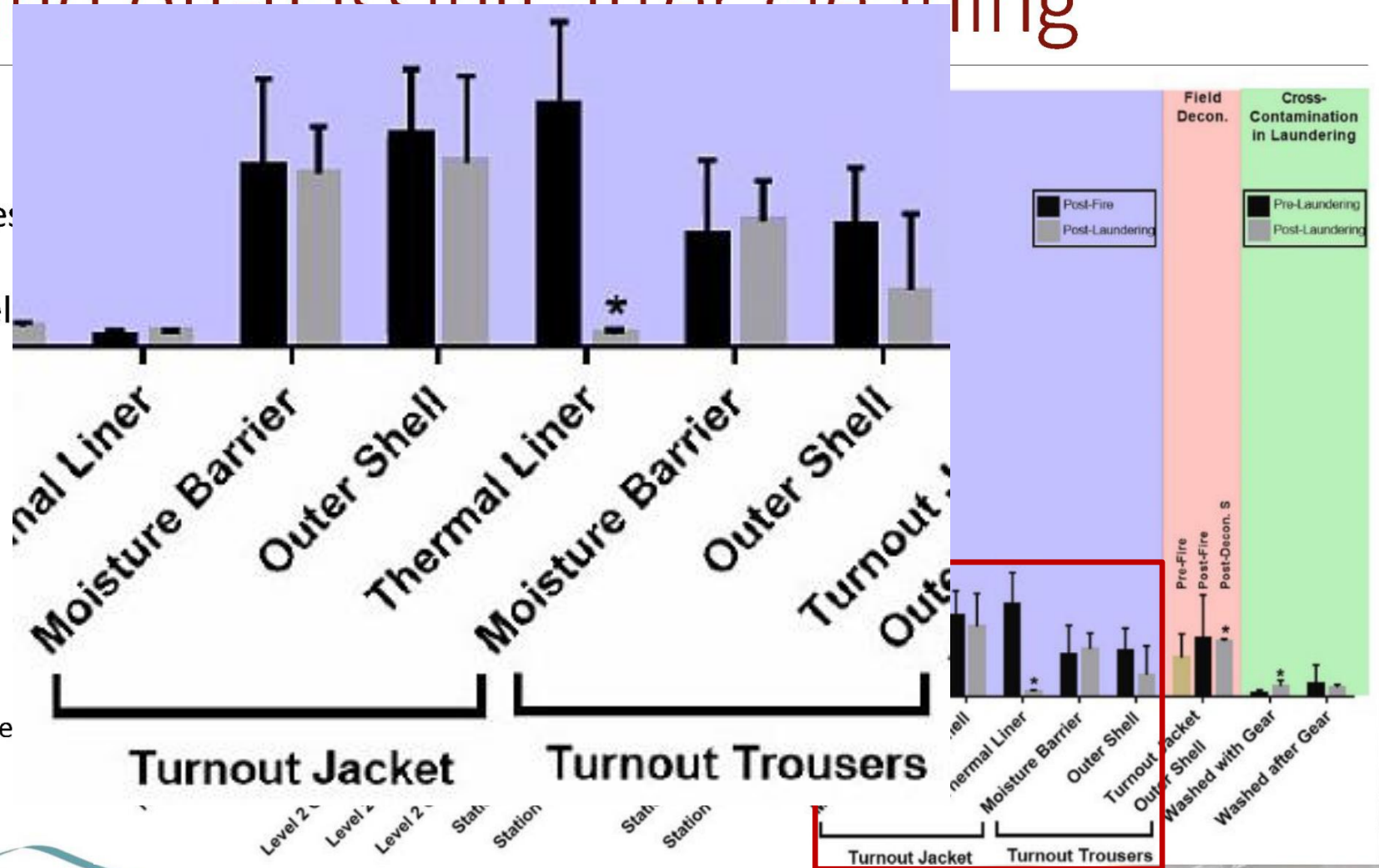


# Philadelphia Engine 50



# Residual and off-gassing after cleaning

- Residual from layers of laundered jacket and gloves
- Off-gassing from outer shell of laundered uniform



Source: QAEHS, Queensland Alliance Environmental Health Sciences



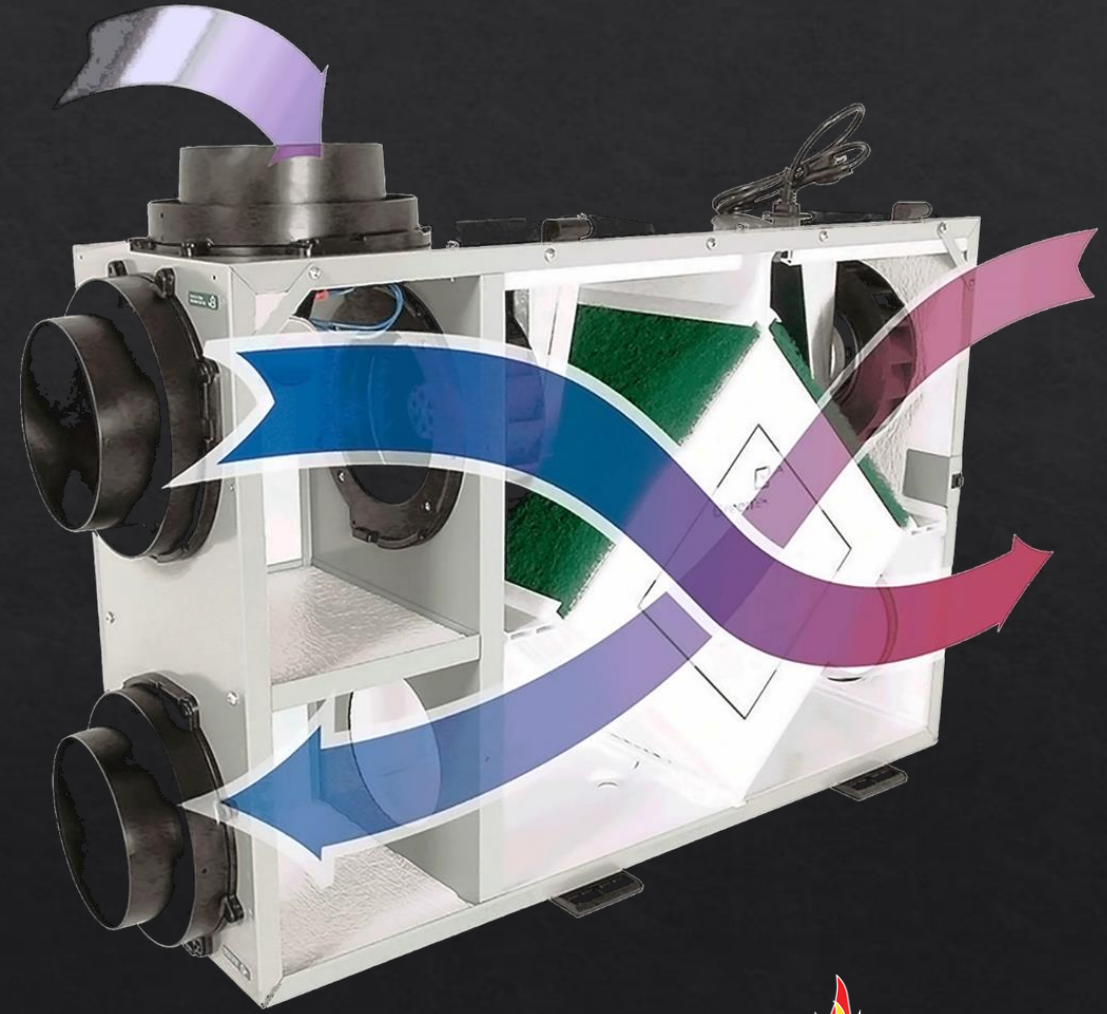


# Ventilation

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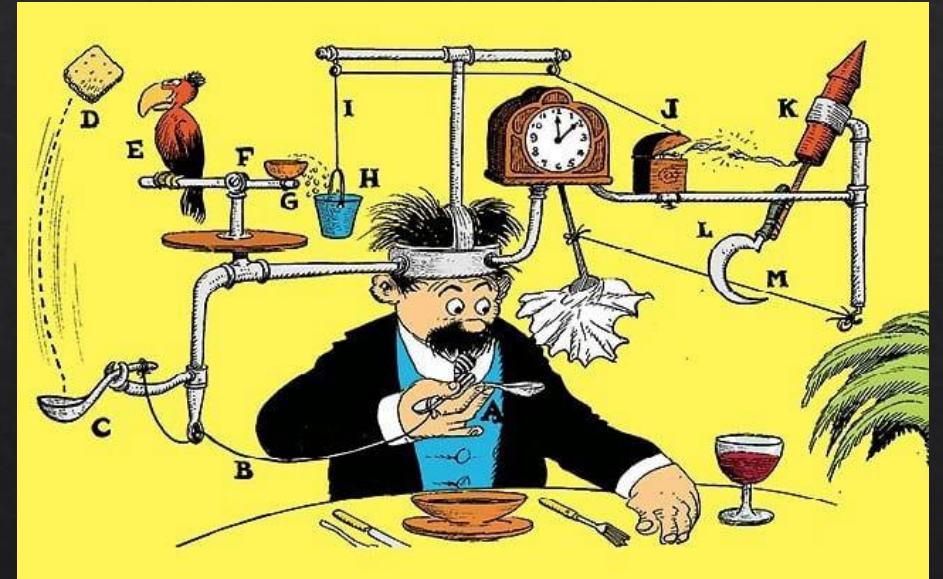
- Ventilation rate – Labs use 6 AC/hr
- Where does the exhaust go
- Recover the exhaust energy

**Not enthalpy recovery!!!!**



# Key Messages

- Determine your protocol & design to it
- Evaluate the required throughput rate & number of people in the space
- Allow for ergonomics of the tasks
- Consider proposed & future equipment
- Understand manufacturers' requirements





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Conducting Wear Trials;  
Lessons Learned



Impact of Exposures  
on Particulate Hoods

Integration of Carbon Nanotube Hybrid  
Textile System in Personal Protective  
Equipment for the Ohio Fire Service

On-site Deployment Decon  
Apparatus



Enhanced Cleaning Procedures for  
Turnout Gear

Effectiveness of Exposure Mitigation  
Strategies for Fire Investigators

Do We Have A  
Solution to Address  
Contamination?

Impact of  
SCBA Weight  
on the Firefighter

Field Evaluations of First Responder PPE  
Opportunities & Limitations  
Best Practices for Obtaining Reliable Data

Environmental and Occupational  
Exposures Effects on Firefighters

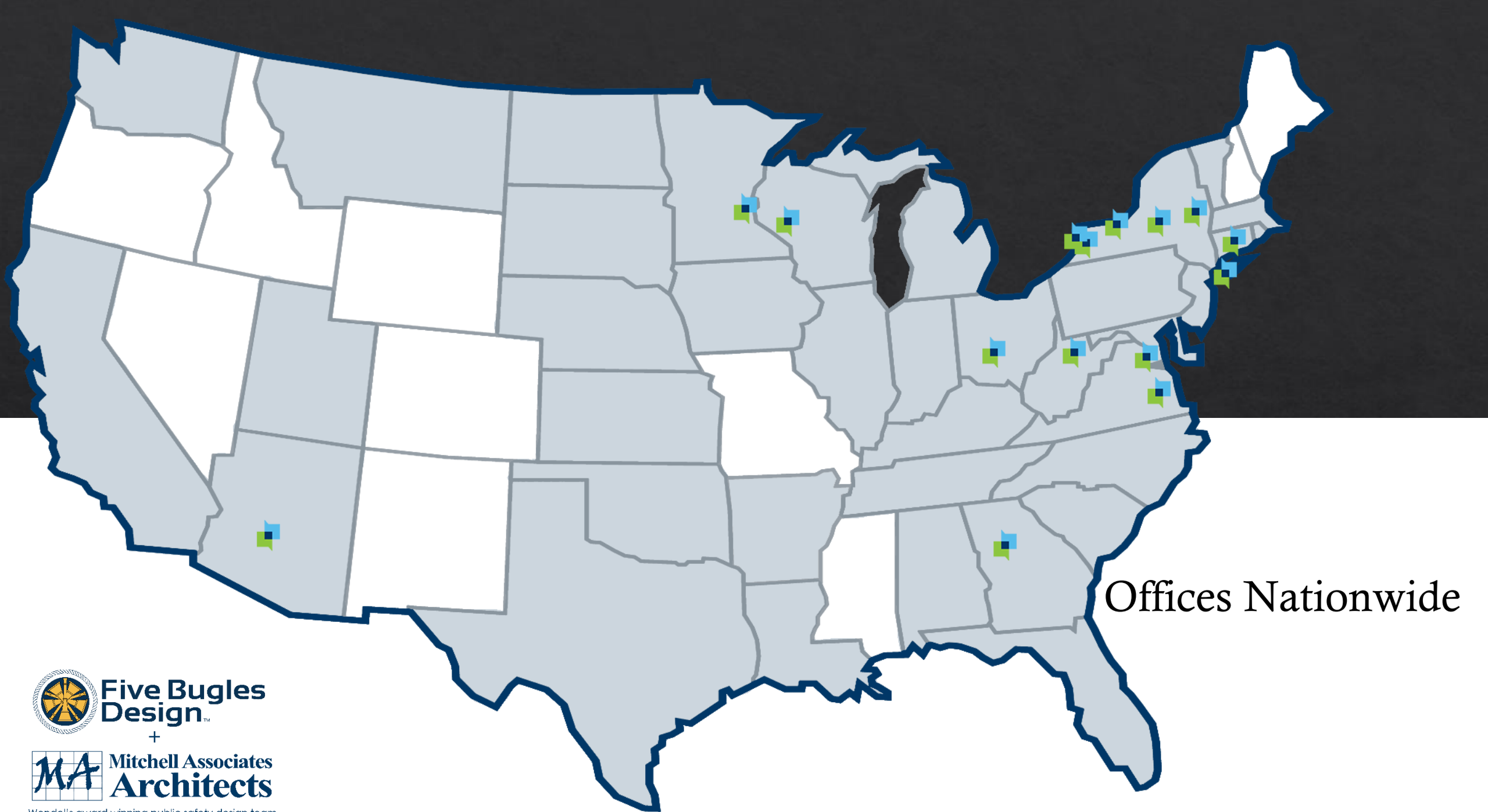
Effects of Turnout Construction and Use  
Conditions on Heat Loss through Turnouts Suits  
and the Impact on Firefighter Heat Stress

Update on  
NFPA PPE &  
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Dermal Carcinogen Absorption  
in Firefighters: Updates &  
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