



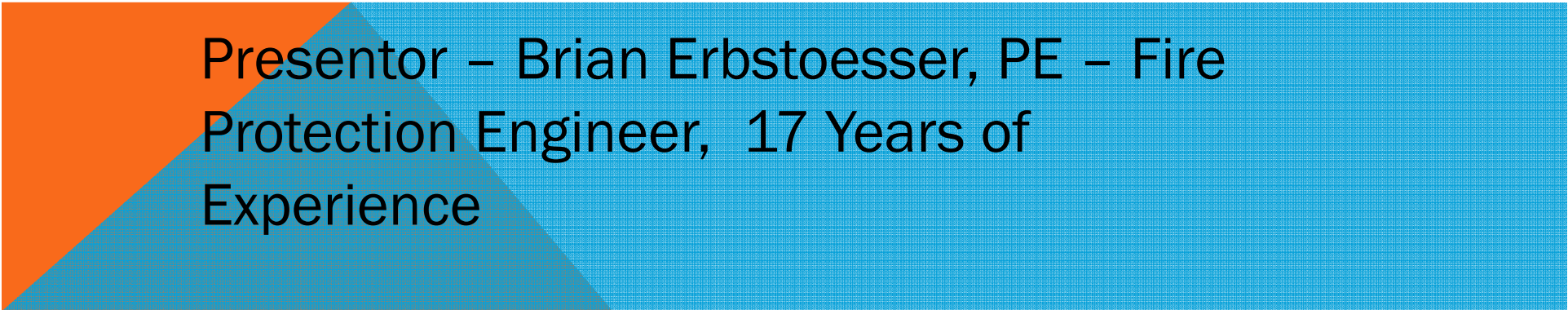
HIGH EXPANSION FOAM AND SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS FOR DOD HANGARS

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Introduction – DoD Hangars are used for shelter, maintenance, and inspections of aircraft and helicopters that are worth millions of dollars. Fire suppression systems are there to protect the aircraft and helicopters, buildings, and above all... personnel. This presentation is to discuss DoD Fire Suppression Systems for Hangars.



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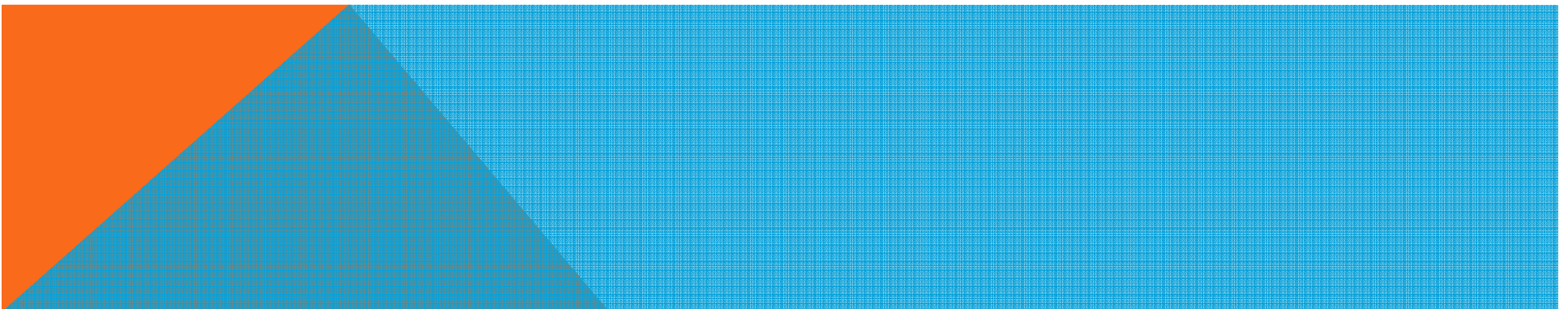
What are typical systems that protect Department of Defense Hangars?

Wet Pipe Sprinkler Systems – Administration Areas

Dry Pipe Sprinkler Systems – Hangar Bays

Low Level, High Expansion Foam – Hangar Bays

What is Low Level, High Expansion Foam?



Starting Point – Criteria

Private Sector uses National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 409

Department of Defense (DoD) uses Various Criteria (Army, Navy, Airforce, Marines)

- Unified Facilities Criteria (UFCs)
3-600-01
4-211-01, 4-211-01N
4-211-02, 4-211-03F
- Engineering Technical Letter (ETLs)
AF ETL 02-15
- Engineering Construction Bulletins (ECBs)
ECB 2015-17
- NFPA
NFPA 11, 11A, 20, 22, 24, 70, 72, 409

Where to find the criteria? www.wbdg.org (Whole Building Design Guide)

**NOTE: Many changes in the criteria over the last 4 years –
can be confusing**

Have criteria...now what?

How to protect hangars?

Active Systems:

- **Wet Pipe Sprinkler Systems in Administration Areas – Typical for All Normal Buildings (Light Hazard, Ordinary Hazard, etc.)**
- **Dry Pipe Sprinkler System for Hangar Bays (Requirement is .2 gpm over 5,000 square feet).**
- **Low Level, High Expansion Foam System in Hangar Bay as well as the Dry Pipe System.**

Passive Components:

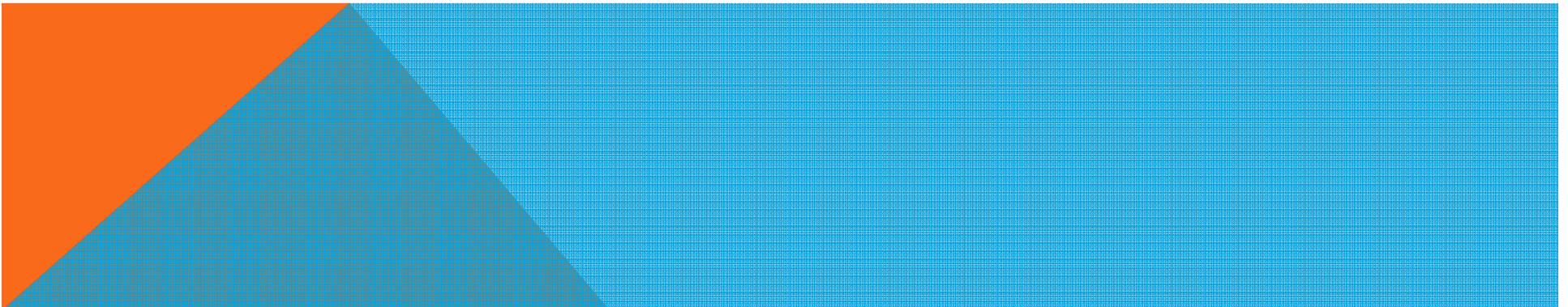
- **Draft Curtains every 15,000 square feet.**
- **Hangar Separated by All Other Areas by Minimum 1 Hour Fire Rated Walls**

Let's Talk Low Level, High Expansion Foam System....

Typical Components:



High Expansion Foam – 2% or 3% - Not AFFF



Typical Components - Continued

Atmospheric Storage
Tank – No Bladder Tanks



High Expansion
Foam Generator



Foam Proportioner
In-line



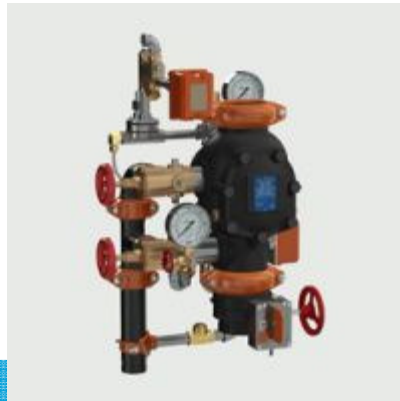
Typical Components - Continued



Foam Pumps –
Stainless Steel or
Resistant to Foam
Corrosion



Multi-Spectrum
IR Flame Detector



Deluge Valve - Electric

Design Strategy – How to Design the System?

NFPA 11 (National Fire Protection Association) is General Guidance

It is the basis for ETL 02-15

What is required? Performance....

Cover 90 Percent of Aircraft Silhouette in one minute or less (floor layout)

Cover aircraft servicing area and adjacent areas to a depth of one meter (3.2 feet)
In four minutes or less

2.6 cubic feet min/square feet to 4 cubic feet min/square feet

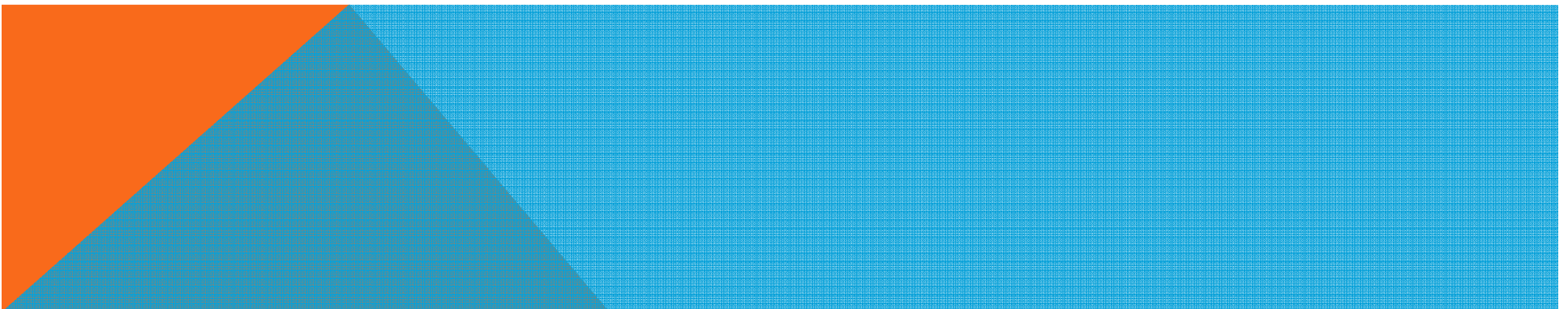
Important Necessary Data:

NFPA 291 – Hydrant Flow Test Data – Available Water Flow and Pressure
(critical design information)

This determines need for Fire Pumps, Foam Concentrate Pumps,
Foam Generators, and overall System Performance

Select some preliminary equipment (HEF Generators)
and put together some possible layouts

Start calculations.....What calculations?



Calculate Minimum Discharge Rate or Total Generator Capacity

$$R = \left(\frac{V}{T} + R_s \right) \times C_n \times C_l$$

R = Rate of discharge in cubic feet/min

V = Submergence volume in cubic feet (next formula)

$$V = A \times D$$

A = Area of the aircraft servicing floor and adjacent floor areas (square feet)

D = Depth = 3.28 feet

T = Submergence time in minutes = 4 minutes

R_s = Rate of foam breakdown by sprinklers (next formula)

$$R_s = S \times Q$$

S = Foam breakdown from sprinklers (10 cubic feet per minute * gpm)

Q = Estimated total discharge from sprinklers (expected to operate)

C_n = Compensation for normal foam shrinkage = 1.15 (empirical)

C_l = Compensation due to leakage around doors and windows and unclosable openings (values in ETL 02-15)

The calculations can be done by hand.

A good tool is an Excel Spreadsheet created by US Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District

SPRINKLER AND HIGH EXPANSION FOAM CALCULATIONS 4/18/2017

PROJECT LOCATION: [Redacted] **Approx. hangar height is 19 ft for Chinook** **NFPA 11 depth calc**

Remarks: Check NFPA compliant, Group I hangar water demand

Protected Area: 15,000 sf

Foam Depth Required: 3.20 ft

Initial Submergence Time: 4.00 minutes

Foam Concentrate Duration: 15 minutes

Sprinkler Water Duration: 15 minutes

Storage Safety Factor: 1.20%

Drift Curtain Max Coverage: 15,000 sf

Maximum System Size: 52,000 sf

Area of Operation: 5,000 sf

Density: 0.2 gpm/sf

Outside Hose Allowance: 0 gpm

Inside Hose Allowance: 0 gpm

Sprinkler Imbalance: 20%

Temperature Rating: 175 deg F

Spacing: 12 ft

Max Coverage/Head: 130 sf

Sprinkler System Demand (highest flow system):

Sprinkler flowrate (estimated): 1,200 gpm

Foam Rate of Discharge:

$R = [(V/T) + R_s] \times C_n \times C_L = 69,000 \text{ cfm} \quad 4.60 \text{ cfm/sf of floor area}$

Approx Gens 6 at flow of: 11,500 cfm/generator

Legend:

R = rate of discharge in cfm
V = submergence volume in ft³
T = submergence time in minutes
R_s = rate of foam breakdown by sprinklers in cfm
C_n = compensation for normal foam shrinkage
C_L = compensation for leakage

$R_s = 5 \times Q = 12,000 \text{ cfm}$

S = foam breakdown in cfm per gpm of sprinkler discharge
S = 10 cfm/gpm

Q = estimated total discharge from maximum number of sprinklers expected to operate in gpm (includes inside hose)

C_n 1.15 (1.15 - normal foam shrinkage factor) NFPA 11 and App A Army

C_L 2.5 (1.0 - building completely tight to the fill depth) NFPA 11
1.2 (1.2 - significant leakage/foam loss) NFPA 11

App A Army: Cannot be less than 2.0 for hangars < 15,000sf
2.5 for hangars < 30,000 sf
3.0 for all other hangars

2.00% Foam Concentrate Proportion

Select a foam generator:

150 psi inlet pressure (Chemguard selected due to most demanding from waterflow, concentrate, and pressure)

11,500 cfm foam output

110 gpm solution flow

2.2 gpm foam concentrate - each generator

107.8 gpm water flow - each generator

6.00 generators required to produce foam design flow

6 foam generators actually installed per design

1.2 foam system balance factor (COE practice)

15.84 gpm foam concentrate

776 gpm water flow - foam system

69,000 cfm actual foam generator output, giving a gross application rate of 4.60 cfm/sf

Actual application rate = Gross rate - Sprinkler Breakdown rate = 57,000 cfm

Effective application rate = 3.80 cfm/sf (Army required range is 2.6 to 4 cfm/sf)

WATER DEMAND ESTIMATE:

1,976 gpm (combined sprinkler and foam)

0 gpm outside hose allowance

0 gpm inside hose allowance

1,976 gpm total water demand

35,571 gallons of water required for sprinkler duration requirement.

Foam Concentrate MAIN Tank Size (minimum required concentrate)

Capacity = foam duration (minutes) x concentrate flowrate (gpm)

237.6 gallons for 15 minute duration

314 gallons to maintain submergence depth for 30 minutes per NFPA 11 assuming only makeup for foam breakdown due to sprinkler activation

Foam Concentrate RESERVE Tank Size (minimum required concentrate)

314 gallons (NFPA 409 6.2.6.4 requires reserve capacity)

(ARMY STANDARD HANGAR FIRE PROTECTION DESIGN 3.10.18.3 does NOT allow reserve capacity)

(NFPA 11 6.12.9.3 requires 100% reserve capacity)

per NFPA 409: 6.2.6.3 A reserve supply of foam concentrate of compatible type for the system shall be directly connected to the system and immediately available. The reserve supply shall be in the same quantity as the main supply. To prevent accidental depletion of this reserve supply, it shall be available to the system only by intentional manual operation.

Design/Selection of Components

Select High Expansion Foam Generators

Select Fire Pumps (if necessary)

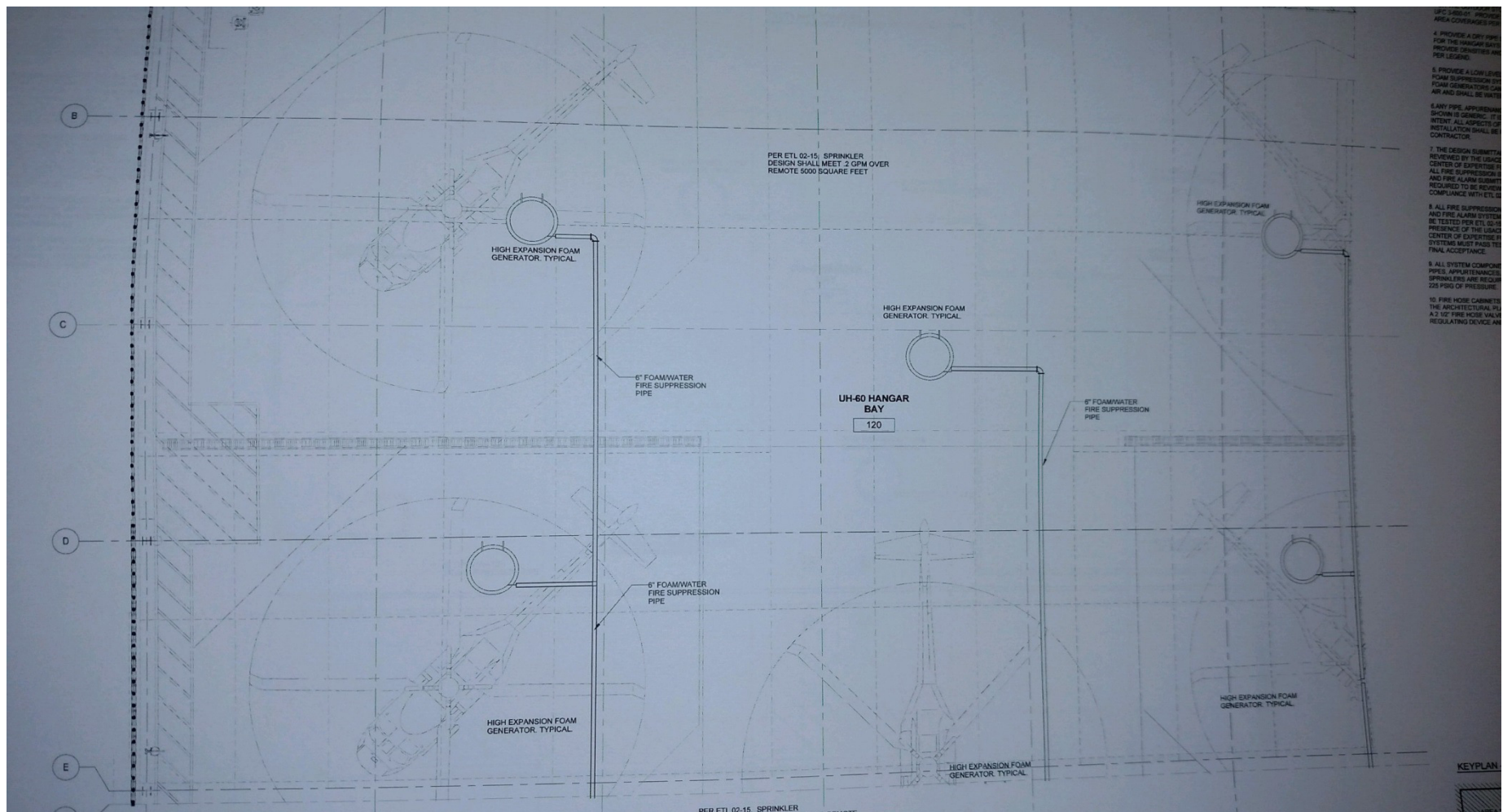
Select Foam Concentrate Tank Size

Select Foam Pumps

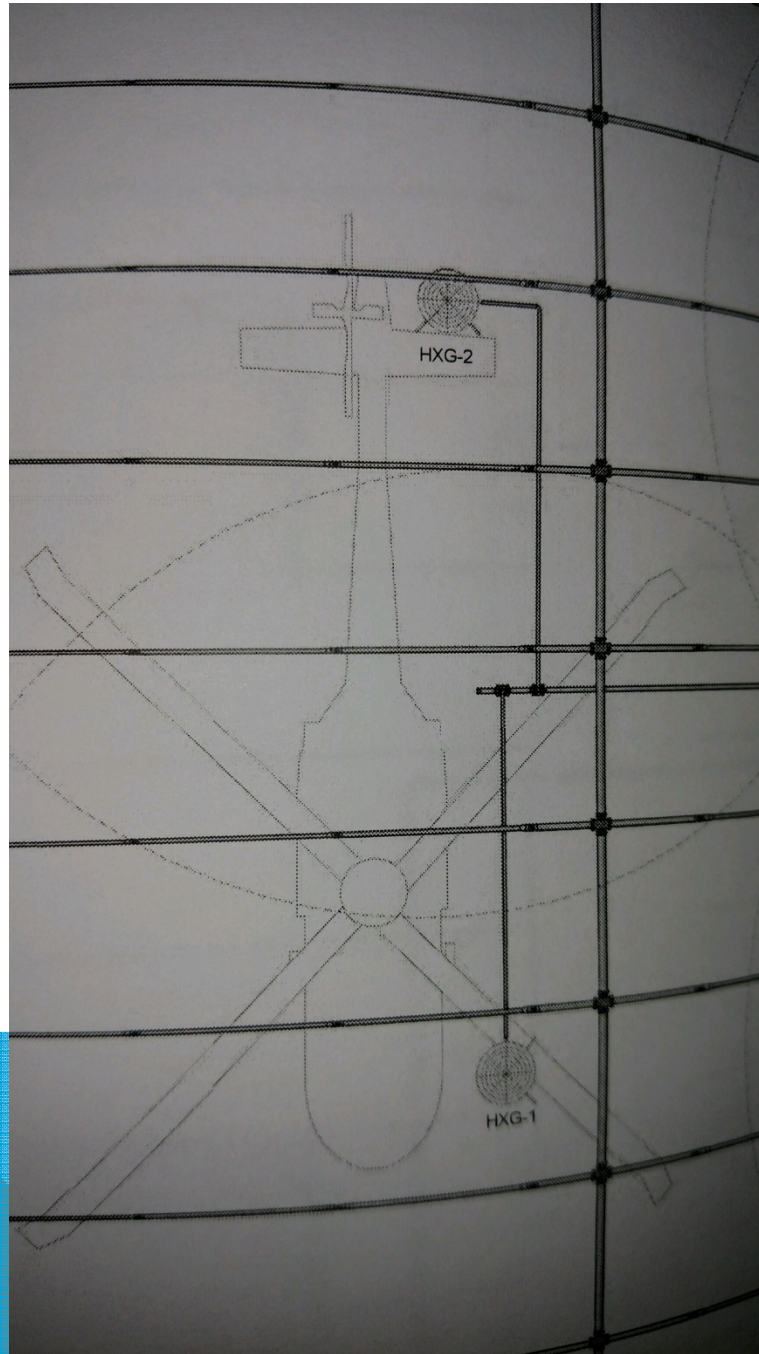
Select Deluge Valve (HEF Valve)

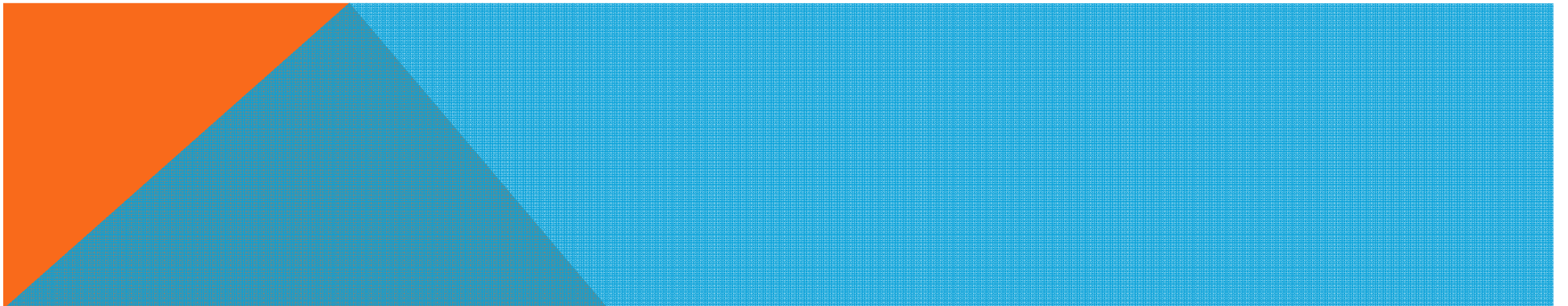
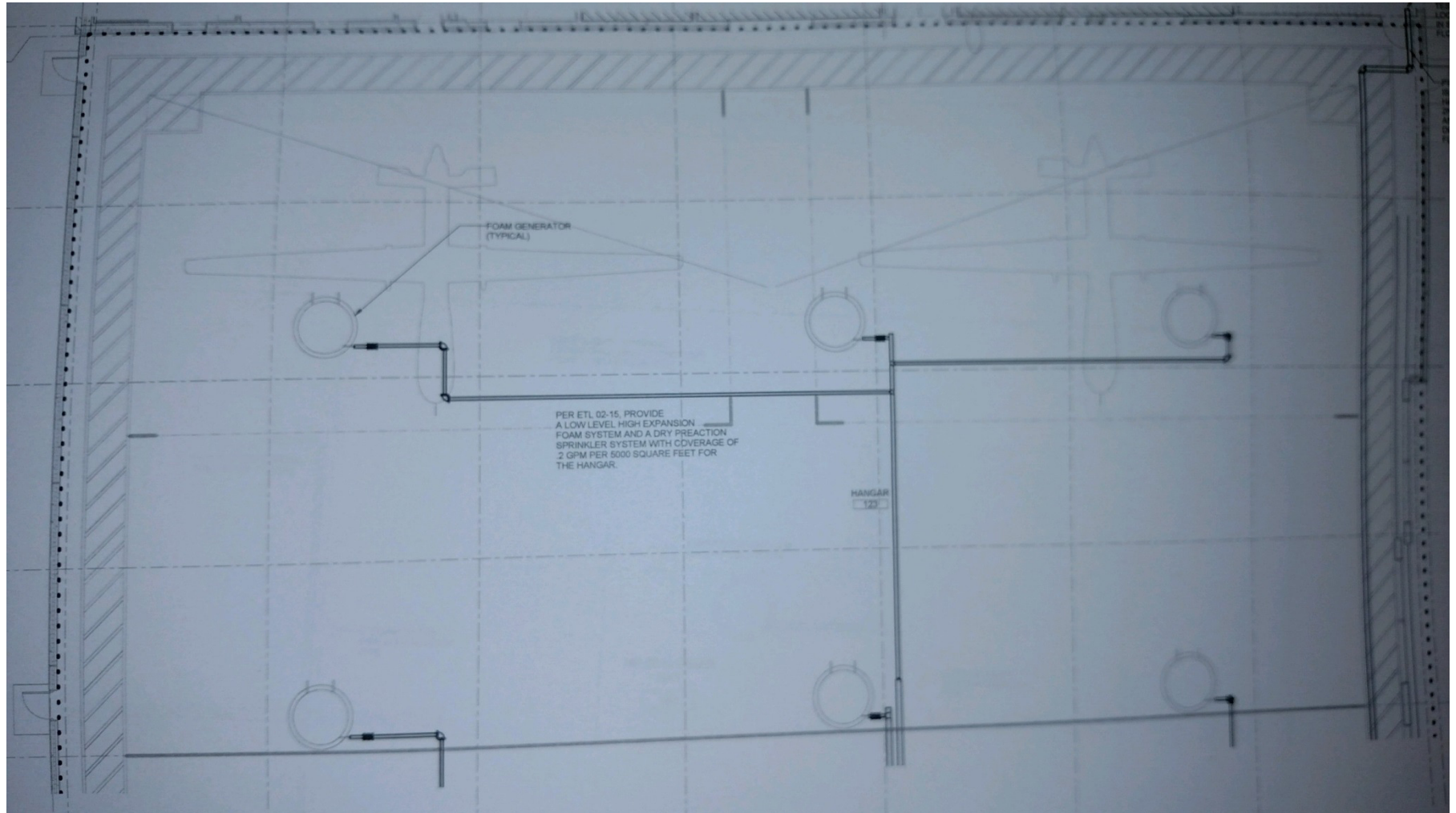


Start Layouts – Build Model

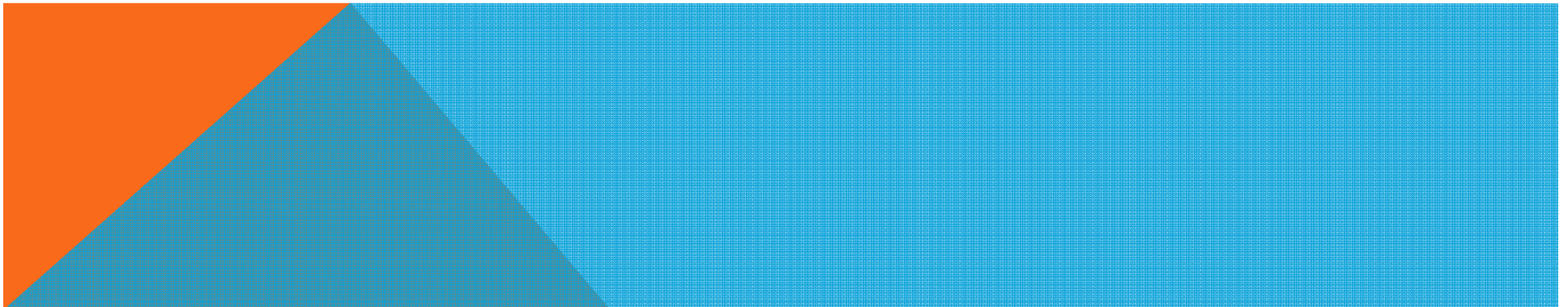
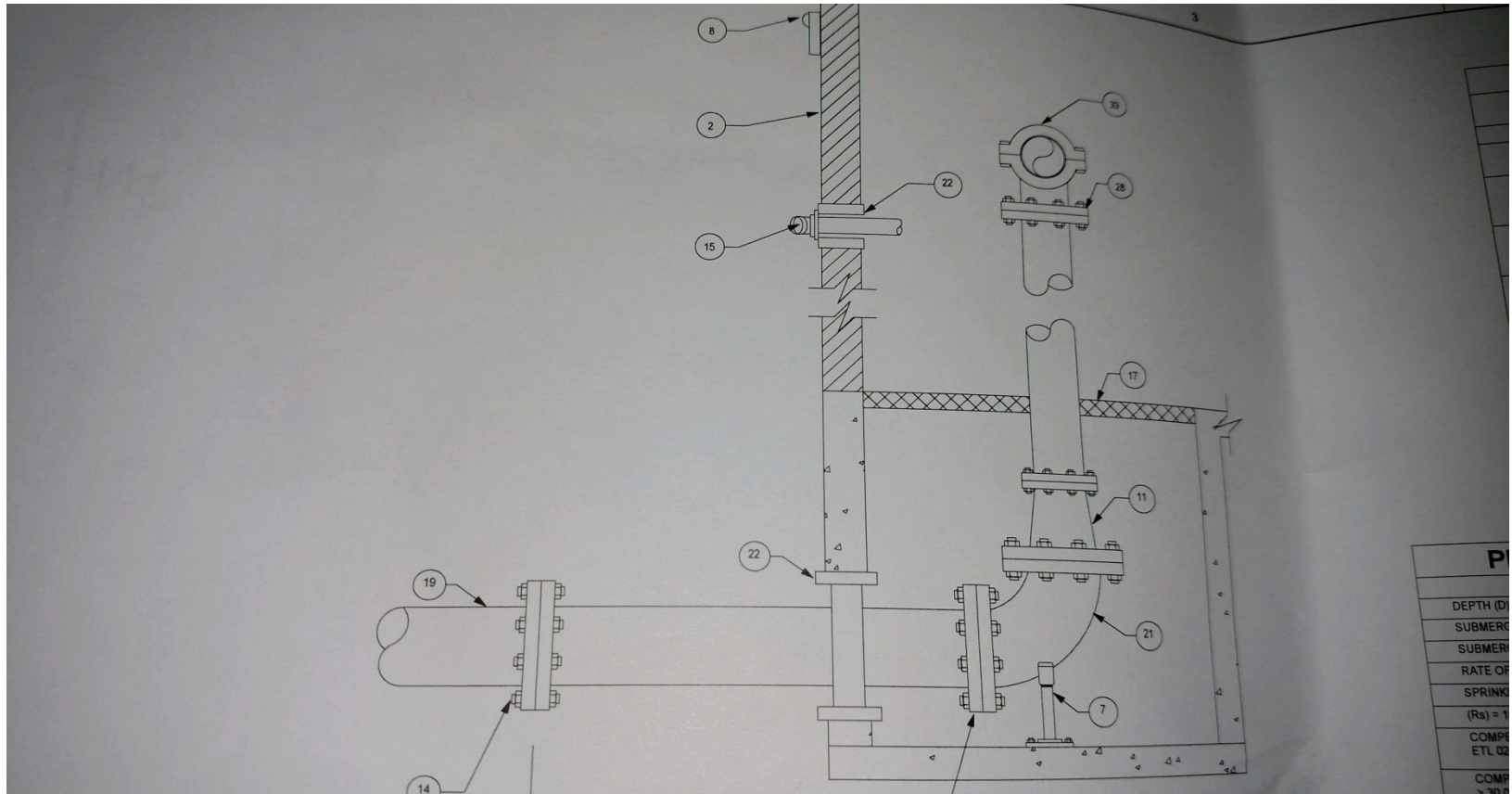


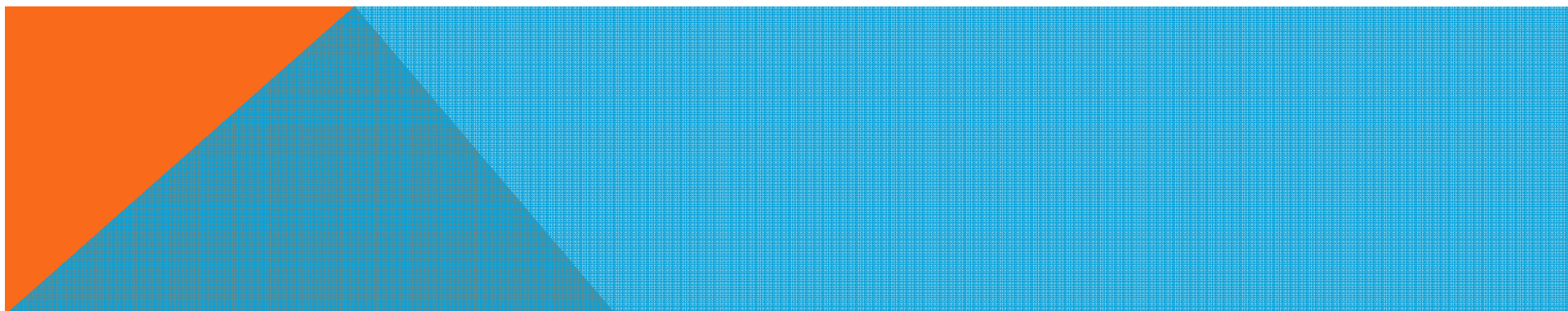
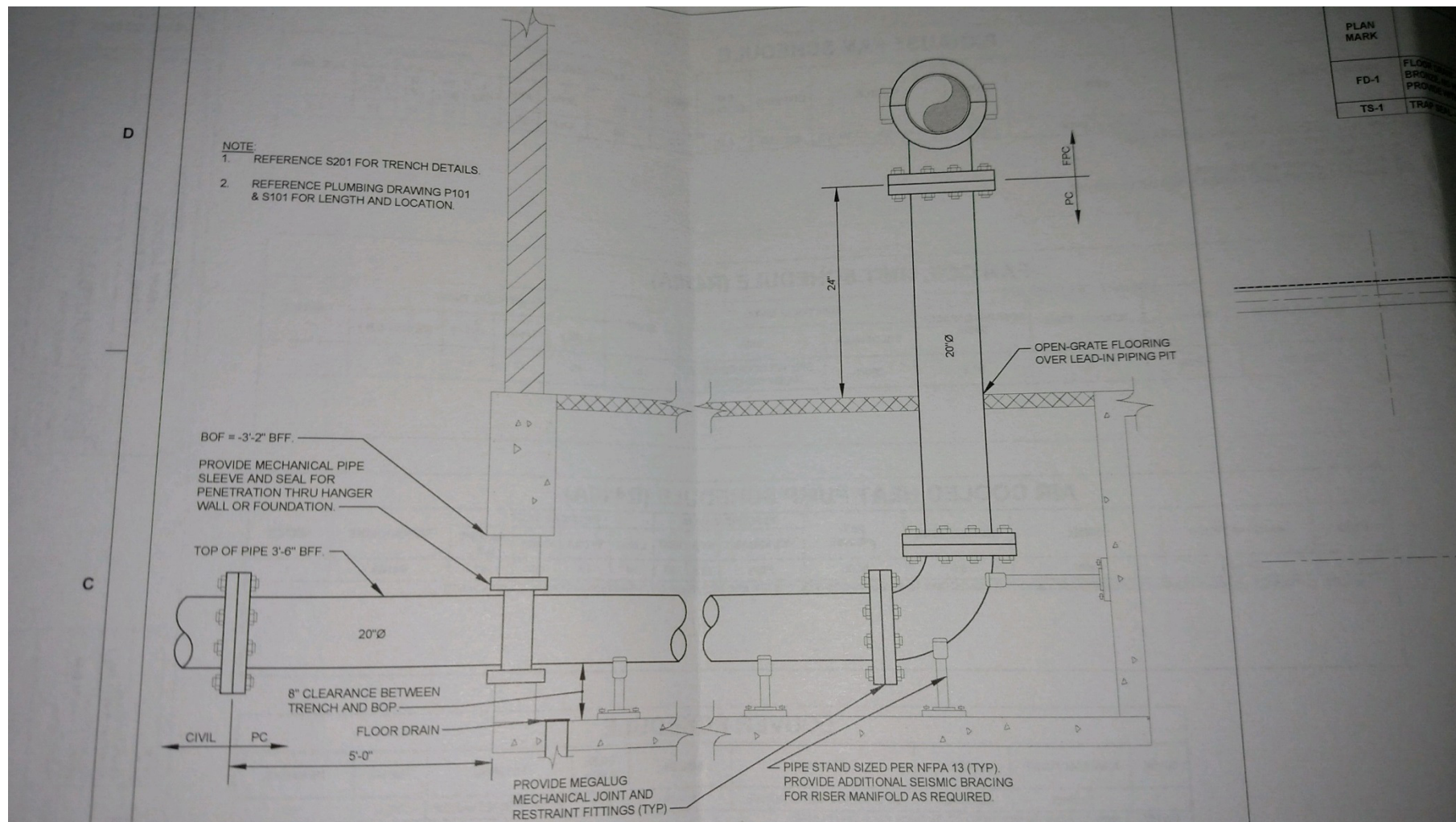
4. PROVIDE A DRY PIPE FOR THE HANGAR BAY. PROVIDE DENSITIES AND PER LEGEND.
5. PROVIDE A LOW LEVE FOAM SUPPRESSION SYSTEM GENERATOR FOR AIR AND SHALL BE WATER.
6. ANY PIPE APPURTENANCES SHOWN IS GENERIC. IT IS INTENT ALL ASPECTS OF INSTALLATION SHALL BE CONTRACTOR.
7. THE DESIGN SUBMITTAL REVIEWED BY THE USACE CENTER OF EXPERTISE IN ALL FIRE SUPPRESSION AND FIRE ALARM SUBMITTALS REQUIRED TO BE REVIEWED COMPLIANCE WITH ETL 02.
8. ALL FIRE SUPPRESSION AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM BE TESTED PER ETL 02-15 PRESENCE OF THE USACE CENTER OF EXPERTISE IN SYSTEMS MUST PASS TEST FINAL ACCEPTANCE.
9. ALL SYSTEM COMPONENTS, APPURTENANCES, SPRINKLERS ARE REQUIRED 225 PSIG OF PRESSURE.
10. FIRE HOSE CABINETS THE ARCHITECTURAL PLANS A 7 1/2" FIRE HOSE VALVE REGULATING DEVICE AND

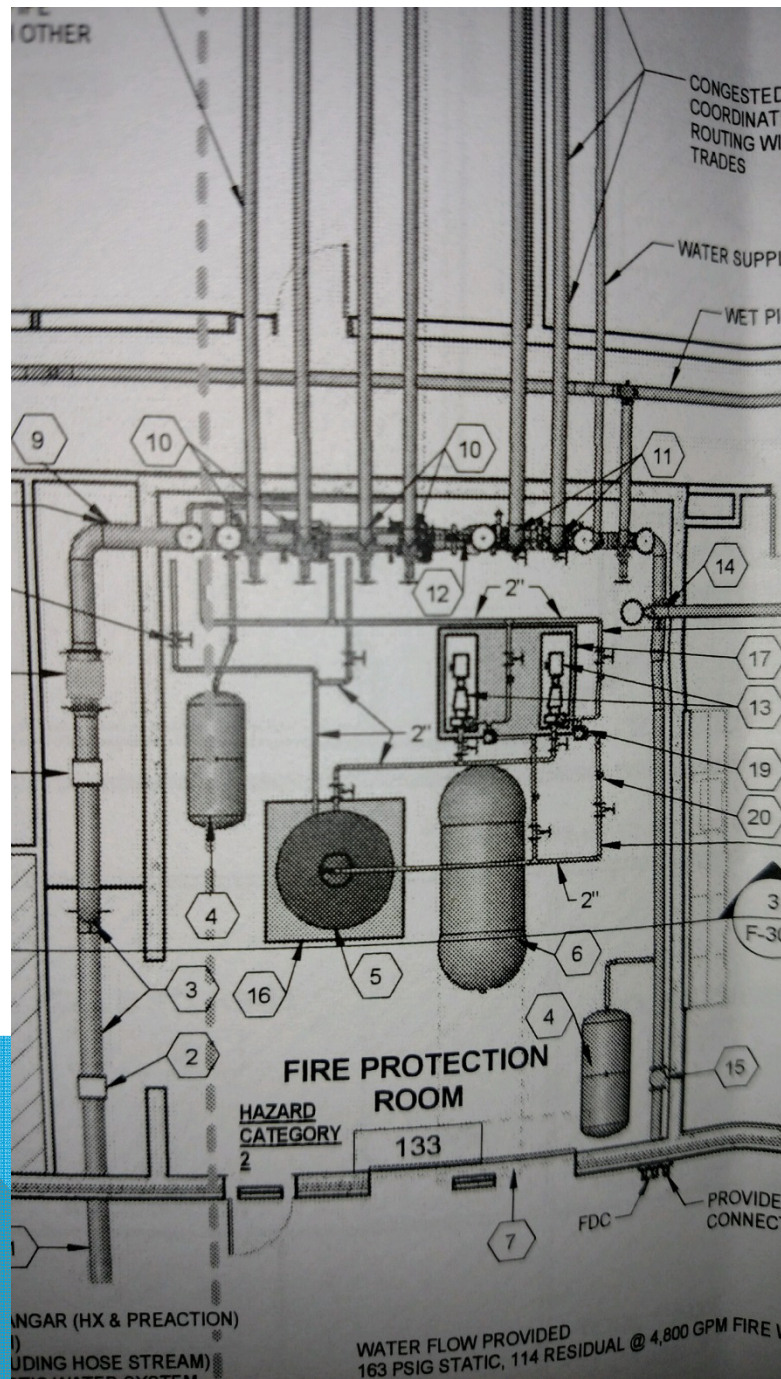


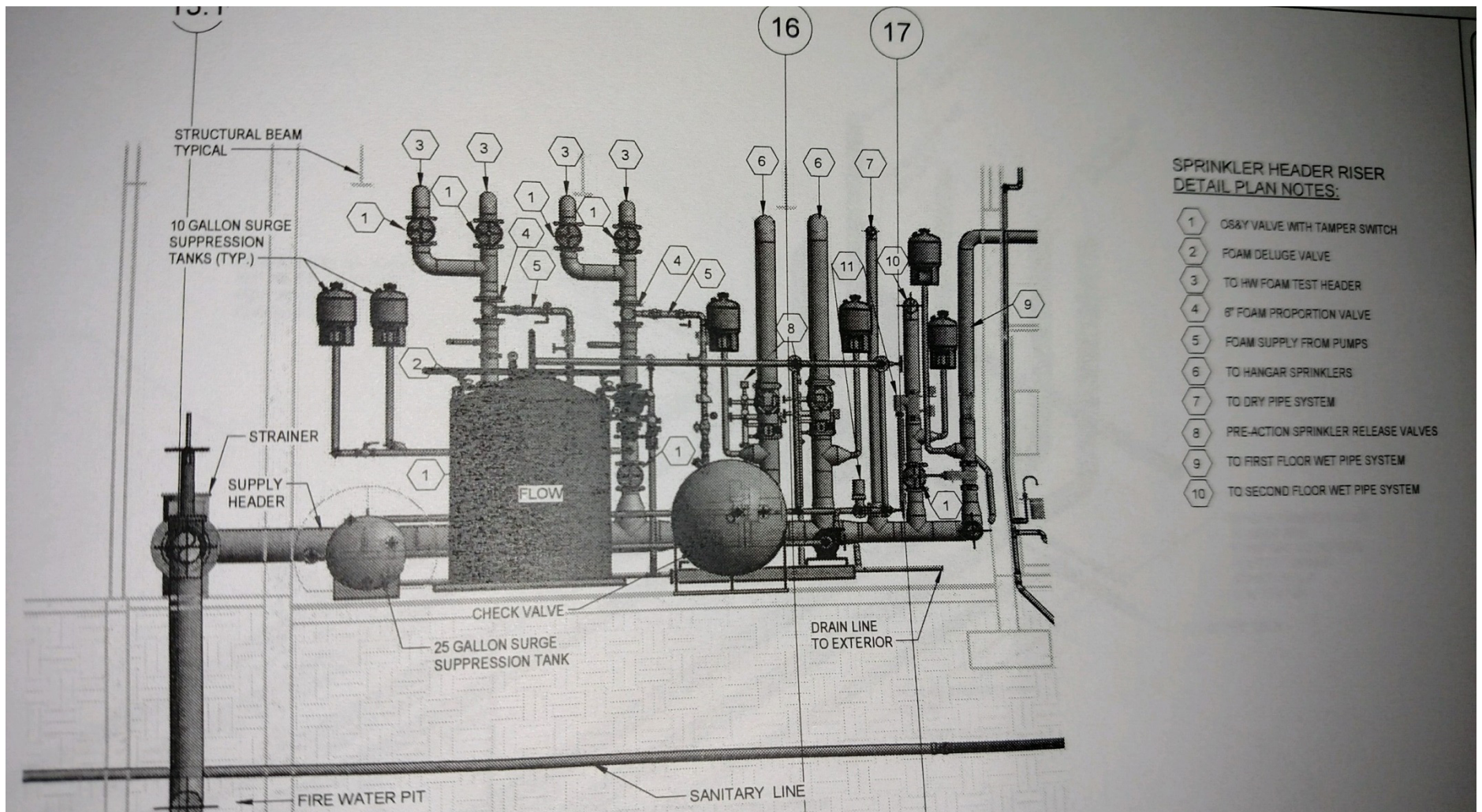


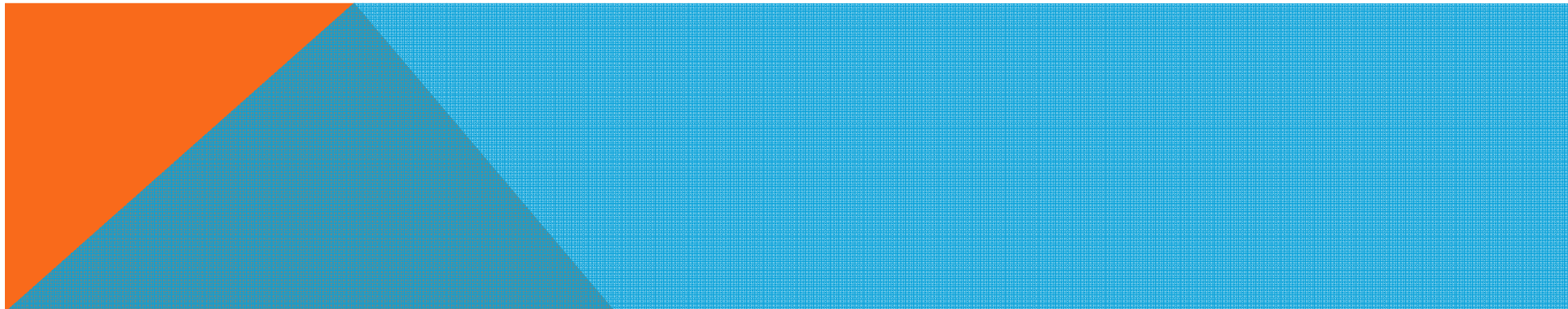
Examples of Water Service Entrances, Room Layouts, and Riser Information

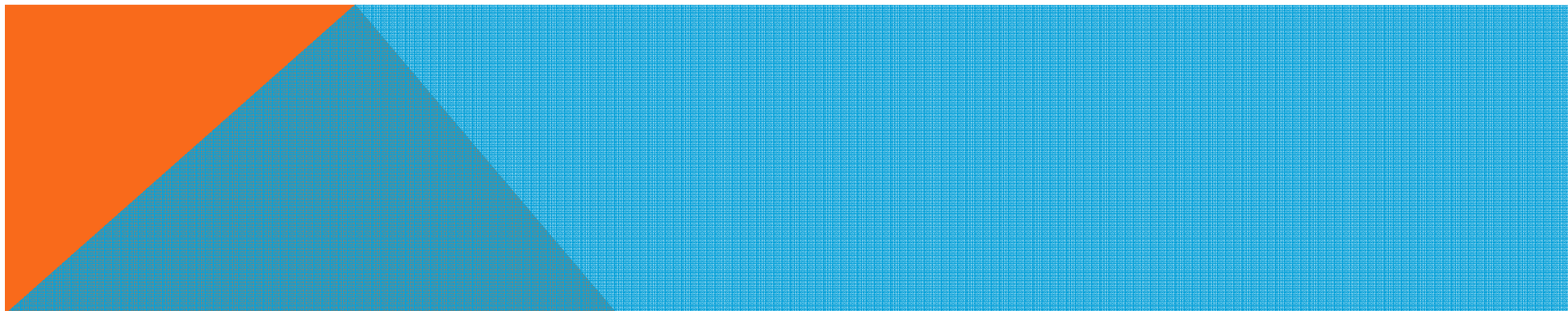
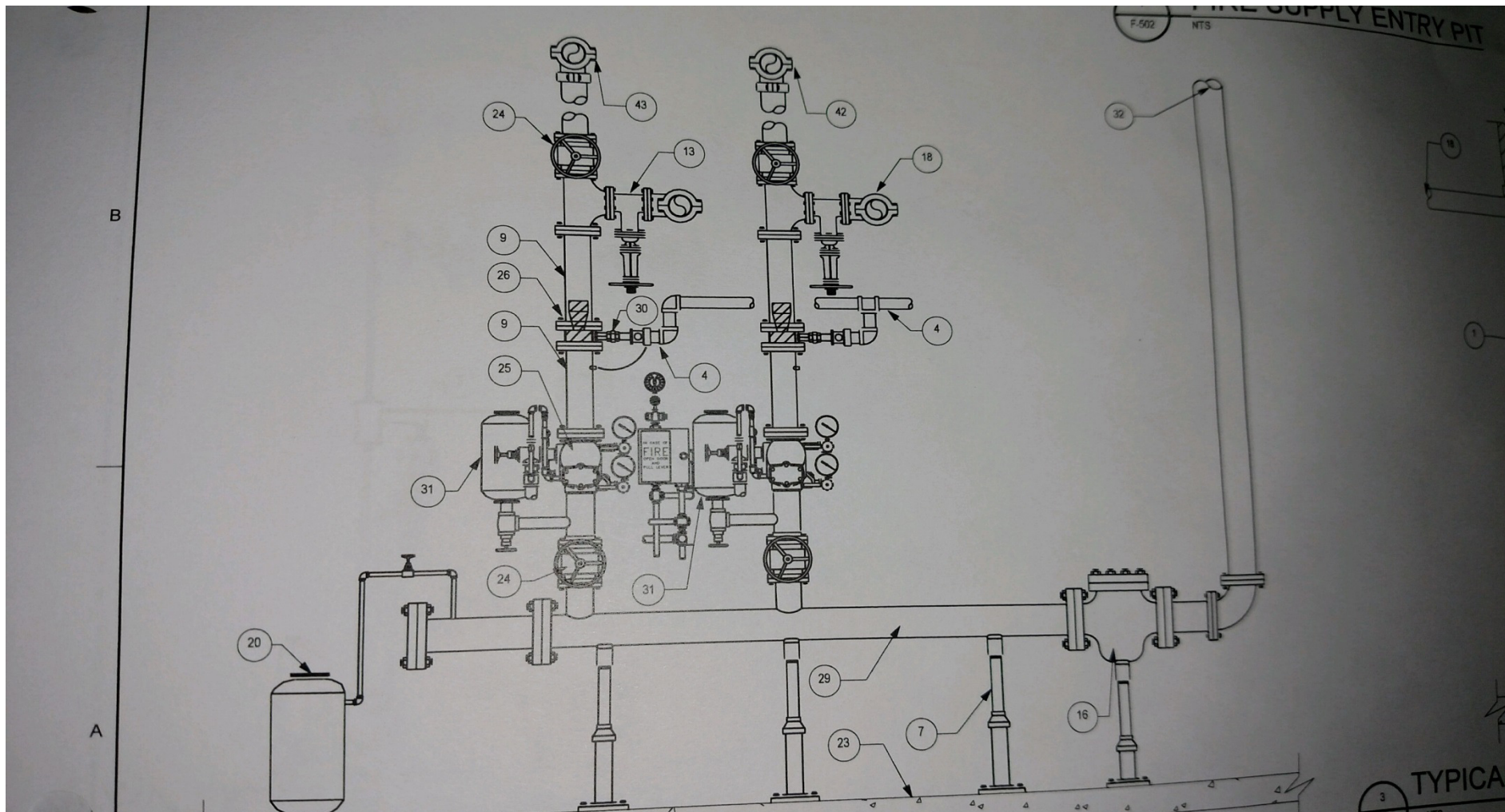






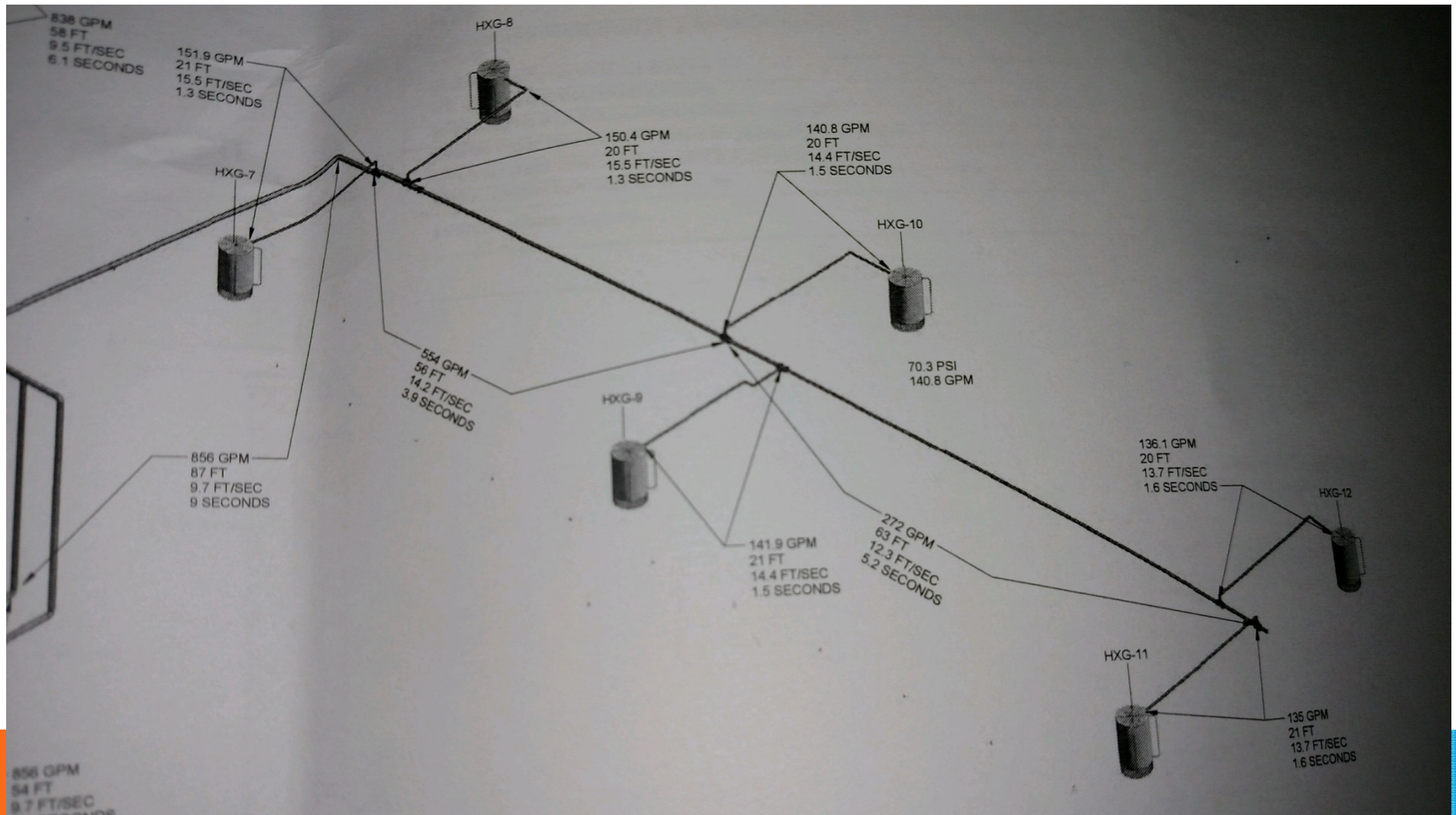


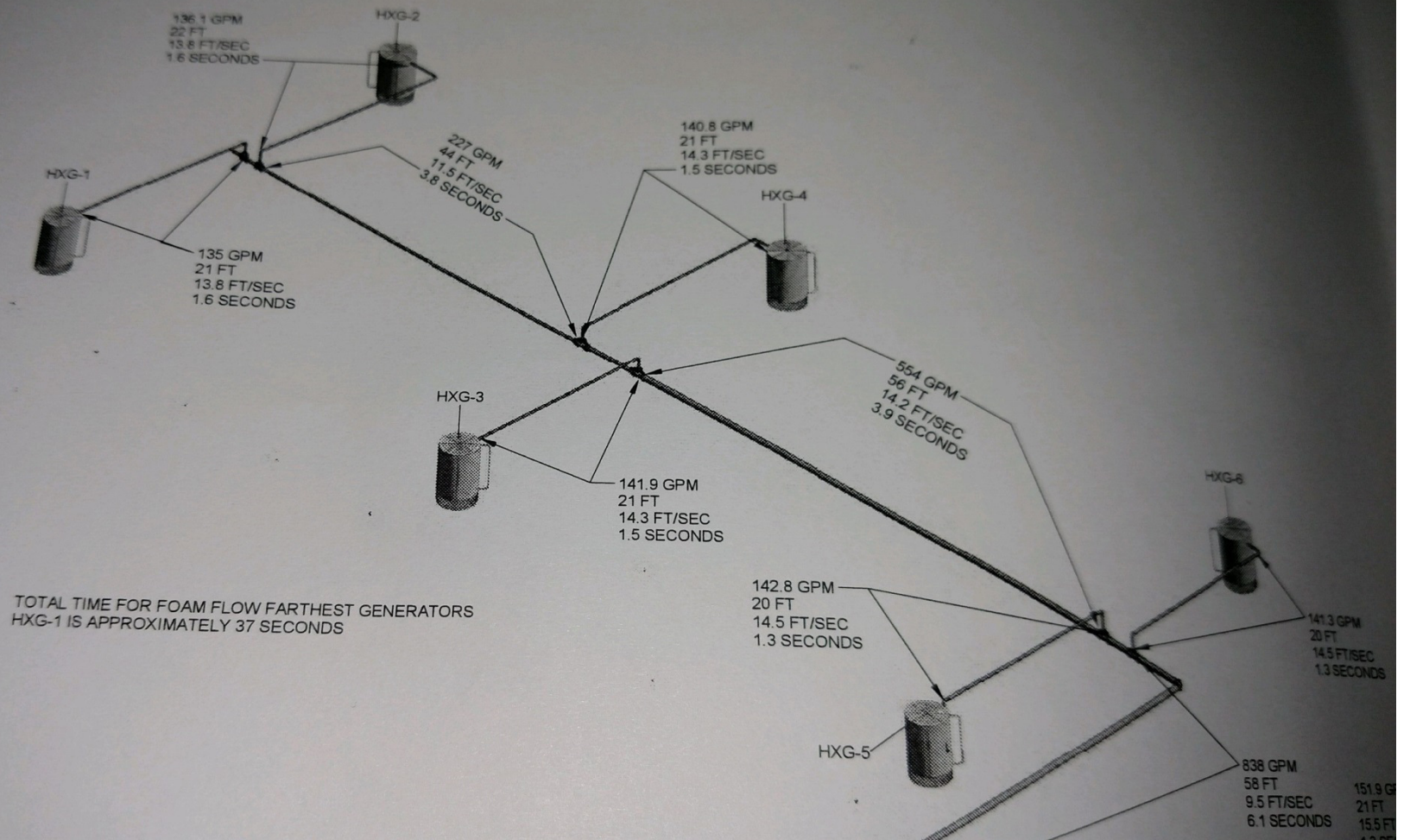






Validate/Calculate System Design





Time Analysis for : Headset_1

Dry pipe system

System Volume	768.6 gal
Downstream DPV Volume	768.6 gal
Fluid	Water @ 60F (15.6C)
Gas	Air @ 40°F and 0psi
Differential Trip Ratio	0 (Deluge valve)
Accelerator	Not Used

Headset Time Parameters

Trip Time	N/A
Fluid Delivery Time	18.36s
Operating Time	N/A
Required Fluid Delivery Time	60s
Safety Factor	69.4%

Water Supply Parameters

Flow (gpm)	Pressure (psi)
0	136
2800	128

Parameters of the 12 Open Heads

Head#	K-Factor	Orifice	Minimum Operating Pressure	Transit Time	Fluid Delivery Time	Oper. Time SHALL NOT exceed 60s	Open Time
	(gpm/psi ^{1/2})	(in)	(psi)	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)
N1	16.8	0.772	50	18.19	18.19	N/A	0
N10	16.8	0.772	50	5.855	5.855	N/A	0
N11	16.8	0.772	50	2.856	2.856	N/A	0
N12	16.8	0.772	50	3.917	3.917	N/A	0
N2	16.8	0.772	50	18.36	18.36	N/A	0
N3	16.8	0.772	50	14.05	14.05	N/A	0
N4	16.8	0.772	50	15.27	15.27	N/A	0
N5	16.8	0.772	50	11.4	11.4	N/A	0
N6	16.8	0.772	50	12.09	12.09	N/A	0
N7	16.8	0.772	50	7.675	7.675	N/A	0
N8	16.8	0.772	50	9.271	9.271	N/A	0
N9	16.8	0.772	50	5.115	5.115	N/A	0

Protocol: NOT USED

NOT USED Statement

Modelling Assumptions

1. Fluid is incompressible.
2. Pipes do not suffer deformation.
3. Fluid front is perpendicular to pipe centerline.

TABLE 1

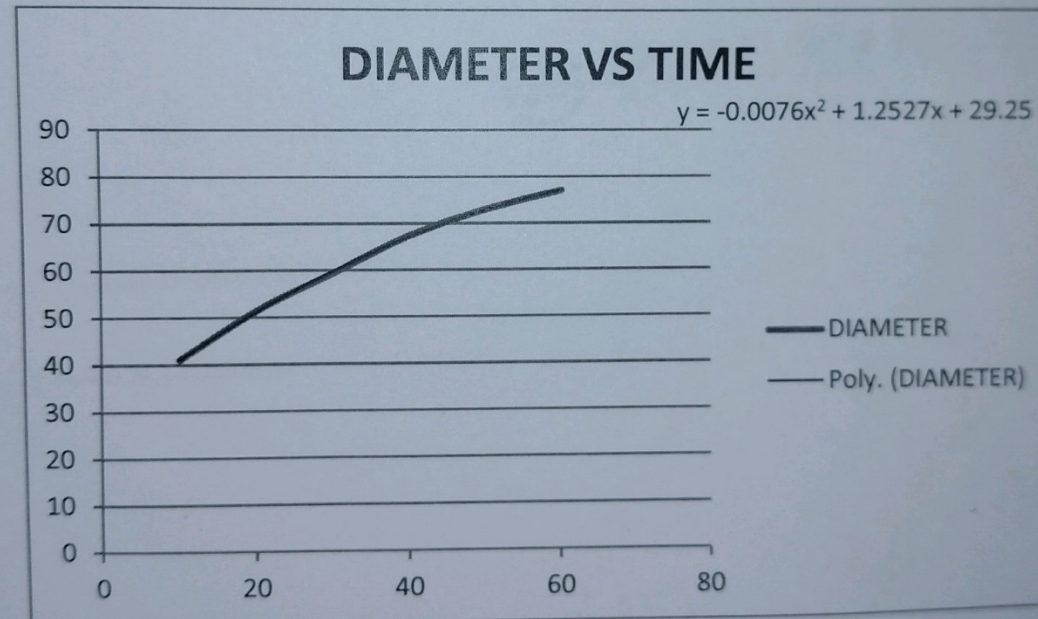
HEF GENERATOR	OPERATING TIME 50 PSI (SEC)	TIME TO DEVELOP FOAM (SEC)	DIAMETER OF FOAM @ 1MINUTE (FT)
N1	18.19	41.81	68.36
N10	5.855	54.145	74.83
N11	2.856	57.144	76.05
N12	3.917	56.083	75.64
N2	18.36	41.64	68.25
N3	14.05	45.95	70.79
N4	15.27	44.73	70.10
N5	11.4	48.6	72.21
N6	12.09	47.91	71.85
N7	7.675	52.325	74.02
N8	9.271	50.729	73.27
N9	5.115	54.885	75.14

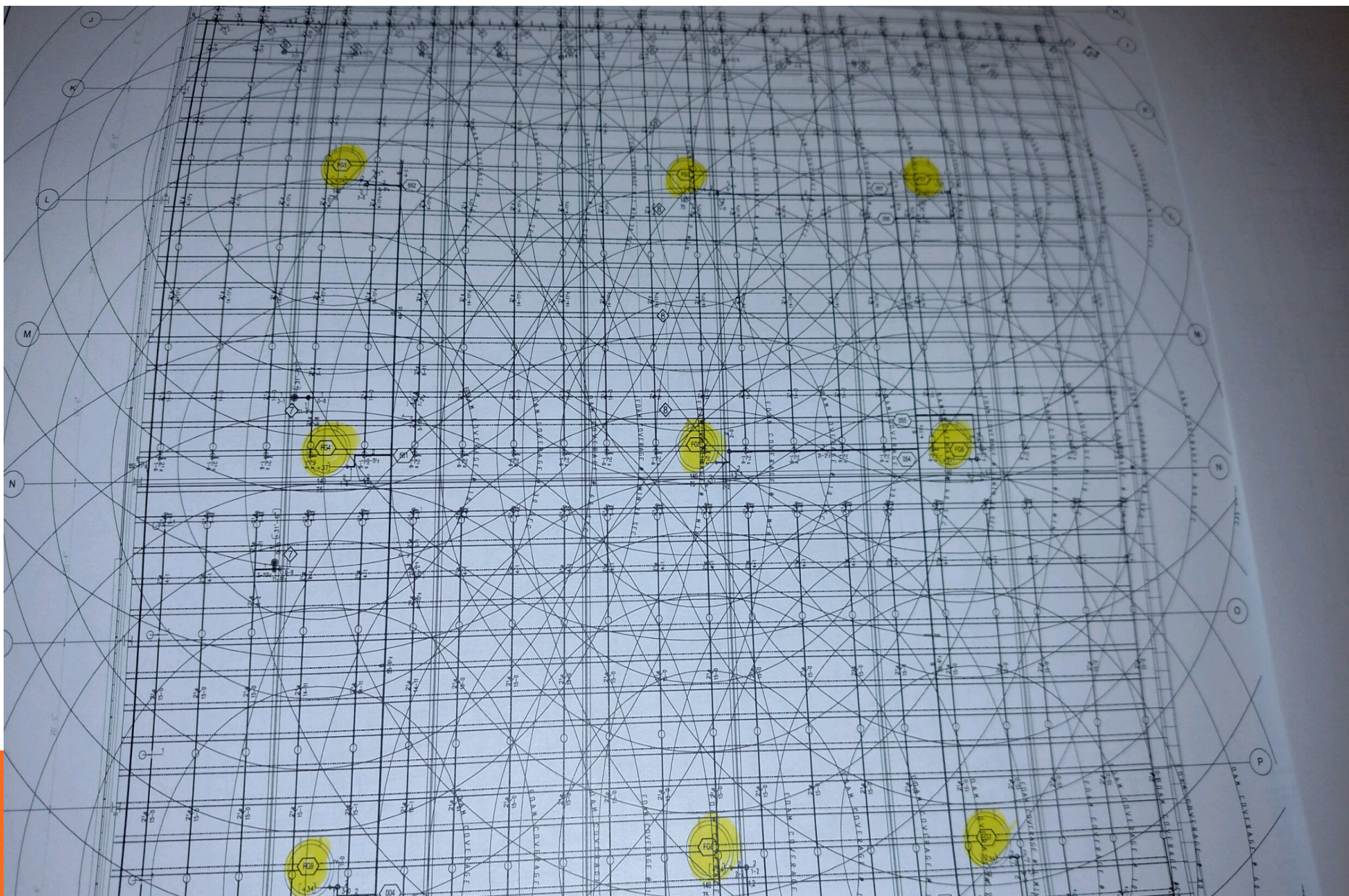
OPERATING TIME FROM FLUID DELIVERY CALCULATIONS FROM ANSUL

TIME TO DEVELOP FOAM = 60 SECONDS LESS OPERATING TIME TO REACH 50 PSI AT GENERATOR

DIAMETER FROM FOAM SPREAD DATA TABLE FOR JET-X15 GENERATOR WITH JET-X 2% FOAM @ 50 PSI

TIME	DIAMETER
10	41
20	51.5
30	59.5
40	67.5
50	73
60	77





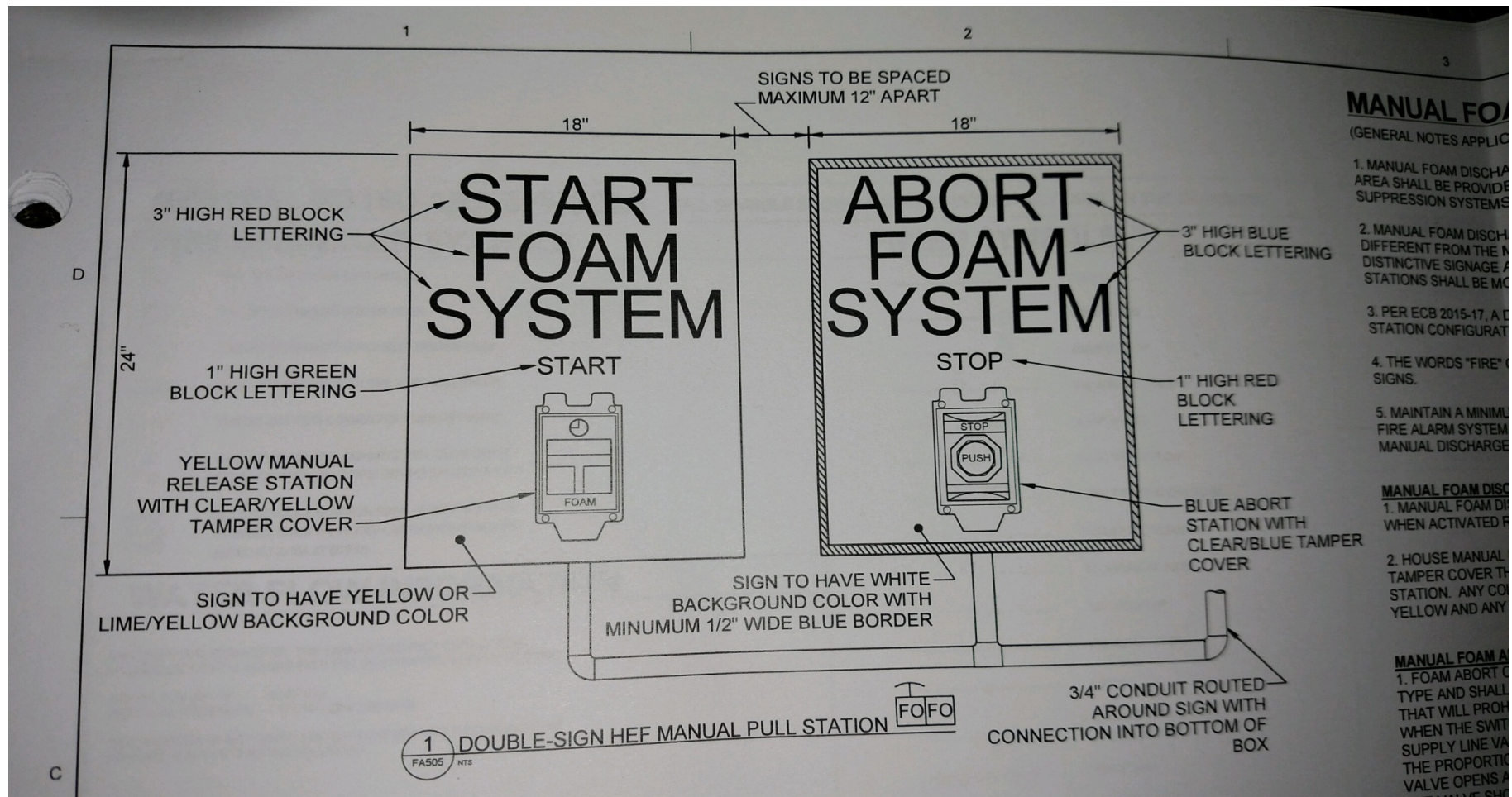
Activation of System

ECB 2015-17 (Typical) Changes to Reduce False Activation of High Expansion Foam Systems in Army Hangars

“With the exception of a manual foam release station, the cross-zoning of two automatic initiating devices in the hangar bay is required to release the high expansion foam. This is permitted to be the cross-zoning of a sprinkler water flow switch and an optical flame detector, or two optical flame detectors”

Note: Water flow switch is activated by heat detectors at the ceiling of the hangar bays.

“Activation of the first automatic initiating device shall annunciate at the local Panel and send a general alarm to the fire alarm control panel and the Fire department. Activation of the second automatic initiating device shall In addition to the above, release the high expansion foam.”



FOAM SYSTEM DETECTION AND CONTROLS (FSCP) MATRIX

FSCP MATRIX NOTES:

1. SEE NOTES ON THIS SHEET AND SHEETS FA503, FA504, AND FA505 FOR ADDITIONAL SEQUENCE OF OPERATION.

SYSTEM OUTPUTS

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		ANNUNCIATION AT LOCAL PANELS (FSCP's)					TRANSMIT SIGNAL TO FIRE ALARM CONTROL PANEL (FACP)													FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM AND CONTROL FUNCTIONS				BUILDING NOTIF. AND FSCP FUNC.								
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ALARM DEVICES																																
1	RATE-COMPENSATED TYPE HEAT DETECTORS AT HANGAR CEILING	1					1																		1						1	
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SYSTEM INPUTS

ALARM DEVICES

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| 1 | RATE-COMPENSATED TYPE HEAT DETECTORS AT HANGAR CEILING |
| 2 | MANUAL FOAM DISCHARGE STATION |
| 3 | WATER FLOW SWITCHES - FOAM SYSTEM RISER, 120 HANGAR BAY |
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| 7 | LOW-LEVEL OPTICAL FIRE DETECTOR |

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| 22 | TEST MODE |
| 23 | FSCP LOW BATTERY VOLTAGE |
| 24 | SUPERVISED COMPONENT FAILURE |

PANEL FUNCTIONS

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| 25 | FSCP RELEASE DISABLE SWITCH |
| 26 | SYSTEM SILENCE |
| 27 | SYSTEM RESET |

		SEQUENCE OF OPERATION		PANELS (FSCPs)		TRANSMIT SIGNAL TO FIRE ALARM CONTROL PANEL (FACP)		CONTROL FUNCTIONS	
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Testing and Acceptance PAT and FAT

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The following is a Checklist or Guideline the TCX uses for Preliminary Acceptance Testing (PAT) and Final Acceptance Testing (FAT). There are likely items that will not apply to this project; likewise, there are likely items necessary for this project that are not on the list. Please utilize the document as a guideline to understand the depth of testing expected by the TCX.

Preliminary Acceptance Test (PAT) and Final Acceptance Test (FAT) Check List (edited March 19, 2014)

1. This is a check list to be used prior to commencing preliminary and final acceptance tests.
2. The intent is to stream line the preliminary and final acceptance testing procedures and to accomplish a successful and quality acceptance test. The items (comments) are based on lessons learned and best engineering judgment.
3. This document may be used as a check list and in assigning action items to the subcontractors by the CQC manager.
4. Discuss the testing procedure with the Base Fire Marshal and Base Civil Engineer and obtain approval.
5. Provide test procedures for each specification section separately.
6. Provide a list of tests to be performed for each specification section.
7. Provide a test plan for each day of the test such as Day 1, Day 2, etc.
8. Allocate adequate time for each test. Please note that 100% testing will be done during PAT and FAT. FAT is a complete repeat of the PAT except for hydrostatic tests, flushing, and megger tests. The complete FAT will be witnessed by the TCX representative. Simultaneously conducting more than one test is not permitted. Please do not mix training with testing.

Testing and Acceptance

ECB 2015-17

Final Tests – *“Perform pan fire acceptance tests, using the expected aircraft fuel, at multiple locations on the hangar floor, including at least one at each designated aircraft parking spots to demonstrate coverage by at least three optical flame detectors. Use a 2’ x 2’ (or smaller) test pan. Three detectors are required to activate within 20 seconds.”*

Videos – Sample Tests

Who Accepts – AHJ – DoD

AHJ for DoD is USACE Technical Center of Expertise (TCX)
Middle East District and then Contracting Officer (COR)

Failed Preliminary Test



Requirement: Cover 90% of Silhouette within 1 minute
Results of Retest: Photo Taken at 1 Minute/10% Covered. Failed



Past Problems - Mishaps



De-icer Truck in Hangar – Bagram AFB 12/22/2015

Marine reportedly filled Japan Air Force hangar with foam
June 16, 2015



King Hangar at Eglin, AFB
January 10, 2014
One Person Dies



References:

NFPA 11 Standard for Low-, Medium-, and High-Expansion Foam

NFPA 11A Standard for Medium- and High-Expansion Foam Systems

NFPA 409 Standard on Aircraft Hangars

AF ETL 02-15 Engineering Technical Letter: Fire Protection Engineering
Criteria – New Aircraft Facilities

AF Criteria Changes – 10 March 2016 (similar to ECB 2015-17)

ECB 2015-17 Engineering and Construction Bulletin – Changes to Reduce
False Activations of High Expansion Foam Systems in Army Hangars

UFC 3-600-01 - Fire Protection Engineering for Facilities

UFC 4-211-01 – Aircraft Maintenance Hangars

UFC 4-211-02 – Aircraft Corrosion Control and Paint Facilities

<http://www.chemguard.com/about-us/documents-library/design-manual.htm>

Questions?

