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TIP O' THE MONTH



De-Winterizing Pumps

The following are seven steps that will put "spring" in your pump after a long winter.

1. Check all mechanicals: (1) Open all necessary valves. (2) Inspect for freeze damage. (3) Equipment should rotate freely.

2. Reconnect all components: (1) Install valve trim. (2) Install sensing lines. (3) Install flush valve trim. (4) Install heating exchange lines.

3. Tighten connections, electricals and mechanicals: (1) First, turn off all power. (2) Tighten connections. (3) Check voltage supply. (4) Inspect control panel for foreign objects.

4. Meg all motors: (1) Make sure motors are clean and dry. (2) Make sure meg readings track manufacturer specs.

5. Visual Inspection: (1) Look for moisture, rust, objects and other problems. (2) Check condition of support structure for rust and cracks. (3) Schedule painting if required. (4) Make sure internal circuit breakers are not tripped.

6. Power up station: (1) Safety first — close all panels and doors. (2) Apply power to VFD station at least 8 hours before starting. (3) Check operator interface.

7. Charge irrigation system: (1) Open irrigation heads at highest point to allow air to leave the system. (2) Fill system slowly to prevent water hammer damage. (3) After system is charged, check auto operation by staging flow.

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