Developments in Multifamily CDHW Distribution Controls and Crossover Research

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About Enovative



So Cal Gas "On-Demand Efficiency" Program- Campus Housing (ODECH)

- Provides demand recirculation pump controls for student housing with CDHW
- Saves gas by reducing recirculation loop loss
- Save electricity by reducing pump run time
- Aids in reducing the occurrence of pinhole leaks





How will savings differ?

- More people per 'door'
- Many have shared fixtures
- Different usage patterns
- Long break periods between semesters

- Similar water heating equipment and temperatures
- Similar distribution runs
- Similar pump 'as found' conditions (i.e., constant operation)



Testing Methodology

- Data logging and control rig alternates pump run time every week
- CT loggers on gas valve measures boiler run times
- CT loggers on pump measures circulation run times
- Temperature sensors on HWS, HWR, CWM



ODECH Monitored Data

	Session		No Session		Weighted Average	
Site Name	% Savings	Therms Saved	% Savings	Therms Saved	Per Unit	Therms Saved
California Poly Technic, Pomona	14.00%	443.52	37.00%	527	19.82	475.6
UC Riverside, Falkirk Bldg. 3(1)	24.28%	461.13	48.80%	707.02	34.73	555.7
UC Riverside, Falkirk Bldg. 2(2)	34.18%	1141.41	38.10%	1090.97	70.47	1127.52
UC Irvine, Mesa Court 4021	27.67%	509.61	32.54%	244.04	14.552	407.47
UC Irvine, Middle Earth	23.62%	781.61	42.40%	549.32	24.72	692.27
Azusa University, Court B*	25.06%	567.44	n/a	n/a	31.52	567.44
Average	24.80%	650.79	39.77%	623.67	32.64	637.67



UC-Riverside Falkirk Bldg. 3- No Session (Unoccupied)





CEC Crossover Research Update

Measuring impact of repairing crossover flows in multifamily CDHW



What is Crossover?

- Uncontrolled mixing between the hot and cold water pipes
- Can potentially happen at any point where hot and cold water pipes meet
- May be asymptomatic





What is Crossover?





Impact of Crossover on Hot Water Distribution

- May cause inconsistent and fluctuating water temperature from the fixture
- May cause long hot water wait times
- May cause excessive workload on the water heater
- May prohibit effective use of recirculation pump and water heater controls

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Project Tasks

TASK 1				
Gather info from industry	TASK 2 Develop testing	TASK 3	R	
professionals, prior research	methods, replicate problem in a controlled lab environment	Apply testing to 100 buildings to determine the frequency of the problem	Find 10 buildings with crossover, fix crossover and measure any energy savings	







Final Test Sites

Sites	119 Driftwood	10 th Street, Santa Monica	State College A, Anaheim	State College B, Anaheim	City Gardens A, Santa Ana	City Gardens B, Santa Ana	Falkirk, UC Riverside	Culver City	Lakeside Drive, Oakland	Park La Brea
Number of Units	16	24	9	9	20	20	16	12	195	28
Before Fix	Data collected	Data Collected	Data Collected	Data Collected	Data Collected	Data Collected	Data Collected	Data Collected	Pending	Pending
Fix	Shower Valves Replaced	Check Valves on Risers	Shower Valves Replaced	Check Valves at supply lines	Check Valves at Supply Lines	Shower Valves replaced	Shower Valves Replaced	Shower valves replaced	Adding check valve, replaced shower cartridge	TBD
After Fix	Data Processed	Data Processed	Data Processed	Data Processed	Data Processed	Data Processed	Processing and Analysis Pending	Pending	N/A	N/A



Fix #1: Replacing Shower Valves





Fix #2: Adding Check Valves



Before



After

Fix #3: Replacing Valve Cartridges





16-unit building, Marina Del Rey, CA







Marina Del Rey fix- Replace Shower Valves







After

Before Fix (Gas usage in Hrs)	2.327794
After Fix (Gas usage in Hrs)	2.066786
Difference (Gas usage in Hrs)	0.261008
Saving %	11.21%
Total Saving Therms (Annually)	238.3333

Notes Post Fix:

- Tenants described having more consistent hot water
- Water 'felt hotter' than before the fix
- Pump controls that had previously been bypassed, now reactivated without issues



Gas Usage Data Completed Sites

Site / Location	Before Fix (Gas Valve – Daily Hrs)	After Fix (Gas Valve – Daily Hrs)	Difference (Gas Valve – Daily Hrs)	% Savings
119 Driftwood, MDR	2.32	2.06	0.26	11.2%
10 th Street, SM	3.01	2.57	0.43	14%
State College Blvd A	4.06	4.16	-0.10	-2.49
State College Blvd B	2.94	2.44	0.50	17%
City Gardens 17	9.03	8.42	0.60	6.69%
, City Gardens 54	4.56	3.88	0.69	15%
AVERAGE	4.32	3.92	0.4	10%



Notes on T4 Challenges

- Finding source of crossover- Not always a mixing valve
- Accessibility to shower valves- Tiled walls
- Replacing shower valves- Isolation valves, sweating connections in the walls





Crossover Case Study, Oakland CA

Apt unit	Cold Water Lav Temp
1506	95
1406	95
1306	85
1206	90
1106	80
1006	81
906	95
806	83
706	73
606	68
506	64
406	68

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Thank You

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