



# Cx Easter Egg Hunt

True Cost of LEED



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## Key West City Hall

### **Building Commissioning**

Systematic quality control process for building construction and management.

### **LEED Rating System**

Commissioning required for all LEED projects.

Focuses on main energy-consuming systems such as HVAC, lighting, domestic hot water and on-site renewable energy generation.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Don't know what I will find, but I know I will find something.

### **Witness Protection Program**

These examples come from different buildings, not necessarily the Key West City Hall.



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**LBNL Study from 2009**

Cx costs about 0.4% of overall construction budget.

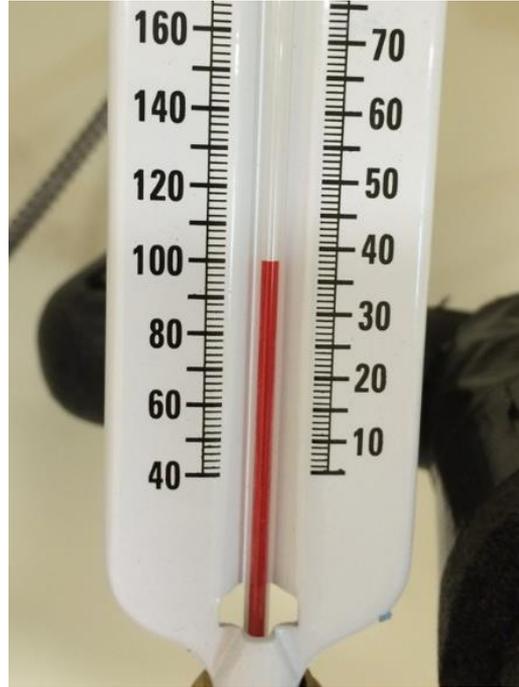
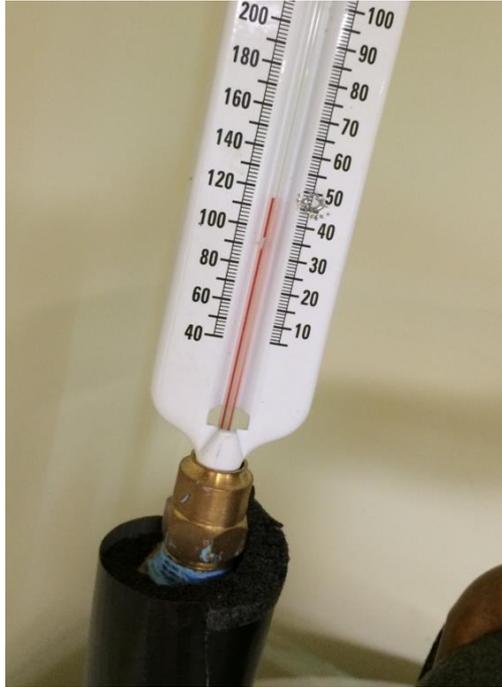
Cx saves about 13% of annual whole-building energy cost.

[www.cx.lbl.gov.cx.html](http://www.cx.lbl.gov.cx.html)



# Example #1: Water Heater vs. Refrigerated Warehouse

*Hot water recirculation loop in facility reduces wait for hot water at faucets, saving water*

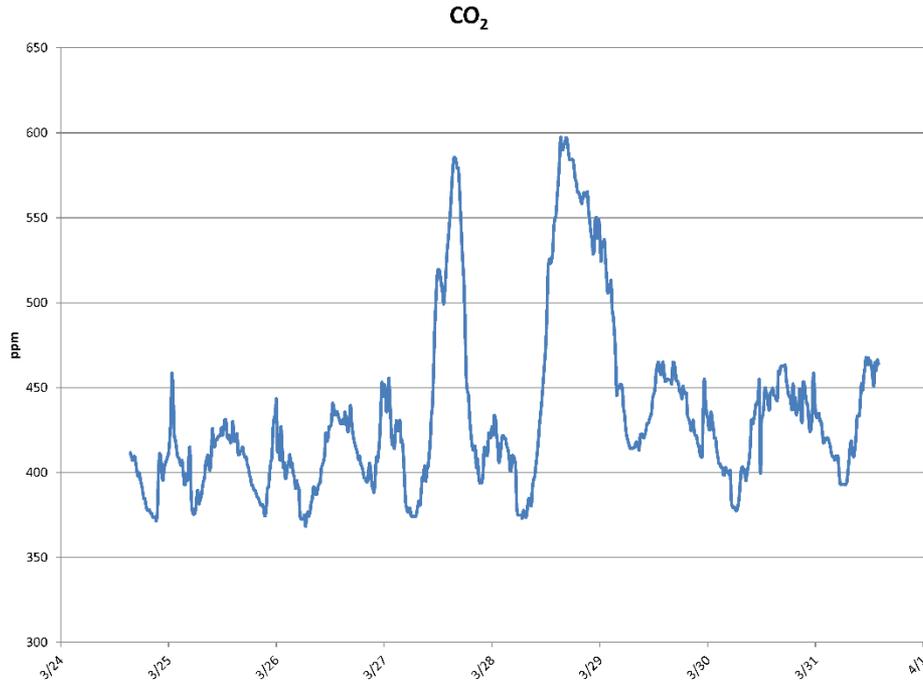


- Testing found 18 F drop in water temperature from water heater outlet to return.
- Water temp available at faucets was too low (about 100 F).
- Discovered hot water recirculation pipe running through refrigerated warehouse (45 F ambient) WITHOUT insulation.
- Domestic water heater essentially operating as heating element for warehouse.

SAVINGS: > \$3,000 annually

# Example #2: So Much Fresh Air!

*Facility with active control of fresh air*

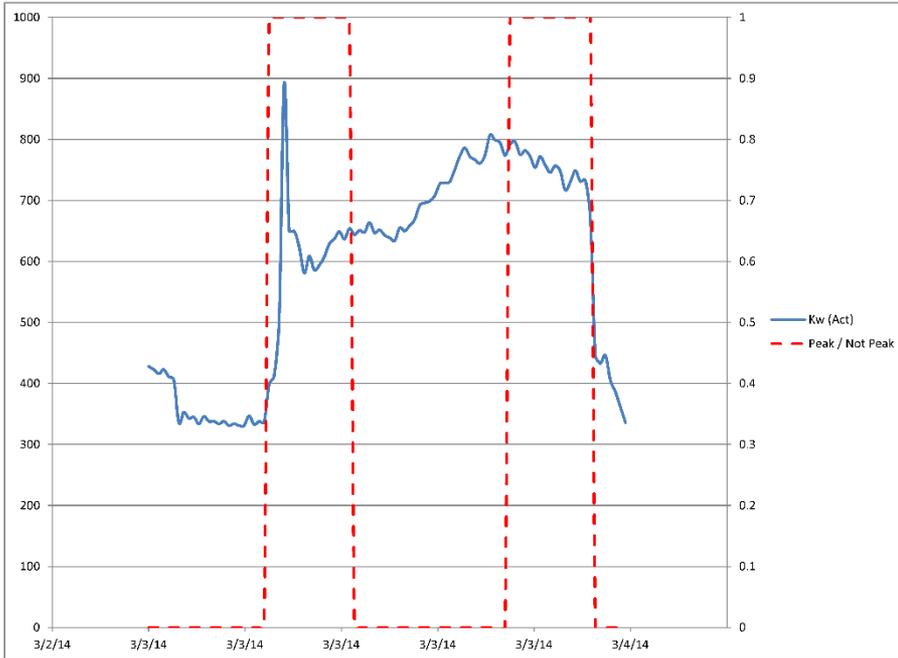


- Bringing fresh air into a facility ensures good indoor air quality.
- Fresh air in south Florida is expensive to condition because of moisture.
- Goal is to bring in as much fresh air as you need AND NO MORE.
- Measure of indoor CO<sub>2</sub> shows how effective the system is.
- With this facility, CO<sub>2</sub> was very low, indicating excessive fresh air intake.
- Testing showed that system designed to control intake of fresh air was not set up properly, resulting in increased cost.

SAVINGS: > \$10,000 annually

# Example #3: Bad Timing

*Facility where the operators were starting the systems manually early in the morning*

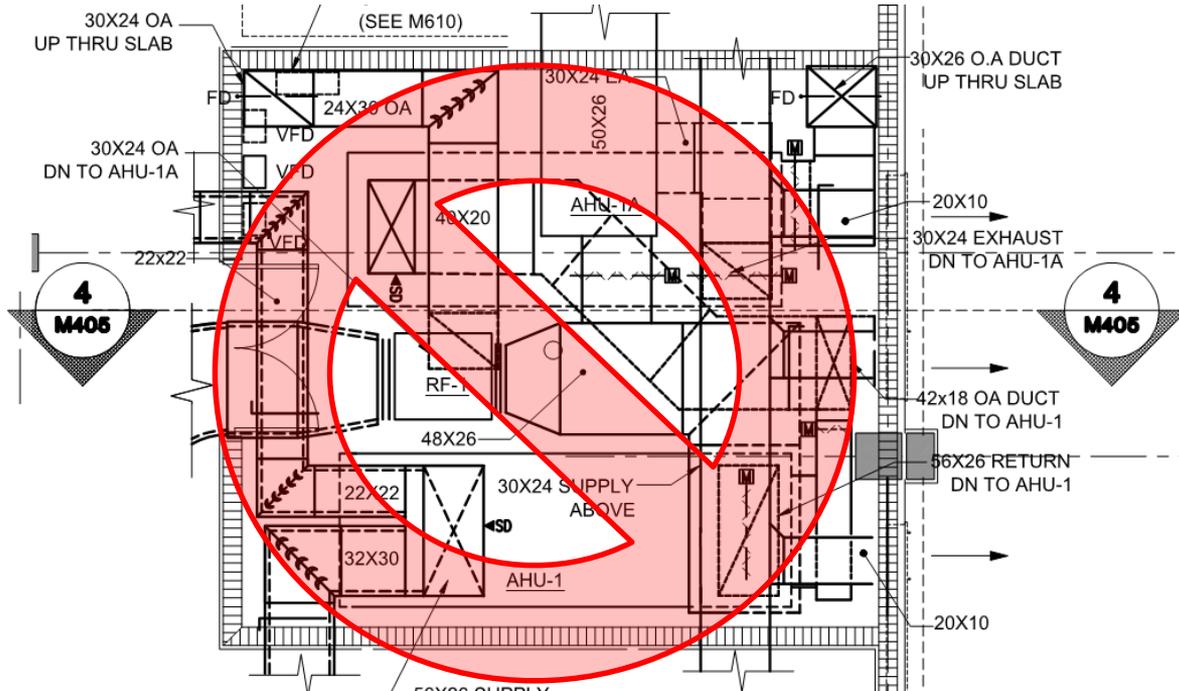


- Utility companies charge large consumers for the maximum on-peak energy consumption each month.
- This client was manually starting their chilled water system early in the morning, hitting the utility's peak window.
- Starting up the system in a smarter manner would avoid a crippling demand charge.
- Recommended a "staged start-up" algorithm to reduce the peak.

SAVINGS: > \$13,000 annually

# Example #4: Great Moments in Poor Planning

*Major piece of HVAC equipment installed in blind corner*



- Large government facility.
- Due to changes in equipment selection, major air handling unit installed in blind corner.
- Impossible to maintain the equipment.
- Without maintenance, the equipment would have failed within 5 years (and likely sooner).
- Solution: install an interior door.

EQUIPMENT COST: \$6,000