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The following procedures must be followed when bleeding up different beamline sections and when returning these sections to operation (refer to Beam Line Layout Drawing):

## I. FRONT-END (PROCEDURE TO BE PERFORMED BY NSLS VACUUM GROUP ONLY)

## A. Bleed-Up

- 1. Notify the Coordinator (Beeper 5824).
- 2. Refer to Front-End Vacuum Procedures (SLS-07.19-13-1).

## **B. Return to Operation**

- 1. Notify the Coordinator (Beeper 5824).
- 2. Refer to Front-End Vacuum Procedures (SLS-07.19-13-1).

## II. SECTION BETWEEN VALVE 1A AND Be WINDOW 1A

## A. Bleed-Up

- 1. Notify the Coordinator (Beeper 5824).
- 2. Close and seal Valve 1A and Front-End Valve.
- 3. Hook up turbo pump to this section.
- 4. Coordinator places Yellow Tag on Valve 1A.
- 5. Slowly bleed-up with boil-off  $N_2$  while Coordinator monitors Front-End pressure.

## **B.** Return to Operation

- 1. Pump to  $< 2x \ 10^{-9}$  Torr.
- 2. Notify the Coordinator (Beeper 5824).
- 3. Prepare for RGA scan.\*
- 4. Open Valve 1A into Front-End provided pressure  $< 2x \ 10^{-9}$  Torr downstream of valve.
- 5. Perform RGA scan.\*
- 6. If RGA scan or pressure reading (if no RGA scan required) is satisfactory, Coordinator removes Yellow Tag from Valve 1A.
- 7. Remove any unprotected turbo pump from this section or valve off the turbo pump and place a Yellow Tag on the valve.

## III. SECTION BETWEEN Be WINDOW 1A AND VALVE 2A

## A. Bleed-Up

- 1. Notify the Coordinator (Beeper 5824).
- 2. Close and seal Valve 1A and downstream Valve 2A.
- 3. Coordinator places Yellow Tag on Valve 1A.
- 4. Slowly bleed-up while Coordinator monitors pressure upstream of Be Window 1A.

## **B.** Return to Operation

- 1. Pump to  $< 5x \ 10^{-5}$  Torr. (as read by the 30 l/sec ion pump)
- 2. Notify the Coordinator (Beeper 5824).
- 3. Open Valve 2A provided pressure  $< 5x \ 10^{-5}$  Torr upstream of valve.
- 4. Open Valve 1A provided pressure  $< 2x \ 10^{-9}$  Torr downstream of valve.
- 5. If pressures are satisfactory, Coordinator removes Yellow Tag from Valve 1A.

## IV. SECTION BETWEEN Be WINDOW 1A AND VALVE 3A, MONOCHROMATOR

#### A. Bleed-Up

- 1. Notify the Coordinator (Beeper 5824).
- 2. Close and seal Valve 1A and downstream Valve 3A.
- 3. Coordinator places Yellow Tag on Valve 1A.
- 4. Slowly bleed-up while Coordinator monitors pressure upstream of Be Window 1A

## **B.** Return to Operation

- 1. Pump to  $< 5x \ 10^{-5}$  Torr.
- 2. Notify the Coordinator (Beeper 5824).
- 3. If pressure is satisfactory, Coordinator removes Yellow Tag from Valve 3A.

#### V. SECTION BETWEEN VALVE 2A AND VALVE 3A, MONOCHROMATOR

#### A. Bleed-Up

- 1. Notify the Coordinator (Beeper 5824).
- 2. Close and seal Valve 2A and downstream Valve 3A.
- 3. Coordinator places Yellow Tag on Valve 2A.
- 4. Slowly bleed-up while Coordinator monitors pressure upstream of Valve 2A .

## **B.** Return to Operation

- 1. Pump to  $< 5x \ 10^{-5}$  Torr.
- 2. Notify the Coordinator (Beeper 5824).
- 3. Open Valve 2A provided pressure  $< 5x \ 10^{-5}$  Torr downstream of valve.
- 4. If pressure is satisfactory, Coordinator removes Yellow Tag from Valve 2A.

### VI. SECTION BETWEEN VALVE 3A AND Be WINDOW 2A, MIRROR BOX

#### A. Bleed-Up

- 1. Notify the Coordinator (Beeper 5824).
- 2. Close and seal Valve 3A and Valve 2A.
- 3. Coordinator places Yellow Tag on Valve 3A.
- 4. Slowly bleed-up while Coordinator monitors pressure in Monochromator.

## **B.** Return to Operation

- 1. Pump to  $< 6x \ 10^{-7}$  Torr.
- 2. Notify the Coordinator (Beeper 5824).
- 3. Open Valve 3A provided pressure  $< 6x \ 10^{-7}$  Torr downstream of valve.
- 4. If pressure is satisfactory, Coordinator removes Yellow Tag from Valve 3A.

## \* NSLS POLICY FOR RGA SCANS (24 HOUR NOTICE REQUIRED)

An RGA scan is required before returning to operation if there is a major change of hardware in the vacuum system, i.e. changing of samples, mirrors, windows, monochromator crystals or gratings, manipulators, detectors, etc., with the following two exceptions:

1. After UHV sample chambers have been bled up for replacing components, an RGA scan will not be required if the chamber pressure is returned to  $< 2 \times 10^{-9}$  Torr and the Front End pressure remains  $< 2 \times 10^{-9}$  Torr when vacuum sections upstream of the chamber are opened into the Front End.

2. If any vacuum section upstream of the bled-up section remains at a pressure of  $< 9 \times 10^{-10}$  Torr as read using a hot-filament ion gauge, when the entire beamline is opened into the Front End, and the Front End pressure does not increase, no RGA is required.

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## **\*\* NSLS TURBO PUMP POLICY**

An unprotected turbo pump is one not separated from the Front End by a beamline valve which automatically closes in the event of a power loss or a pressure increase at the turbo pump. **No unprotected turbo pump can share a contiguous vacuum with the Front End.** 

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