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7.1.65.o Safety Issues Associated with the 12 O’Clock Blue Valve Box

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SAFETY ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 12 O’CLOCK BLUE VALVE BOX

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This document describes the safety issues associated with working on or inside the 12 o’clock blue valve box. It is not meant to cover the details of every job. A job specific work permit reviewed by appropriate personnel is still required to complete any work inside the valve box.

MECHANICAL SAFETY ISSUES

Component Details

The 12 o’clock blue valve box is part of the RHIC Cryogenic Distribution System. It is comprised of a vacuum tank that houses liquid pots, process piping, heat shield piping, temperature devices and liquid level probes. The following is detailed description of some of the major components, taken from *Cryogenic System, vii System Components manual.*

Inlet Recooler (liquid pots): The Inlet Recooler is a heat exchanger assembly located in a valve box. By means of this heat exchanger helium gas which is about to enter the, magnet string at one end (Dipole D0) of a sextant is cooled to a temperature close to the temperature of the boiling liquid helium bath provided on one side of the heat exchanger.¹ **Process Piping and valves:** The (present) conceptual design envisions that all the piping for a ring will be carried in a common jacket with a heat shield. Pipes will be provided to carry the helium for the following: Magnet coolant, with power leads, Supply header, Return header, Utility header and Heat Shield.

This connecting piping also contains all the isolation and diverting valves required to meet the RHIC operating scenarios. Groups of these valves have been gather into a single valve box located between each pair of sextants.²

Confined Space

The 12 o’clock blue valve box is considered a confined space. Any work inside the box must adhere to the confined space regulations described in the BNL SBMS.

¹ Vii System Components, RHIC Design Manual, pg29

² Vii System Components, RHIC Design Manual, pg 33

Trapped Helium Volumes

The potential exists for trapped pockets of high pressure helium inside the valve box. Prior to penetrating the box, contact the cryo- control room at x3837 to verify no trapped helium volumes exist.

Pressurized Helium Sources

12 o'clock Blue Valve box is part of the RHIC cryogenic system and has the potential to see pressurized Helium gas and Nitrogen gas sources. Following are a list of potential sources and the valves associated with isolating them (Reference drawing(s) 3A995090, 3A995091, 3A995071, 3A995092, 3A509981, 3A509961 and 3A995082.

3A995090 10 o'clock Blue Ring P&ID

H4753M	
H4754M	
H4755M	
H4756M	
H4757M	
H4758M	
H4759M	
H4760M	Lead Flow Return to Warm Return Line
H4761M	
H4762M	
H4763M	
H4764M	
H4765M	
H4766M	
H4767M	
H4854M	
H5157M	"U" Line Vacuum Manifold
H5003A	"U" " Line Isolation
H5158M	"R" Line Vacuum Manifold
H5004A	"R" " Line Isolation
H5154M	"M" " Line Vacuum Manifold
H5284M	"M" " Line Isolation
H5155M	"S" Line Vacuum Manifold
H5283M	"S" " Line Isolation
H5156M	"H" Line Vacuum Manifold
H5002A	"H" Isolation
H5022M	Block and Bleed

Note:

Since the Blue and Yellow Ring have a common *Warm Return Manifold*, They share the same isolation valves, which are listed below for convenience. Since they are numerous magnet corrector thermister valves to list, check the valves in the particular sextant that needs isolation. Refer to the sextant P&ID 3A995091 SEXTANT 10/11 Sheets 1-8

3A995071 SEXTANT 10/11 Sheets 1-8

H6560A	Flow Manifold @11Q3 Yellow
H6561A	Flow Manifold @11Q6 Yellow
H6562A	Flow Manifold @ 11Q9 Yellow
H6563A	Flow Manifold @ 11Q11 Yellow
H6564A	Flow Manifold @ 11Q14 Yellow
H6565A	Flow Manifold @ 11Q16 Yellow
H6566A	Flow Manifold @ 11Q19 Yellow
H6567A	Flow Manifold @ 11D20 Yellow
H6568A	Flow Manifold @ 10Q19 Yellow
H6569A	Flow Manifold @ 10Q16Yellow
H6570A	Flow Manifold @ 10Q14 Yellow
H6571A	Flow Manifold @ 10Q11 Yellow
H6572A	Flow Manifold @ 10Q9 Yellow
H6573A	Flow Manifold @ 10Q6 Yellow
H6574A	Flow Manifold @ 10Q3 Yellow

3A995092 12o'clock Blue Ring P&ID

H4133M	
H4134M	
H4135M	
H4136M	
H4137M	
H4138M	Lead Flow Return to Warm Return Line
H4139M	
H4140M	
H4141M	
H4142M	
H4085M	"M" " Line Vacuum Manifold
H4086M	"S" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4087M	"H" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4088M	"U" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4089M	"R" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4069M	Block and Bleed
H4070M	Block and Bleed
H4055M	Block and Bleed
H4017M	Block and Bleed
H4063M	Block and Bleed
H4062M	Block and Bleed
H4084M	"R" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4083M	"U" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4082M	"H" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4081M	"S" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4080M	"M" " Line Vacuum Manifold

3A995061 SEXTANT 12/1 Sheets 1-8

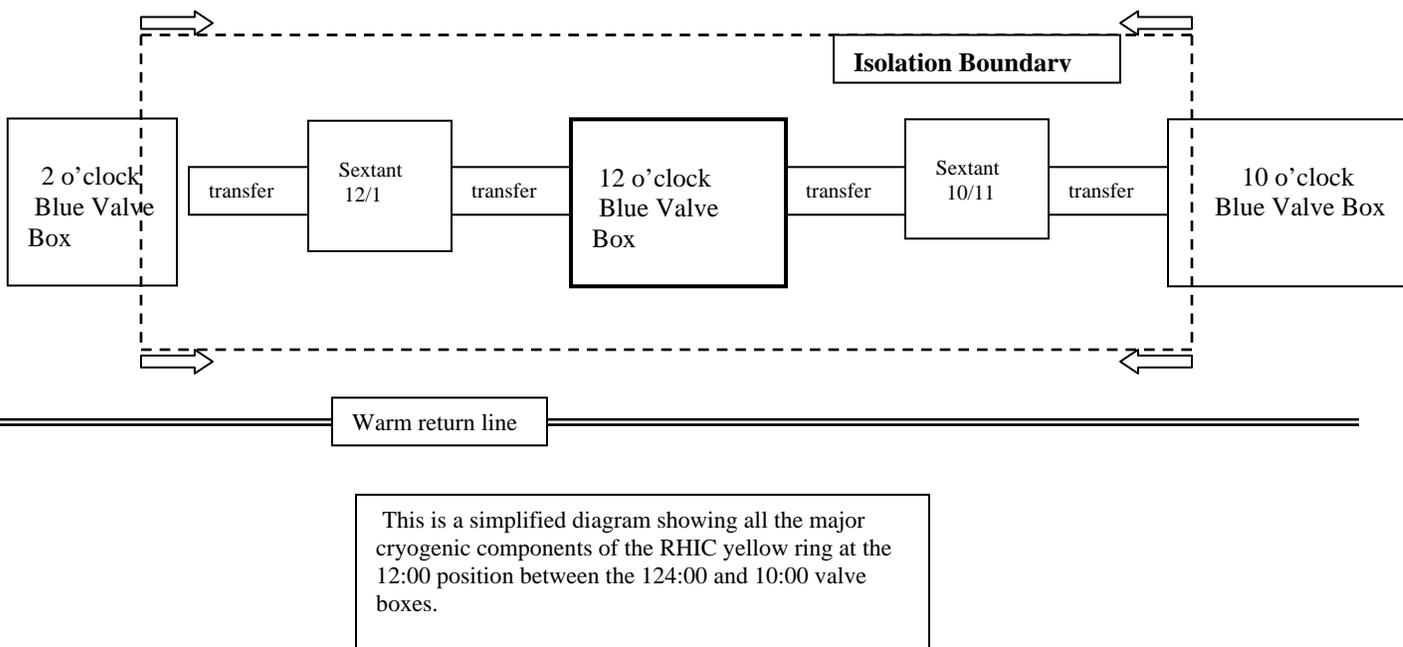
H7150A	Flow Manifold @ 1Q3 Yellow
H7151A	Flow Manifold @ 1Q6 Yellow
H7152A	Flow Manifold @ 1Q9 Yellow
H7153A	Flow Manifold @ 1Q11 Yellow
H7154A	Flow Manifold @ 1Q14 Yellow
H7155A	Flow Manifold @ 1Q16 Yellow
H7156A	Flow Manifold @ 1Q19 Yellow
H7157A	Flow Manifold @ 1D20 Yellow
H7158A	Flow Manifold @ 12Q19 Yellow
H7159A	Flow Manifold @ 12Q16Yellow
H7160A	Flow Manifold @ 12Q14 Yellow
H7161A	Flow Manifold @ 12Q11 Yellow
H7162A	Flow Manifold @ 12Q9 Yellow
H7163A	Flow Manifold @ 12Q6 Yellow
H7164A	Flow Manifold @ 12Q3 Yellow

3A995082 2o'clock Blue Ring P&ID

H4205M	"M" Line Isolation
H4218M	"S" Line Isolation
H4202A	"H" Line Isolation
H4203A	"U" Line Isolation
H4204A	"R" Line Isolation
H4272M	"M" " Line Vacuum Manifold
H4273M	"S" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4274M	"H" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4275M	"U" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4276M	"R" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4214M	Block and Bleed
H4222M	Block and Bleed
H4250M	Block and Bleed

Note:

Since the Blue and Yellow Ring have a common *Warm Return Manifold*, They share the same isolation valves, which are listed below for convenience. Since they are numerous magnet corrector thermister valves to list, check the valves in the particular sextant that needs isolation. Refer to the sextant P&ID 3A995081 SEXTANT 12/1 Sheets 1-8



1. Vacuum Systems

The only possible operations and environmental issues associated with the vacuum system are locking out the turbo vacuum pumps that are used to establish insulating vacuum. Details are in the electrical safety section. Before entering the valve box contact the C-AD vacuum group for assistance in isolating the vacuum system and introducing Air/Nitrogen into the valve box. The main isolation valve for the valve box is V4052A.

2. Pneumatic Systems

Valves located on the top of the valve box are supplied with compressed air at approximately 100 psig. Air to valves can be isolated via manifolds located at the valve box. Reference drawing 3A995100. Exercise extreme caution when working on top of the valve box, not to damage the plastic tubing that feeds the air to the valves.

3. Tube Trailers

Occasionally helium tube trailers are used to pressurize cryo process lines. These penetrations can be at various locations inside the valve box and may bypass locked out valves. Any person entering the valve box should inspect the area for a tube trailer connection and check with the cryo-control (x3837) room to make sure there are no trailer hazards.

If trailers are stationed at other locations in the Ring, the potential exists for Gas to reach the 12 o'clock blue valve box via cryogenic process lines (Magnet, Heat shield, Utility, Supply and Return). Check with the cryogenic control room to determine if trailers are stationed at other locations in the ring and to insure local LOTO is in place in the area where the trailer connects to the cryo system. The LOTO list should

be covered in the job specific work permit.

Piping arrangement.

External

Extreme caution should be exercised when working on or around the valve box , a review of the work plan should be done prior to working on the valve box.

There are numerous hazardous conditions associated with the piping arrangement. For example low hanging piping can cause head injuries. Also work that is outside of the “railed” platform shall not be attempted by “climbing” over the rail.

Internal

A detailed plan should be in place before working inside the valve box , the following is a list of hazards inside the valve box.

- ❖ The valve box is shaped like a cylindrical tank with no floor built into it, this makes it difficult to move around.
- ❖ The piping arrangement is close together and is covered in MLI.
- ❖ Care should be taken not to damage small instrument tubing.
- ❖ Sharp edges from brackets are a hazard.
- ❖ If there is any welding and cutting involved in working inside the valve box a CONFINED SPACE PERMIT is required.

Figures 1-3 below are some of the external views of the 12 o'clock Yellow Valve Box.

Fig. 1 Posted at the entrance of each valve box building is a caution sign stating the ODH hazard level and a building manager contact card.



Fig. 2 A view on top of the valve box, showing Actuators of the process valves and the orange fence(foreground) that the power leads are enclosed



Fig. 3 A partial view of the top of the valve box, showing low hanging pipes.



Electrical Safety Issues

- 1) In conjunction with the accident in Cold-box 3 in which a technician burned his hand on a heater, we investigated the potential for a similar event in the blue valve box in service building 12.

Careful inspection of the valve box indicates no lethal voltage potentials and no installed heaters internal to the valve box. There are no feed-through(s) externally that contain high voltages that would pass into the cold-box. The only feed-through(s) (cables labeled BVBA, BVBB, BVBC, BVBD and BVBE) that exist are for low-level instrumentation (temperature sensors and level probes).

Fig. 4 Instrumentation Cables , bottom of the valve box.

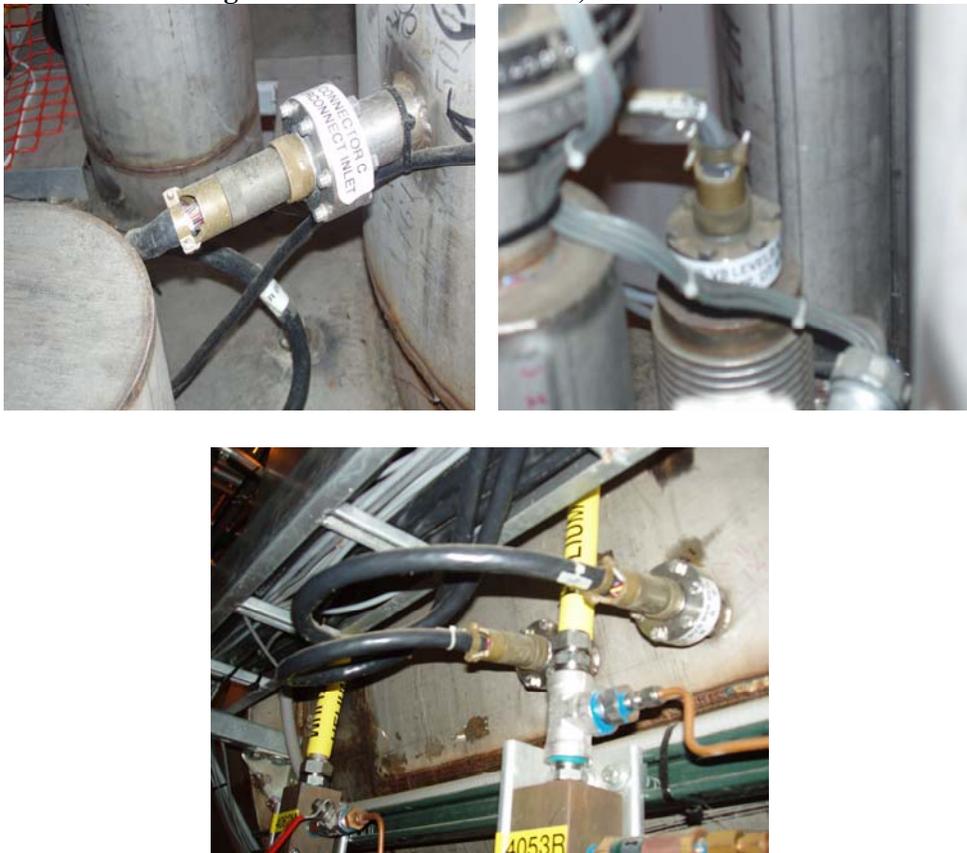


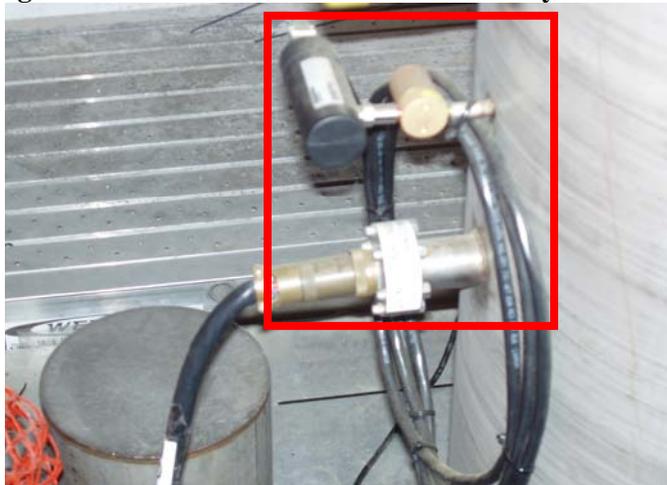
Fig. 5 Instrumentation Cables , top of the valve box.



INSULATING VACUUM

Gauges and controllers for insulating vacuum are located at various locations on the valve box. They are all external of the valve box and do not enter the valve box with any high voltage.

Fig. 6 Vacuum instrumentation cable and cryo-instrumentation



SLIDE VALVES

Each valve box has an associated slide valve as shown in the photo below. There is 120 Vac associated with these valves. There are rotating fan blades and thus caution must be observed.



Supporting Documents:

3A995090 10:00 Blue Ring P&ID
3A995082 2:00 Blue Ring P&ID
3A995092 12:00 Blue Ring P&ID
3A995081 Sextant 12/1 Blue Ring P&ID
3A995091 Sextant 10/11 Blue Ring P&ID