



THE  
SANITARY  
DESIGN  
WORKSHOP

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Equipment & Plant Design  
For Allergen/Pathogen Control in Low Moisture Foods

# Part 5: Equipment Hygienic Design

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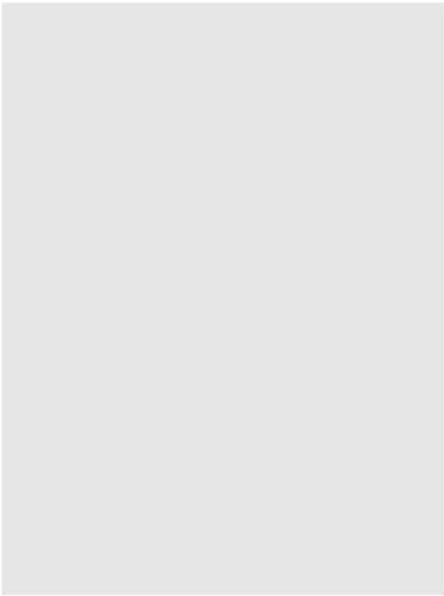
Sanitary design is integral to food safety.

# Objectives

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- Introduction of basic design principles
  - Case study reviews
- Definitions and expectations
  - Learn/Do/Teach
- Resources



# Goal:

Safe/Quality Food.. Efficiently

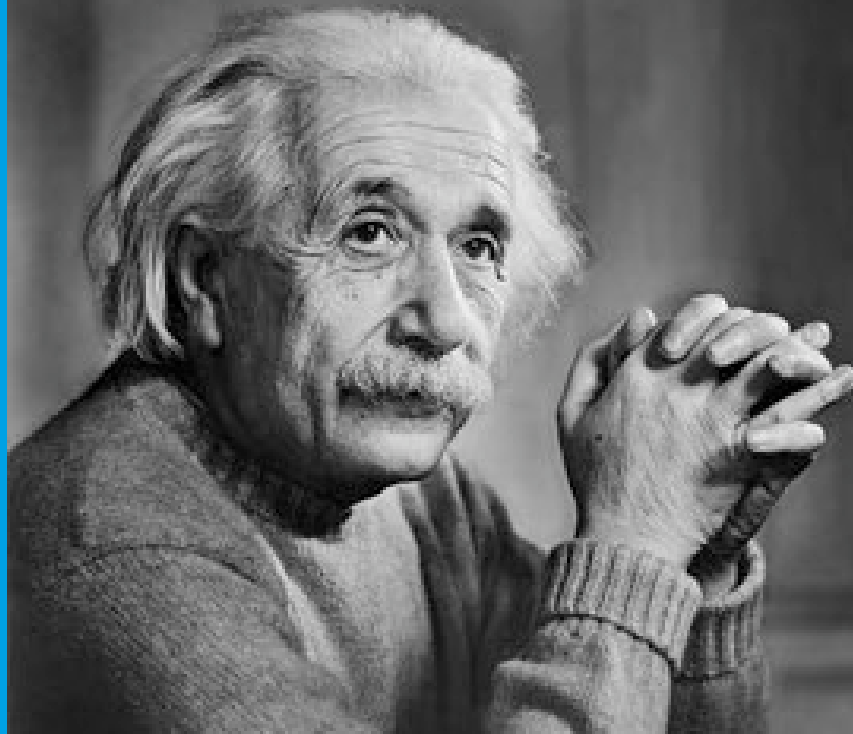


Sanitation by Design



If you can't explain it **simply**, you  
don't understand it well enough.

– Albert Einstein







**BE CAREFUL  
WHEN YOU  
EAT AT  
SAM & ELLA'S  
DINER**



# Sanitary Design Principle 1



**Ball Valves**

**Poor Sanitary Design:**

**1.2 cannot meet visibly clean, ATP, or micro criteria**



# Sanitary Design Principle 2



**Valve Location**

**Poor Sanitary Design:**

**2.2 difficult to access and remove from system**



# Sanitary Design Principle 2



**Ball Valves**

**Poor Sanitary Design:**

**2.2 difficult to access and remove from system**



# Sanitary Design Principle 3



## Butterfly valves

Poor Sanitary Design:

3.2 difficult to disassemble



# Sanitary Design Principle 3



**Butterfly valve disassembled**

**Poor Sanitary Design:**

**3.2 Too many parts**



# Sanitary Design Principle 3



**Poor Sanitary Design:  
3.3 Cannot Clean In Place (CIP)**



# Sanitary Design Principle 7



## Ball Valves

**Poor Sanitary Design:  
7.0.2 Retains food material**



# Sanitary Design Principle 8



**Ball Valves**

**Poor Sanitary Design:**

**8.3 not safe, practical, or efficient**



# Better Designs ARE available



Lumaco butterfly valve

Easy to disassemble



# Better Designs ARE available



**Lumaco butterfly valve disassembled: 4 PARTS**



# BEST Designs



**Sanitary Valves**



# BEST Designs



**Can be CLEANED IN PLACE**



# Personnel – Education is Key

- OEMs - advance from Sanitary Design to Sanitation By Design
- Onboarding and orientation with assessments
  - Employees that execute key tasks
  - Employees that lead key tasks

**Equipment Checklist 8.4**

# FDA Perspective: Equipment Design

- FDA does not regulate processing equipment
- FDA *does* regulate sanitary use of equipment
  - .... adequately cleanable...
  - ...Shall preclude adulteration...
  - ...protect food from being contaminated...

# Action Against Violations

“If the FDA determines equipment is not suitable for its intended use, it will go after the processors that use it.”

# Sanitation by Design Formula



## Sanitation Success =

soil (R&D)+

design (Eng)+

method (FSQ)+

labor (Ops)+

chemicals\* (FSQ) +

water\* (Eng)

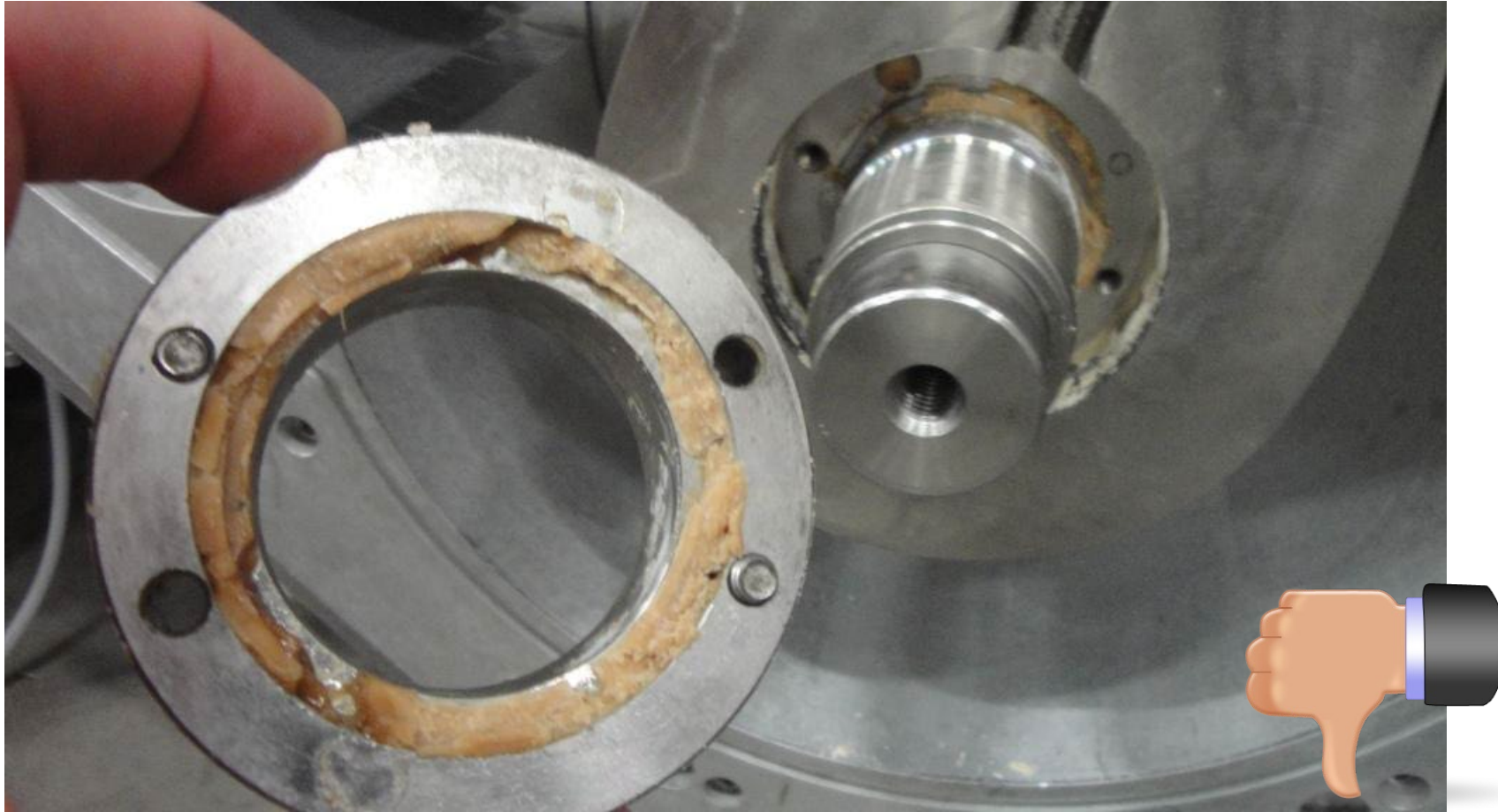
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# Principle 3 – Accessible for Inspection & Cleaning



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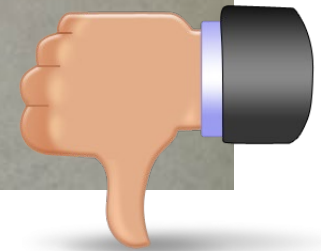


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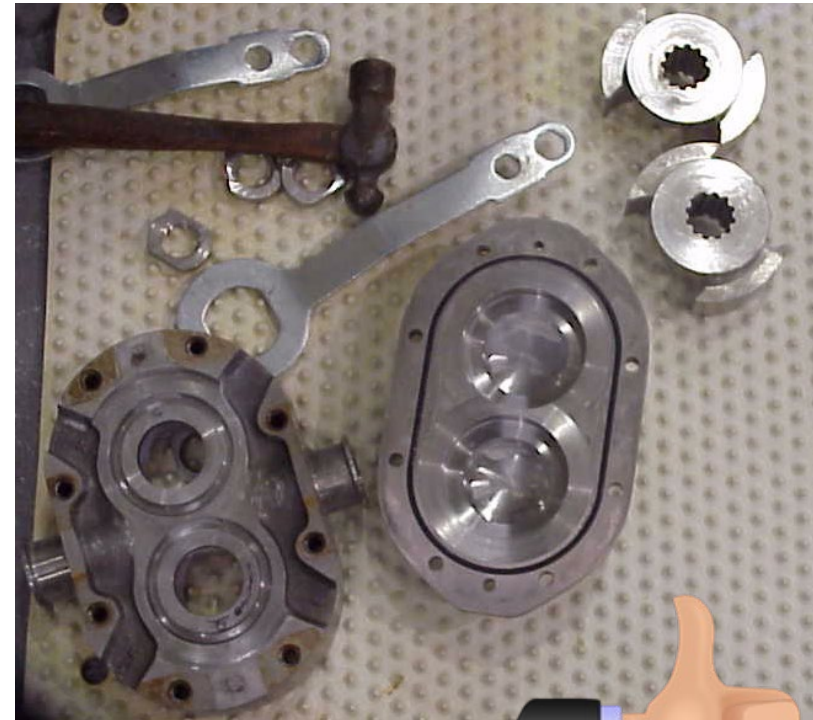
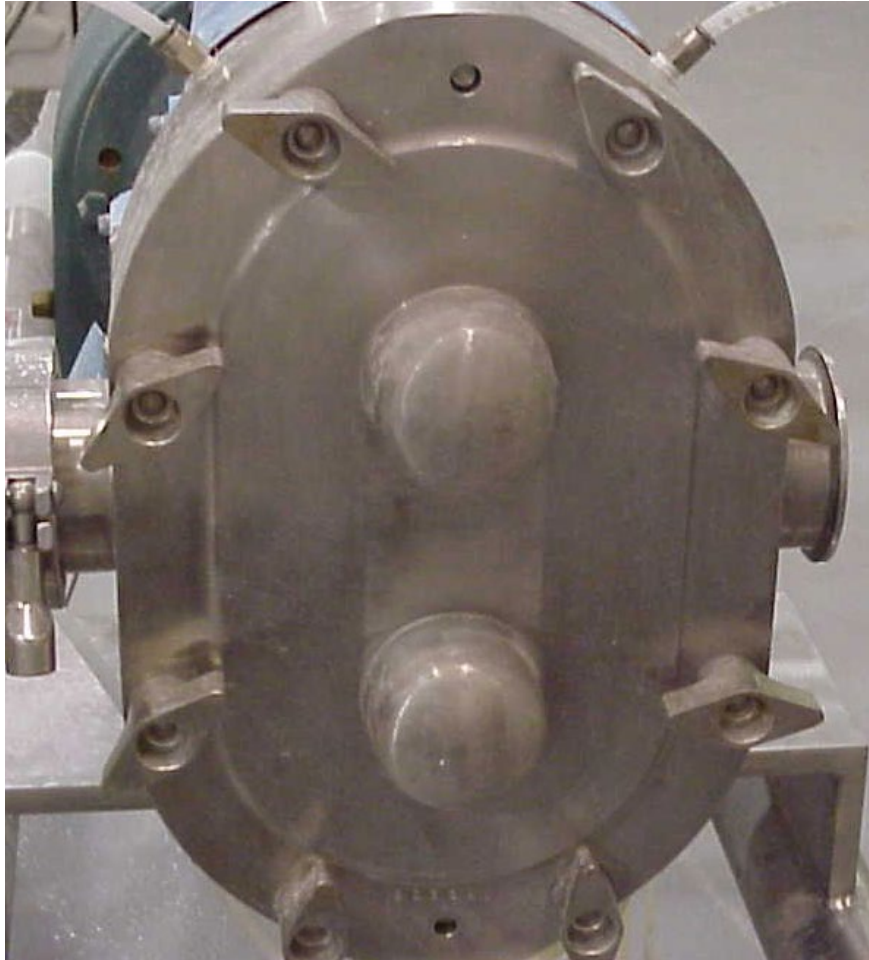


Poor Sanitary Design



Principle 3

# Principle 3 – Accessible for Inspection & Cleaning



Principle 3



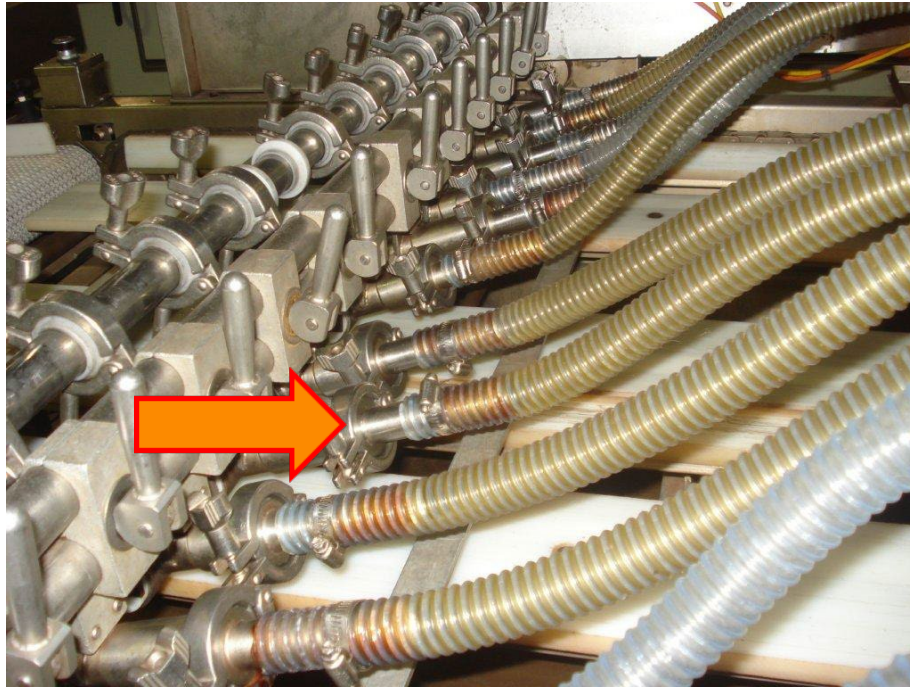
# Principle 3 – Accessible for Inspection & Cleaning



Better Sanitary Design

## Principle 3

# Fitting Design Alternatives



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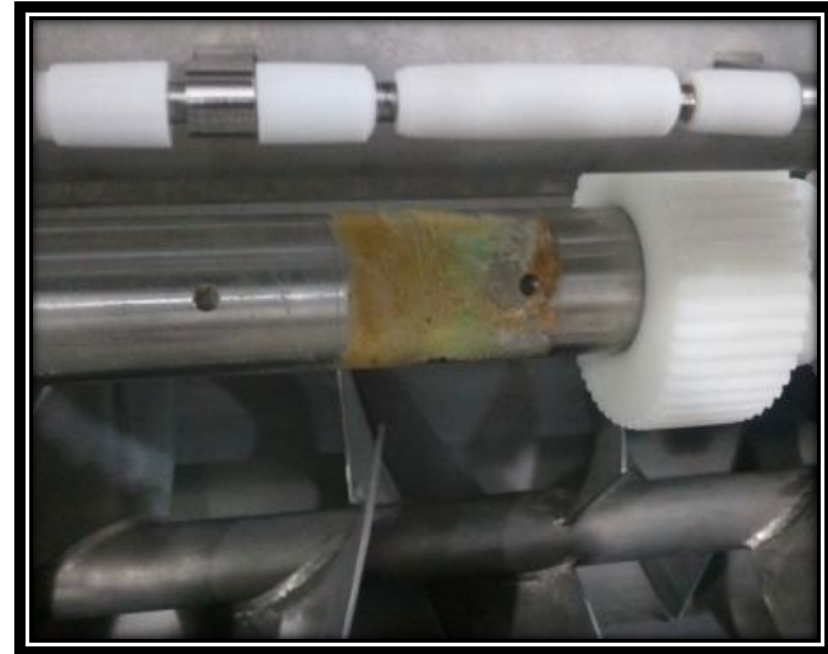
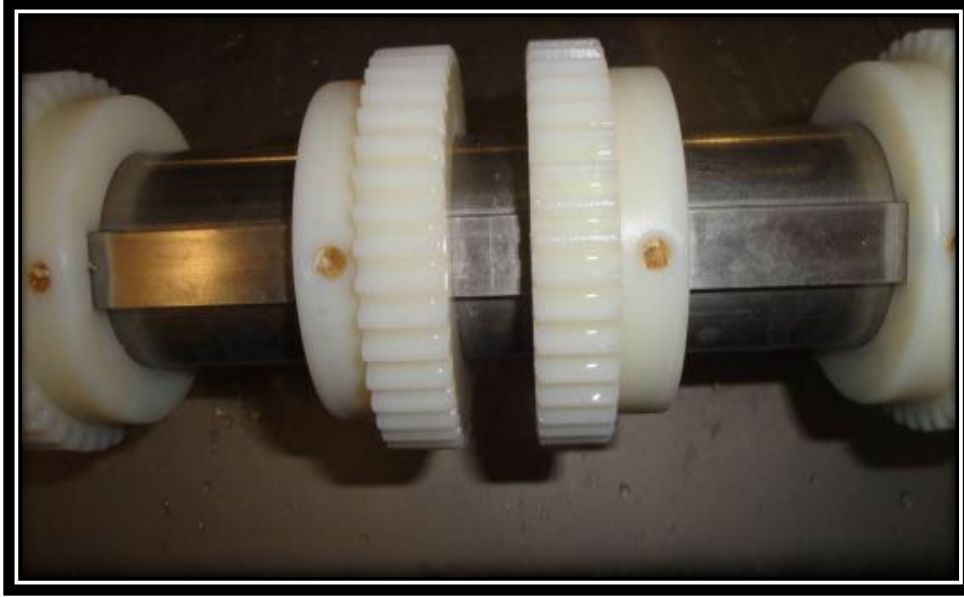
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Design

Sanitary Design

# Drive System





# Interior Agitator Assembly - Bushings

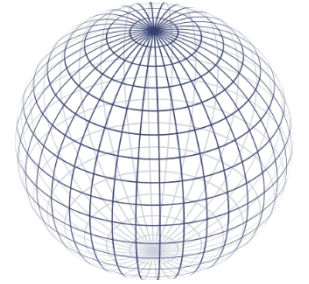


Figure 1 - Agitator Assembly

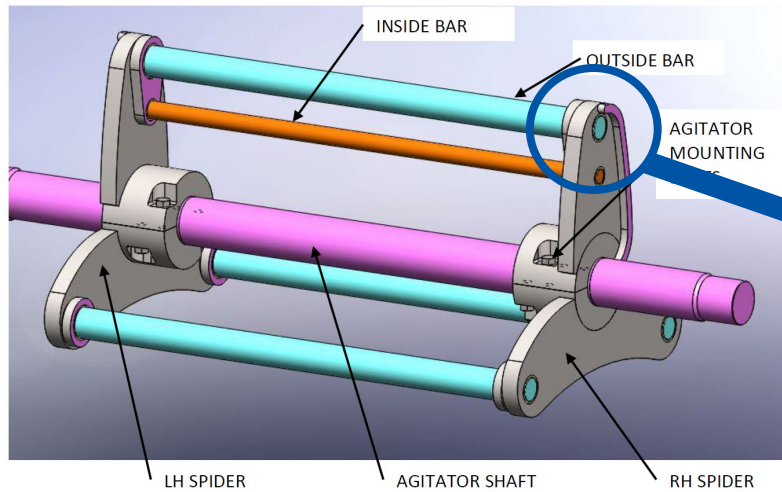
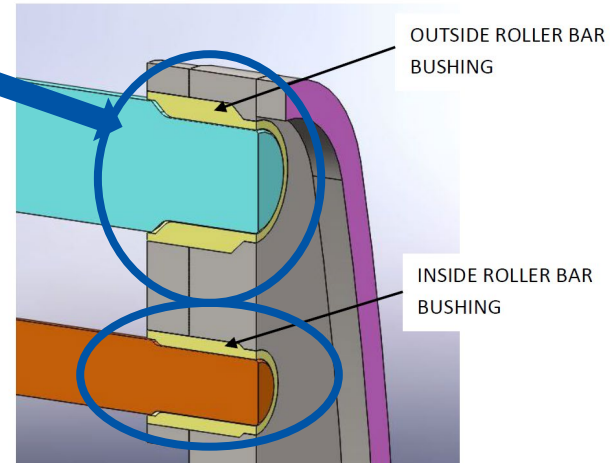
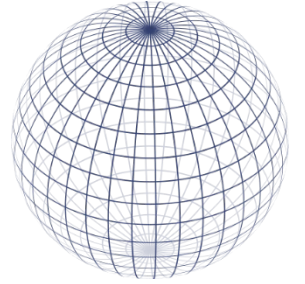


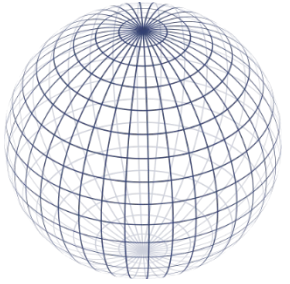
Figure 2 - Agitator Roller Bar Bushings



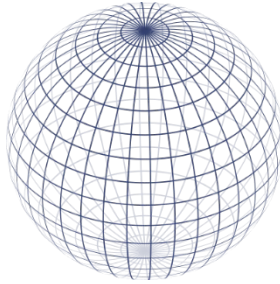
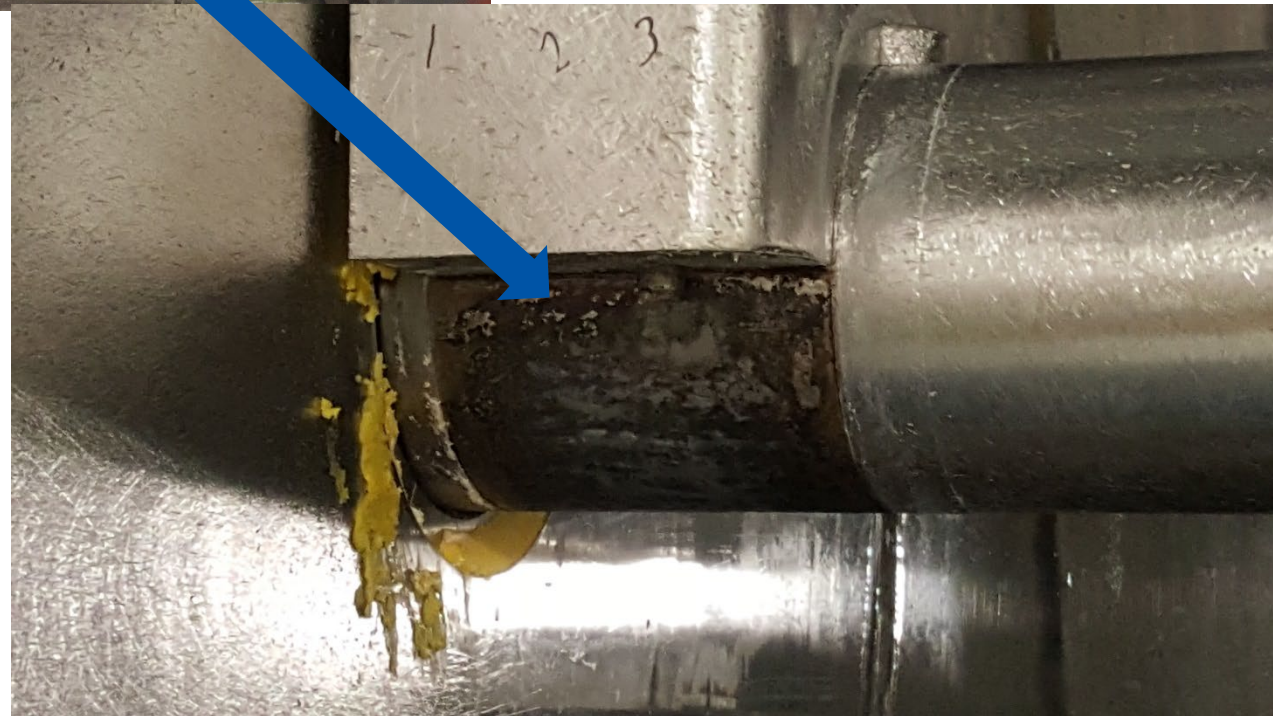
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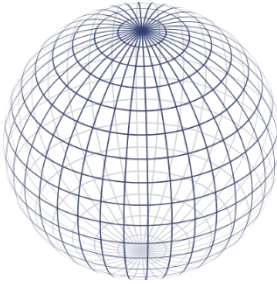
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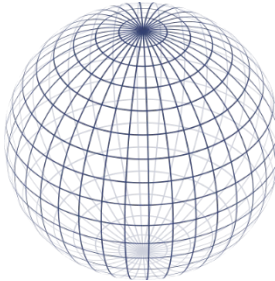
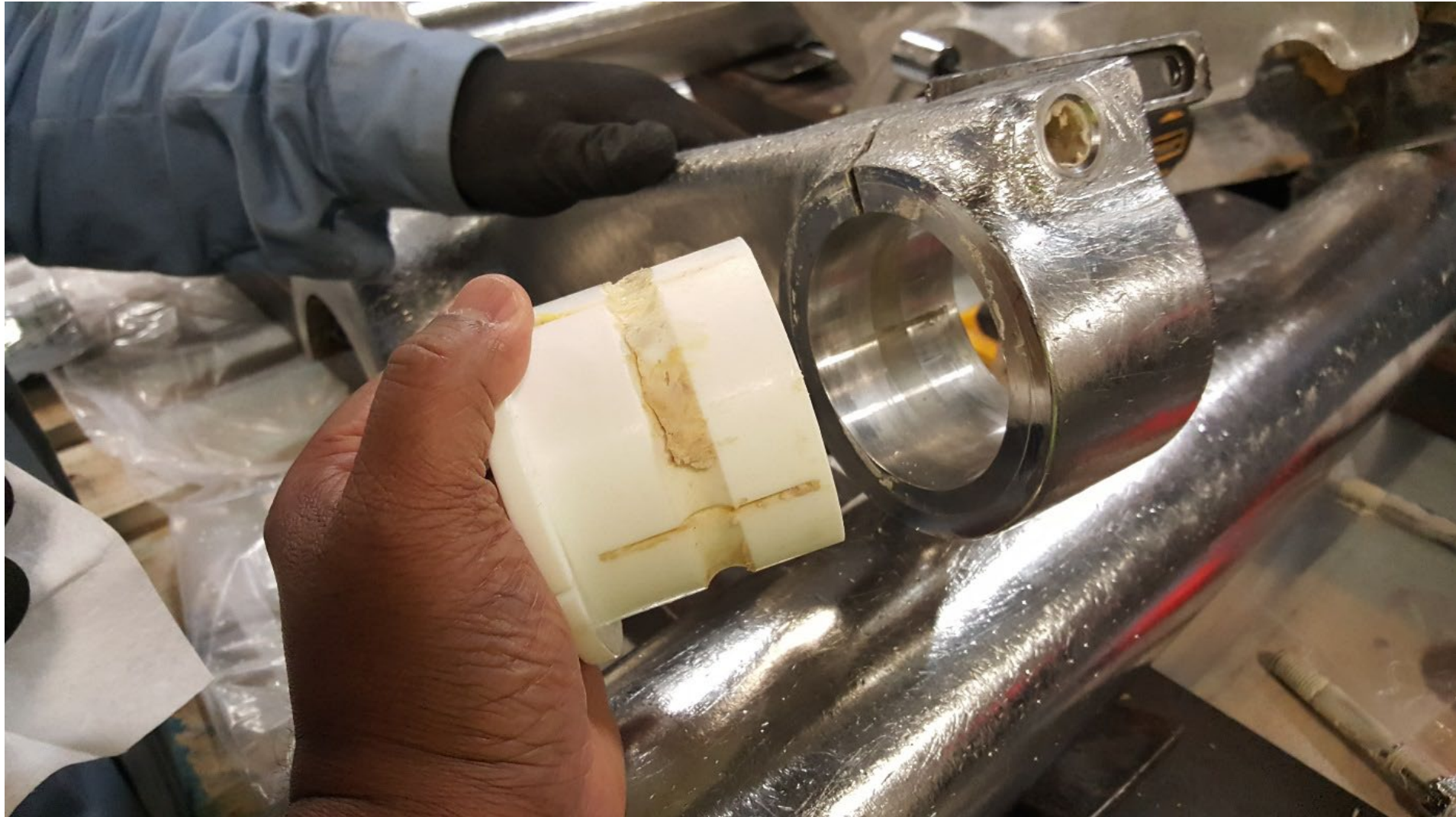
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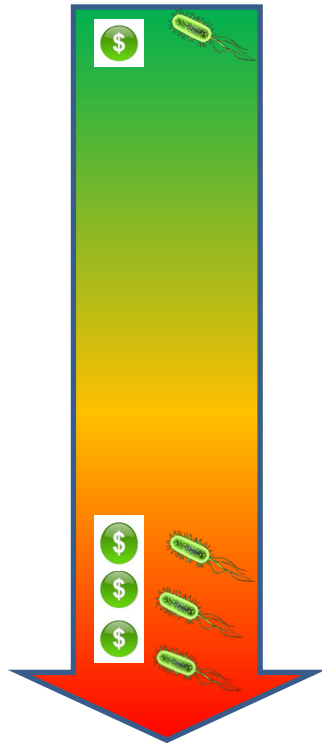


**Roses are red. Tacos  
are delicious.**

**I use paper plates  
because I hate doing  
dishes.**



# What Cleaning Method To Use?



1. No cleaning needed
  - a. Redundant or dedicated equipment (isolated)
2. Purge (next product or inert material)
3. Dry clean
4. Dry clean w/chemicals
5. CIP (Clean in Place)
6. Controlled wet clean – out of place
  - a. Automated washer
7. ACS (Assisted Cleaning System)
8. Controlled wet clean – in place
9. Flood cleaning

# Before



# During



# After



Equipment Checklist 1.5



Case Study #2, #5



















**Equipment Checklist 1.1, 5.1**



# Non CIP-able Teflon bearing

Swept or scraped surface tanks



GENERAL MILLS



# Holding Tank





# Bearing located at bottom of shaft





# Confined Space Entry & LOTO Required



**CORNING GROUP**  
**CONFINED SPACE ENTRY PERMIT**

1. Purpose: This permit is to be used to authorize entry into a confined space for the purpose of performing maintenance, repair, or other work. It is not to be used for routine operations or for the purpose of inspecting or cleaning.

2. Scope: This permit applies to all confined spaces as defined in the company's safety manual.

3. Responsibilities: The permit holder is responsible for ensuring that all safety requirements are met and that the work is completed safely. The permit issuer is responsible for verifying that the permit is issued only when all safety requirements are met.

4. Equipment: The following equipment must be used for entry into a confined space:

Equipment	Required	Emergency Release
Respiratory Protection	Yes	Yes
Gas Detector	Yes	Yes
Communication System	Yes	Yes
Handheld Radio	Yes	Yes
Flashlight	Yes	Yes
Staircase	Yes	Yes
Ladder	Yes	Yes
Hoist	Yes	Yes
Other	Yes	Yes

5. Entry Procedure: The permit holder must follow the following procedure for entry into a confined space:

1. Obtain the permit from the permit issuer.
2. Verify that all safety requirements are met.
3. Enter the confined space.
4. Perform the work.
5. Exit the confined space.
6. Cancel the permit.

6. Other Specific Entry Procedures: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Issuance: This permit is issued only when all safety requirements are met.

8. Duration: This permit is valid for a maximum of 24 hours.

9. Renewal: This permit may be renewed only if all safety requirements are still met.

10. Cancellation: This permit is cancelled if the permit holder fails to follow the entry procedure or if the permit issuer determines that the work is unsafe.

11. Approval: This permit is approved by the permit issuer.

12. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Issued By: \_\_\_\_\_

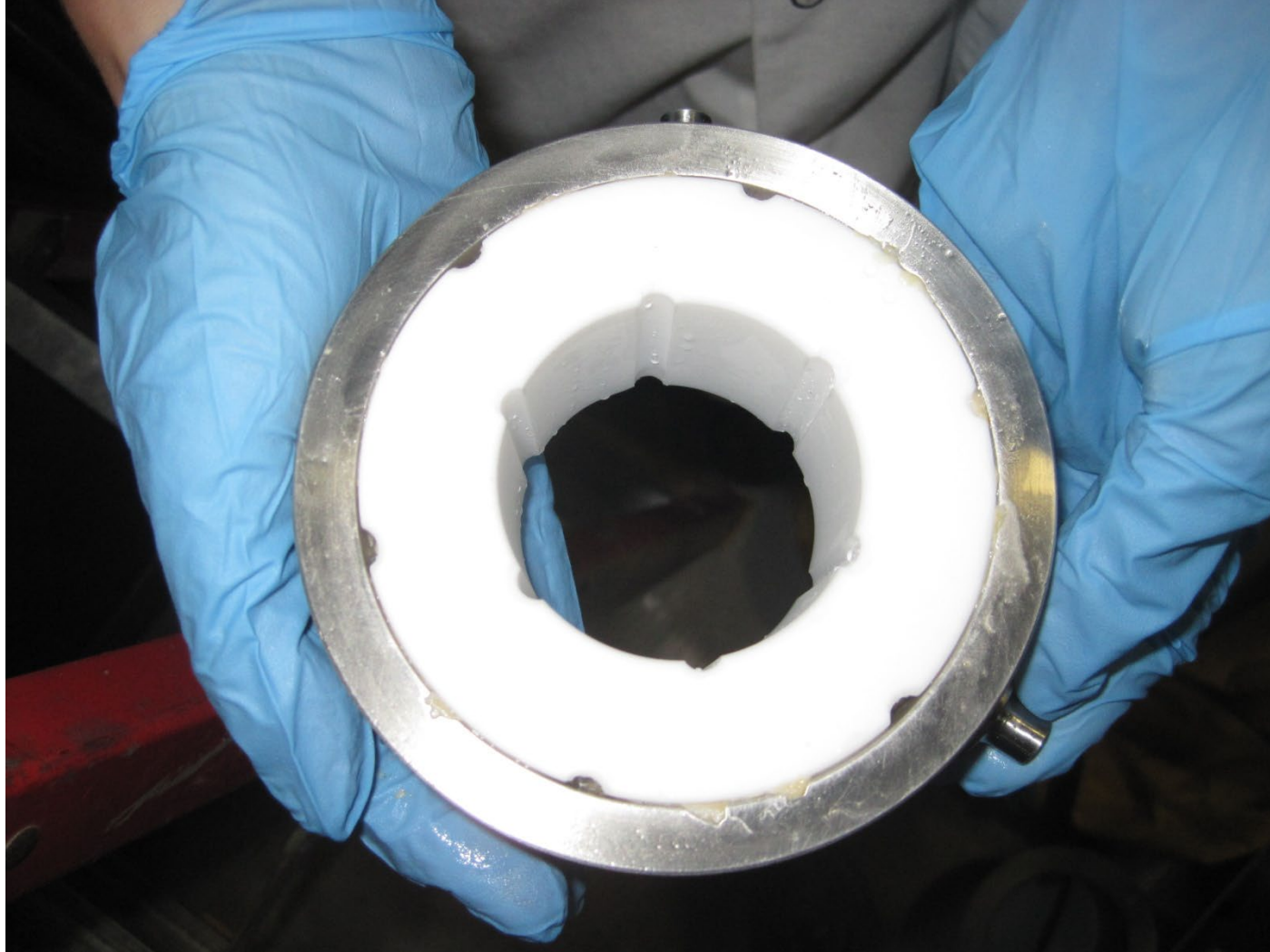
14. Date Time: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Reason for Cancellation: \_\_\_\_\_





# Removed bearing after CIP





# CIP Shortcomings





# Prototype Solution Round 1





# Prototype Solution Round 2





# Tool for Removal





# Other Options: Eliminate or Clean



**Equipment Checklist 6.1**





Happy 3rd birthday  
to the tartar sauce  
in my fridge. 😂

# Focus on Labor Reduction

- Simplify Downtime Activities
  - Time
  - People
  - Skills



- Metric: Downtime Labor Minutes/Unit of Operation

# Case Study – Simple Design – Easy Disassembly

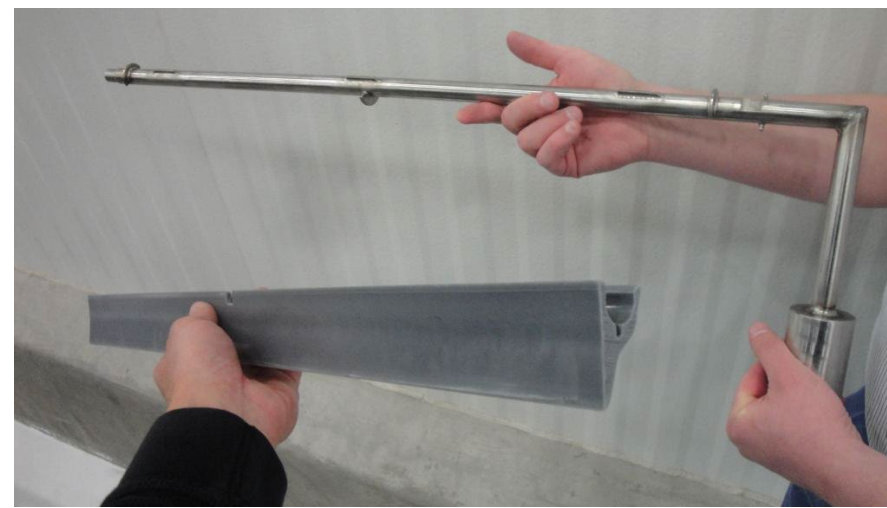
# Old Design – Belt Scraper



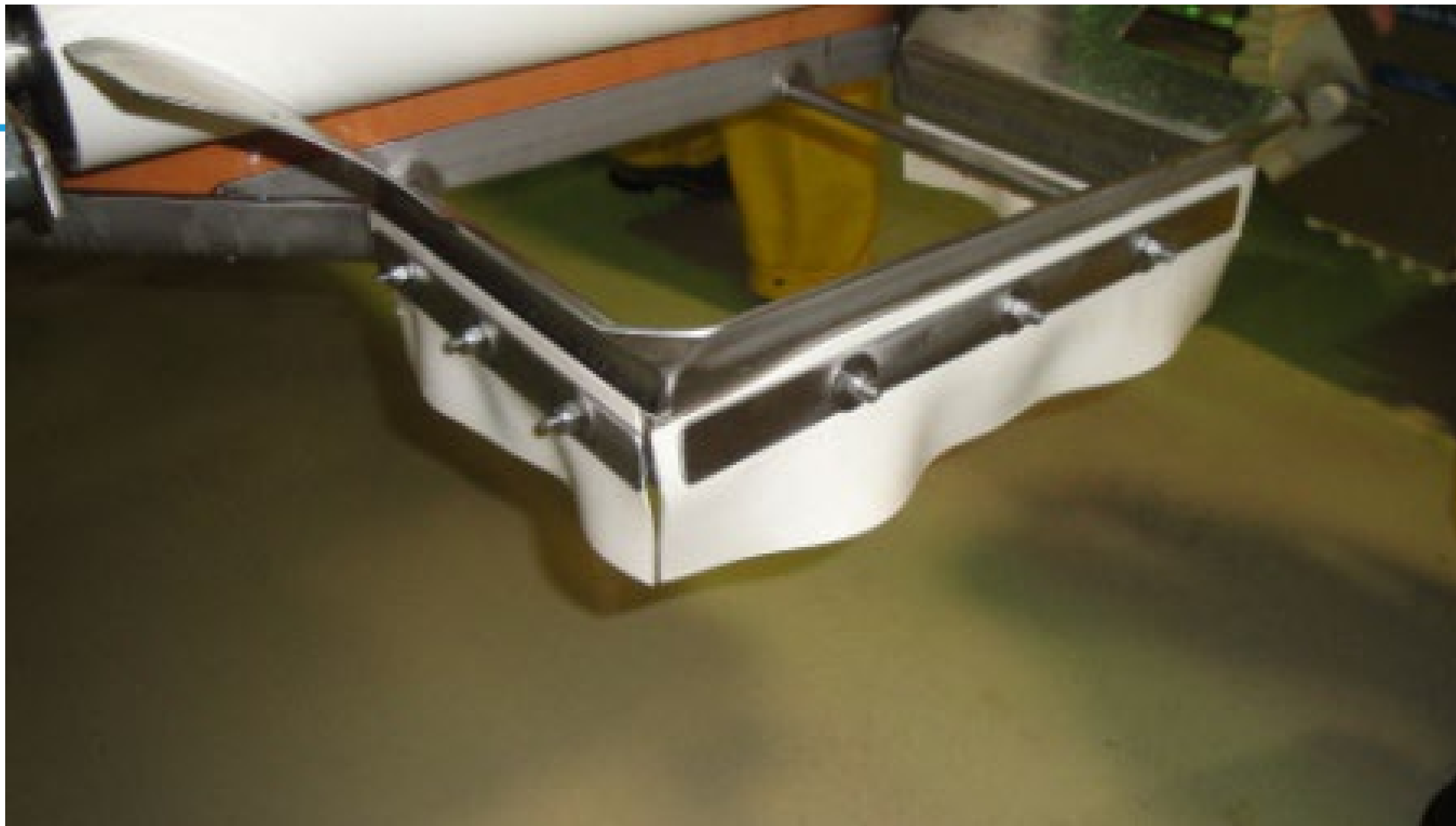
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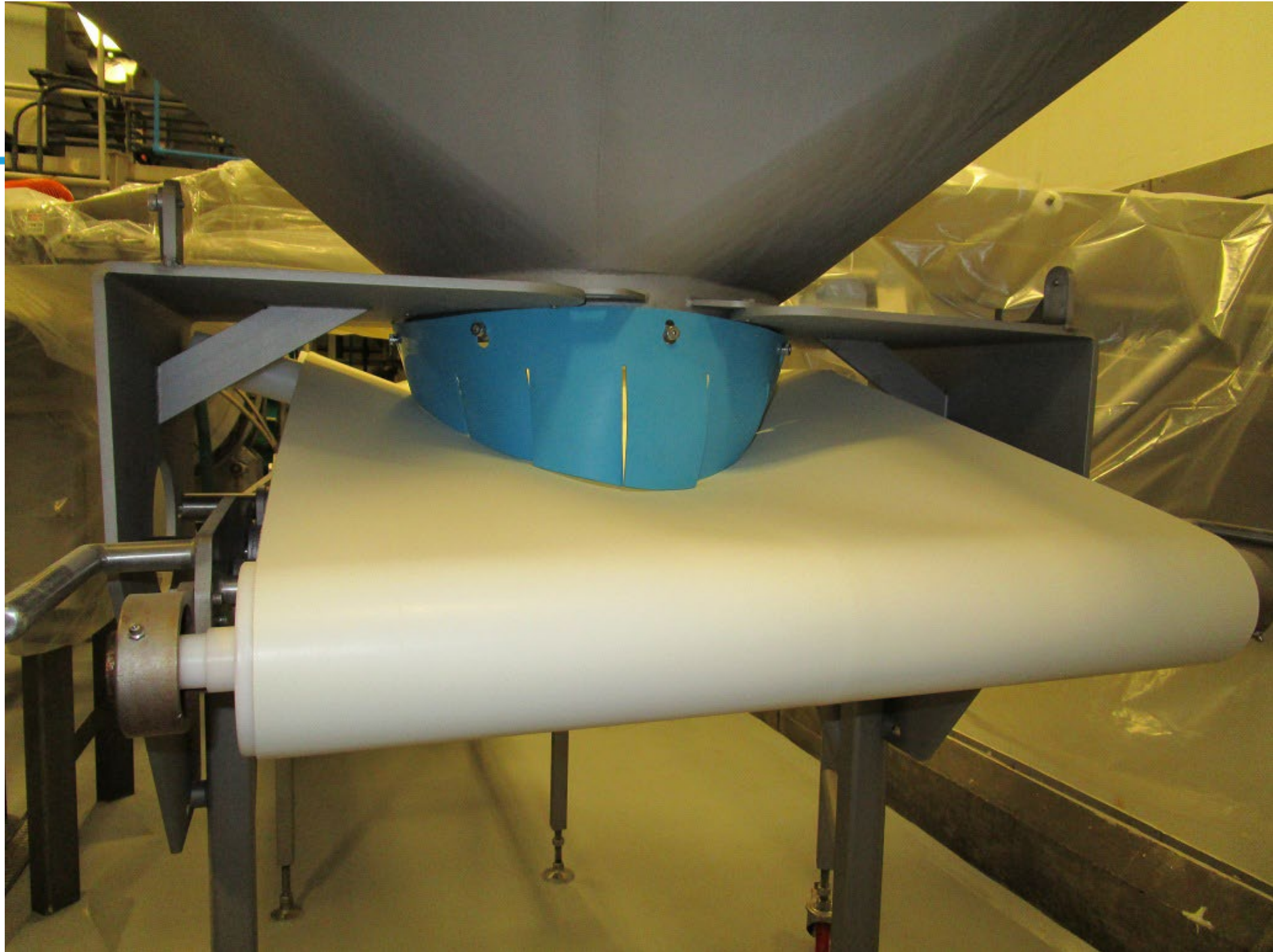


# Simple Disassembly



Equipment Checklist 1.2, 2.2, 3.1





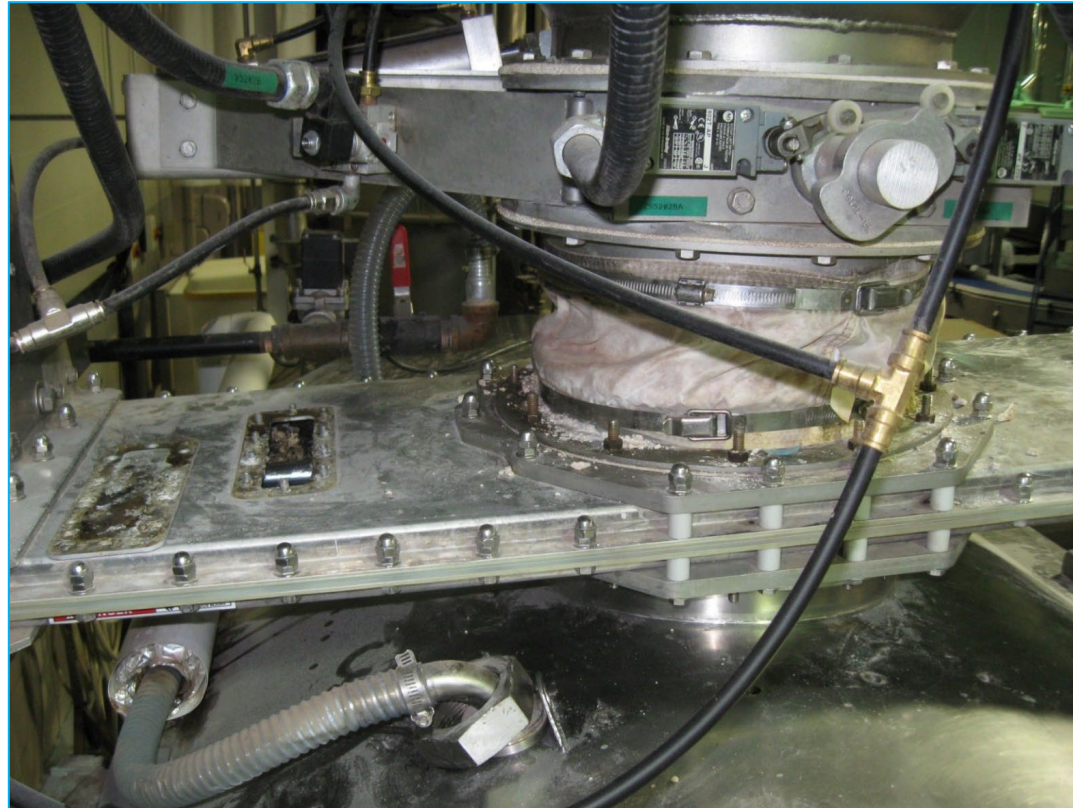


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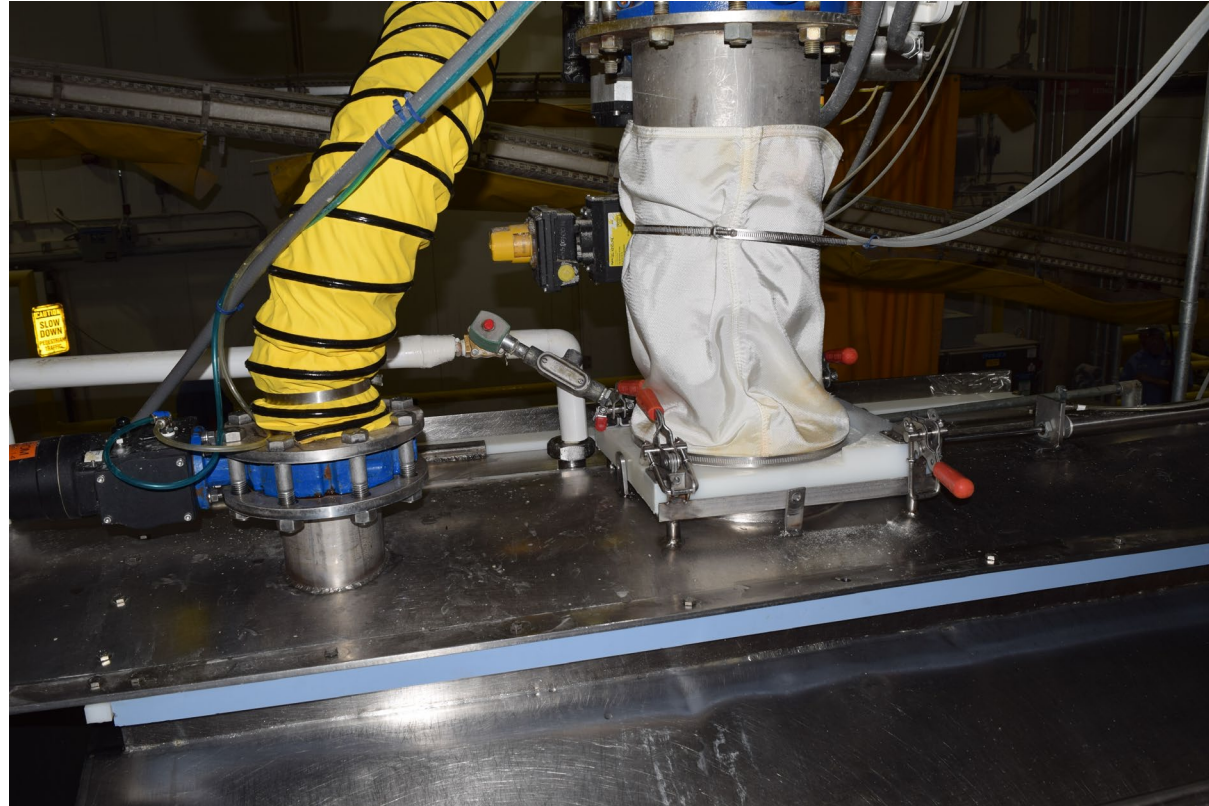
## How to design for cleaning?



Case Study #3







# Removable Flour Gate



**Equipment Checklist 1.3, 1.7**

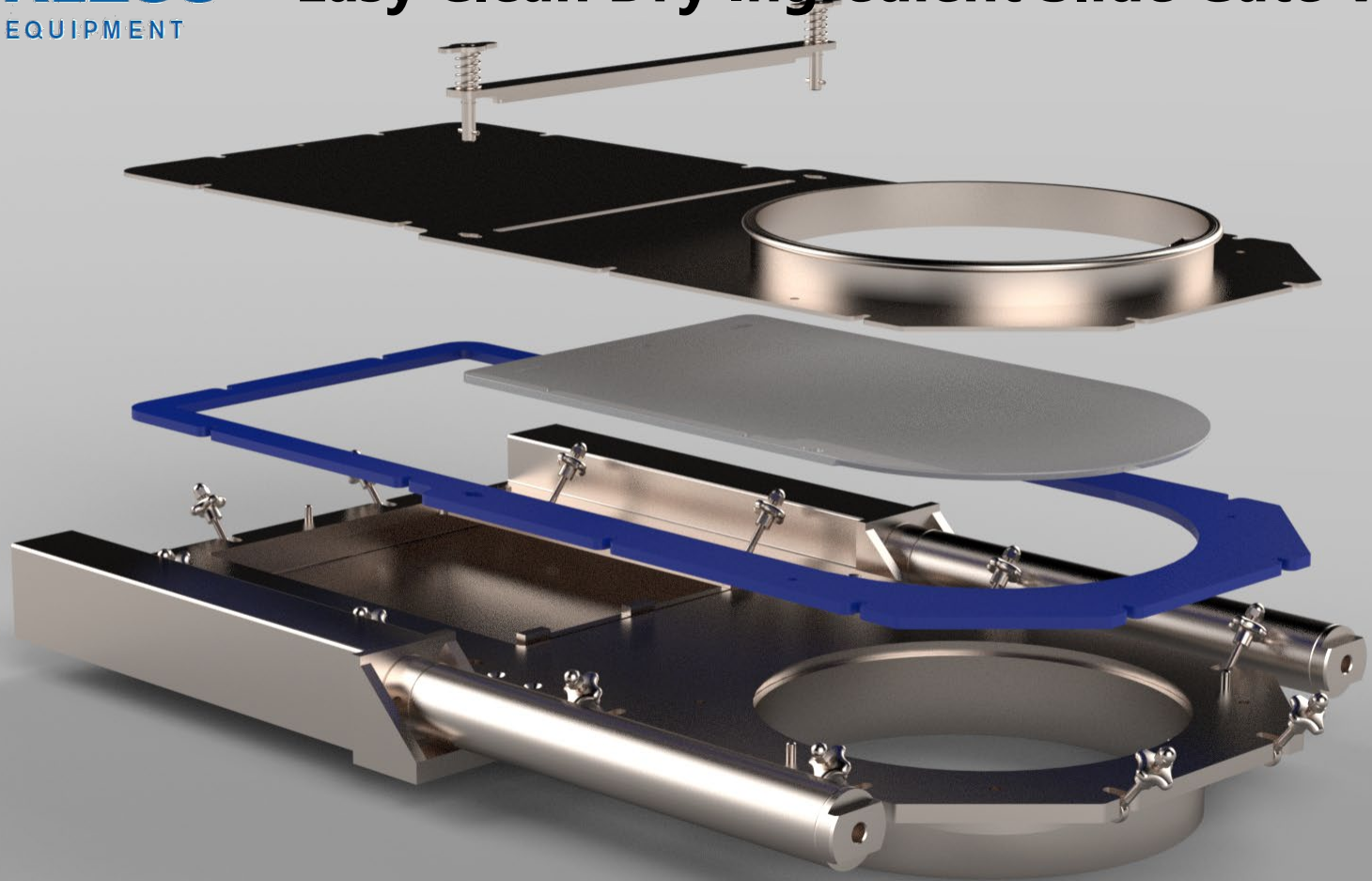


# Easy Clean Dry Ingredient Slide Gate Valve





# Easy Clean Dry Ingredient Slide Gate Valve





# Common Product Zone Challenges

- Condensation
- Leaks
- Build-up
- Rust
- Flaking paint or stickers
- Cross contamination
- Caulking
- Gaskets
- Insulation
- Mold
- Over lubrication
- Damaged/missing equipment
- Wear points
- Improper use of shielding
- Temporary repairs
- Product zone tools
  - Damage
  - Storage
- Pests
- Others?



# AR (Augmented Reality)

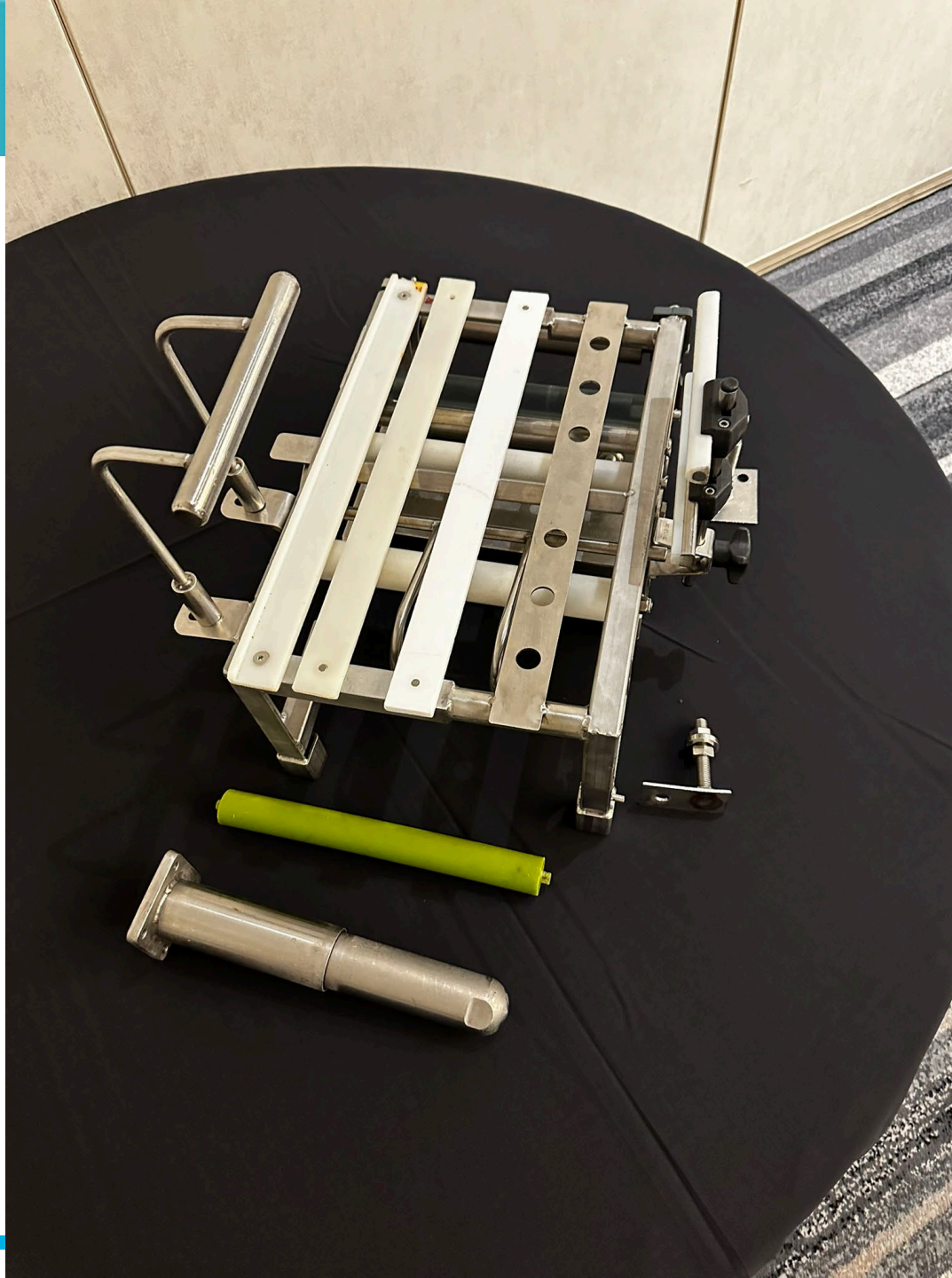


Training/Instruction - Operations, Maintenance, Sanitation

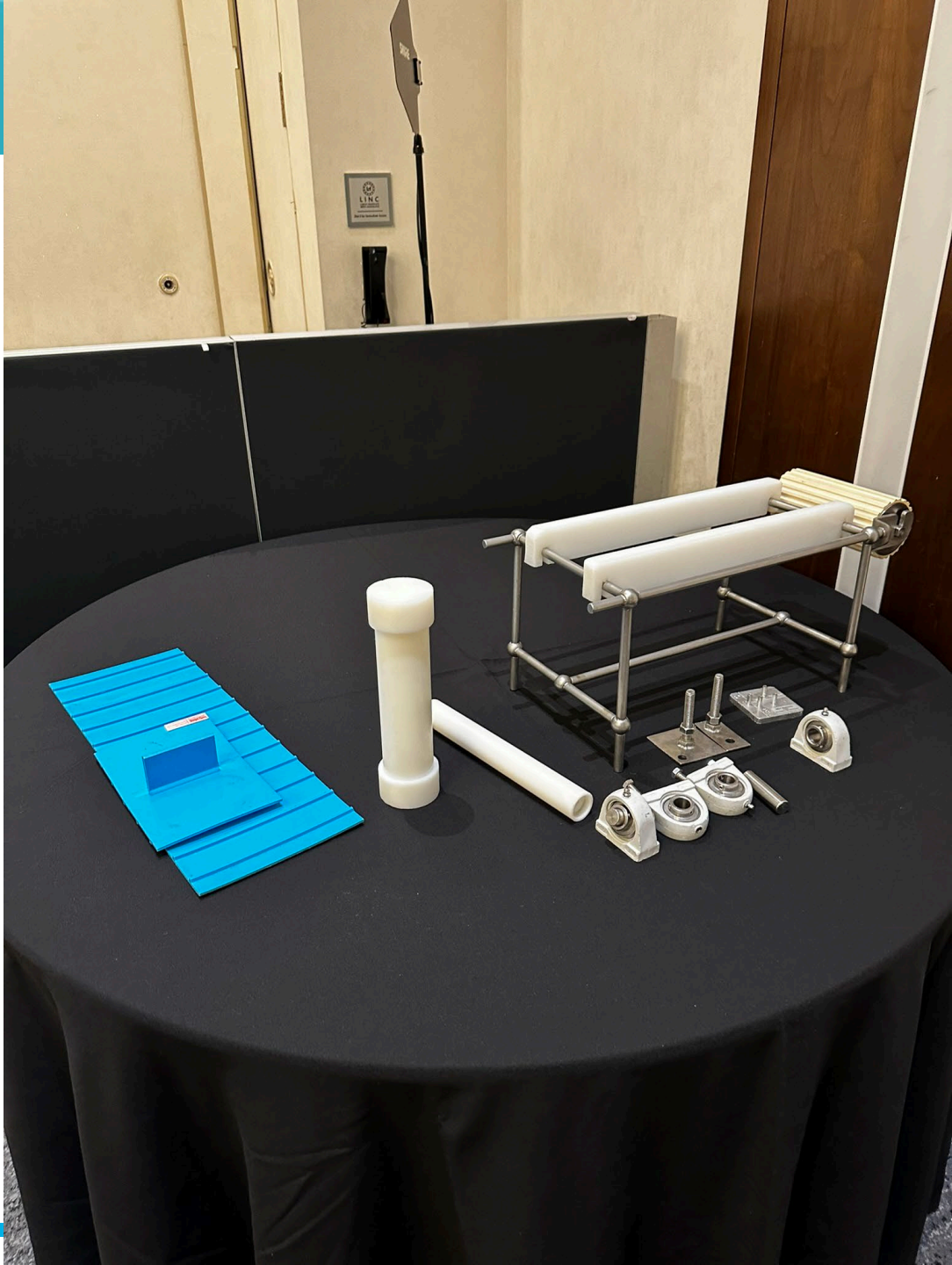




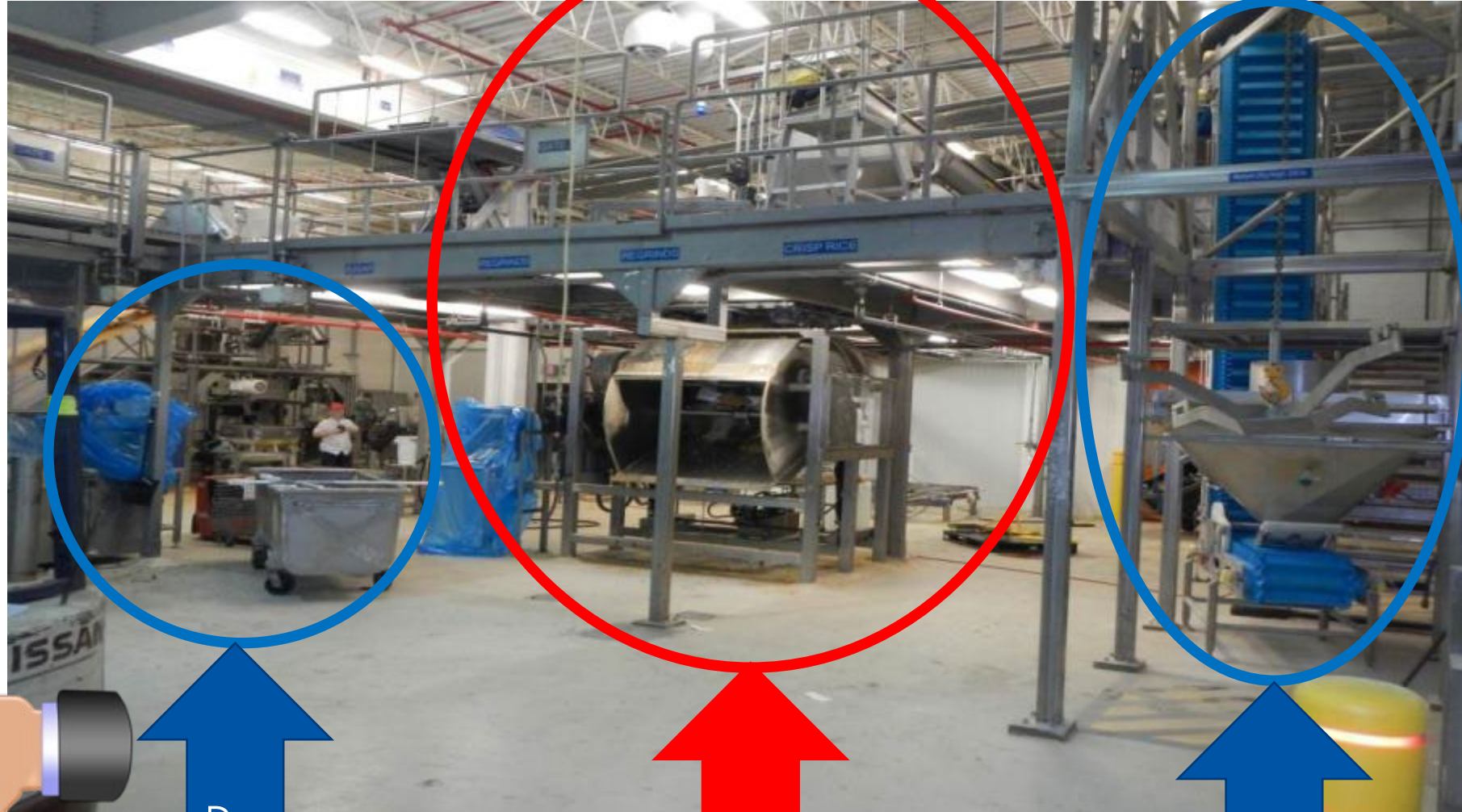
# SANITARY DESIGN PRINCIPLES – EXERCISE







# Wet/Dry Zoning Conflict



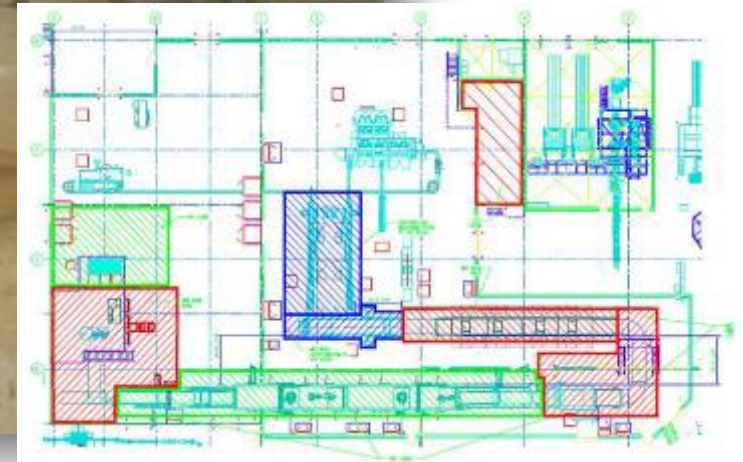
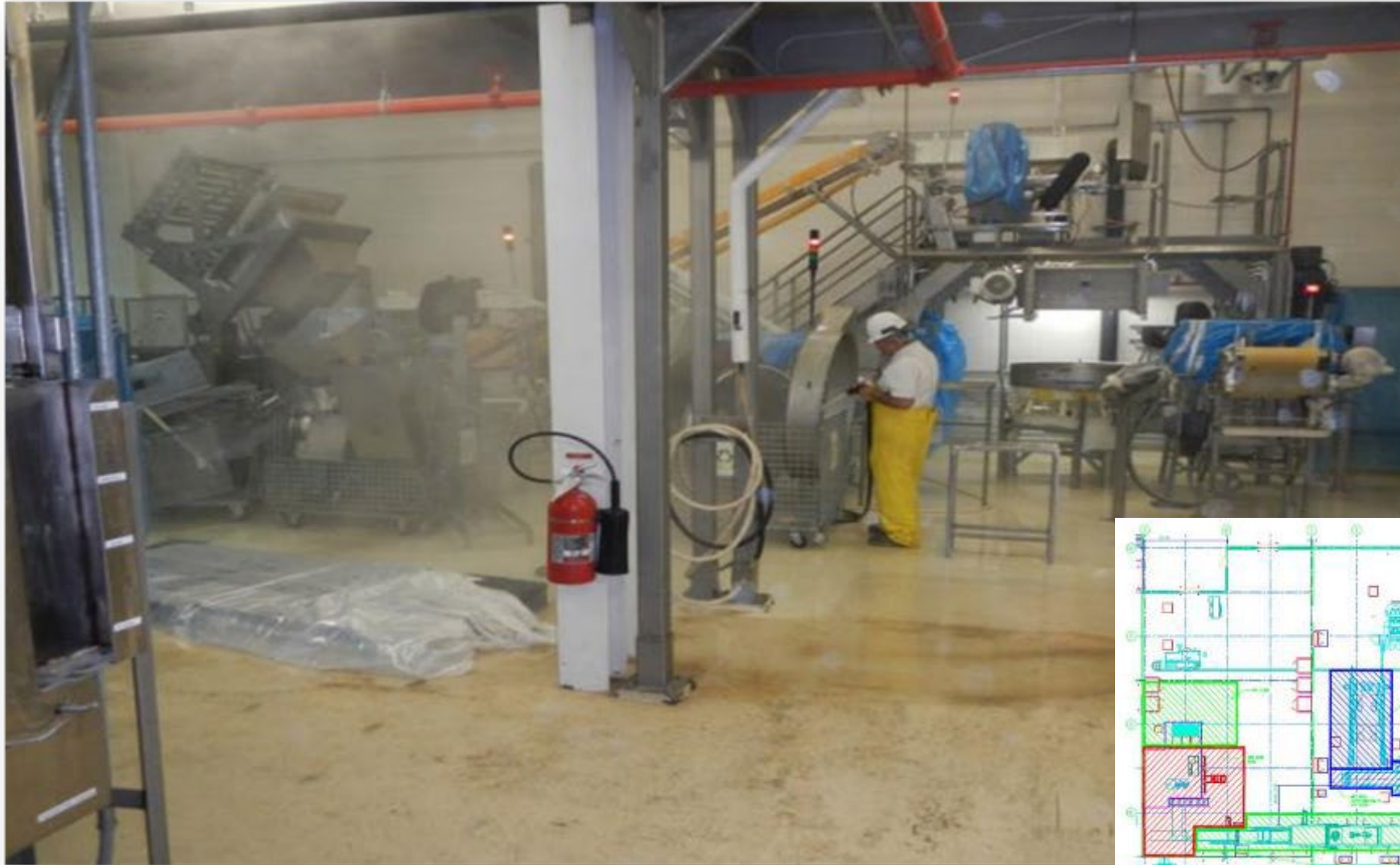
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Wet

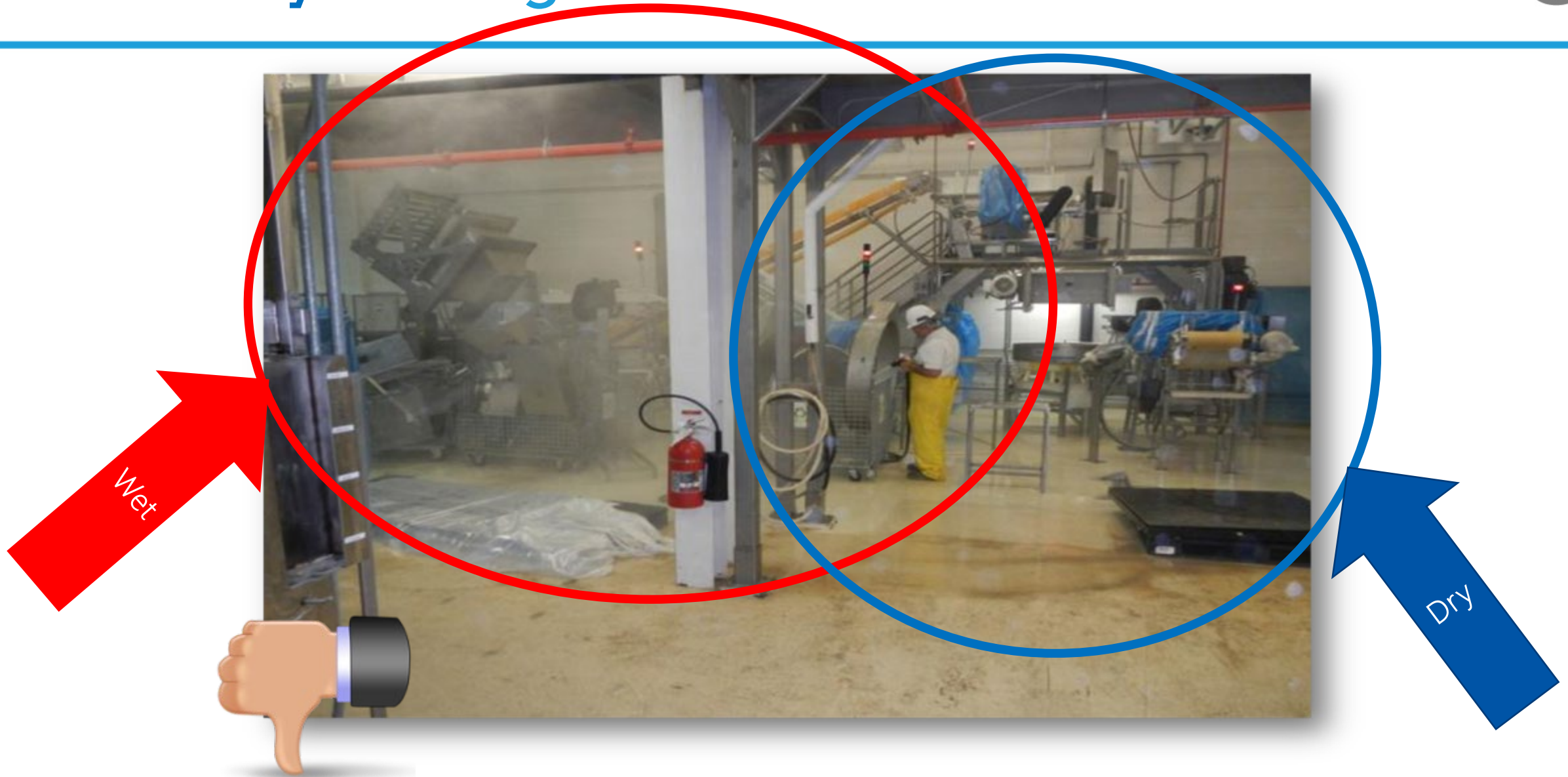
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# Sanitary Design

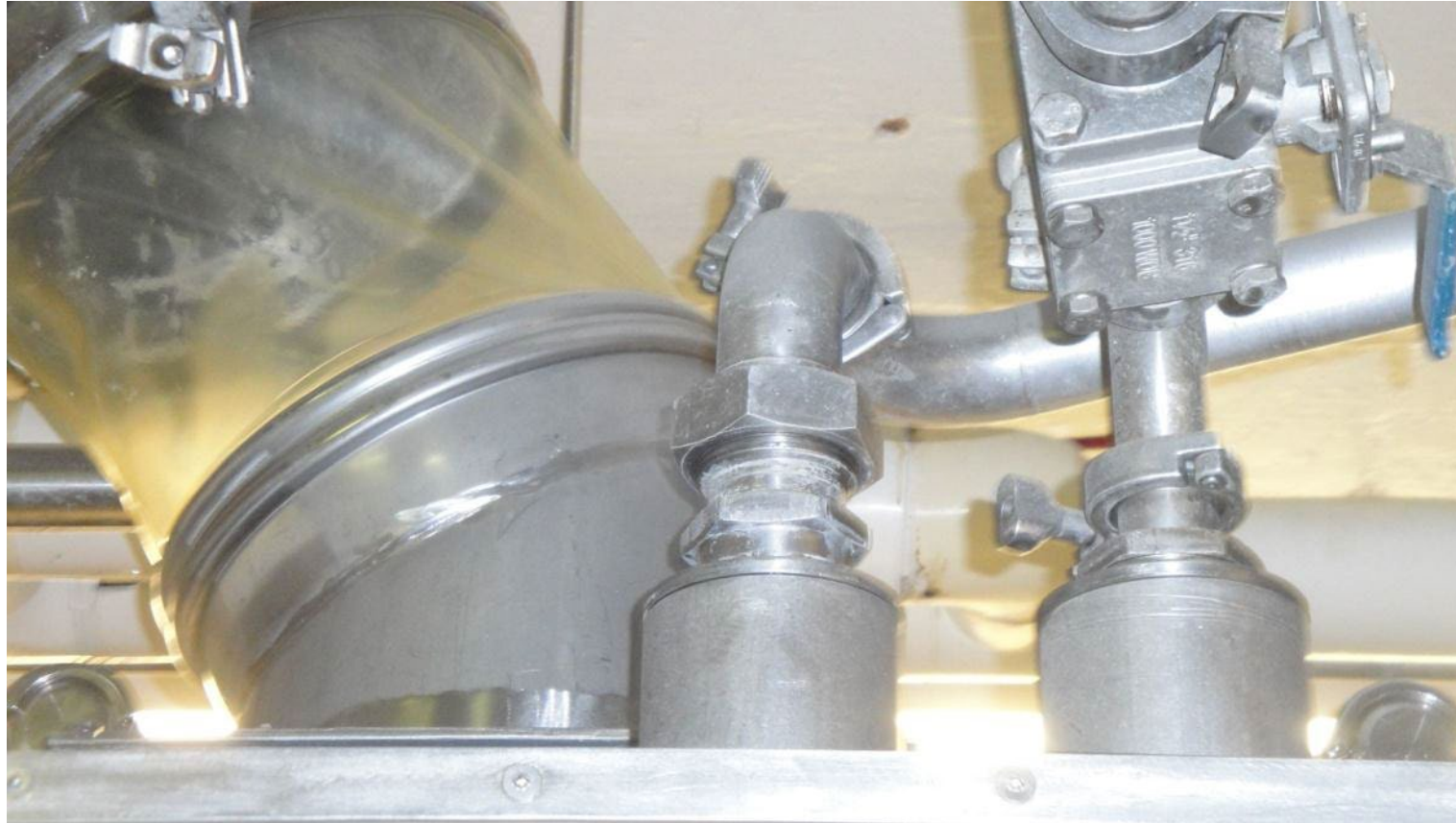
## Principle 1: Hygienic Zones



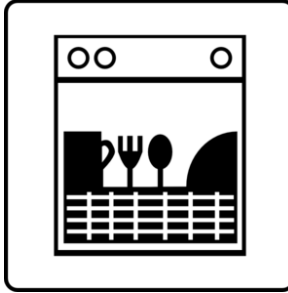
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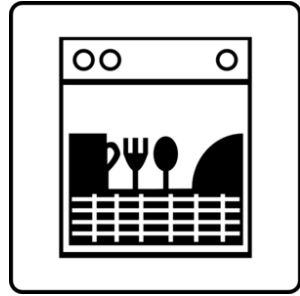
# Poor Wet/Dry Separation



# Infeed Pipe – Mold Growth



# Leaking Pipes



# Key Learnings

- Clearly define clean expectations to cross functional teams
- Wet/dry zoning is needed
- Component level of disassembly
- If you get it wet, you must 4x4 and validate
- If it is dry, keep it dry – treat water like glass
- If you wet clean, get it dry quickly, then keep it dry
- Mechanical action is critical – focus on remediating low flow areas
- Spend time on the plant floor auditing and reviewing practices
- Visual inspection is everyone's best sanitation tool!

# Objectives Met?

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I used to be addicted to soap...

But I'm clean now.

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