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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 1B AND Be WINDOW (PROCEDURE TO BE PERFORMED BY EXXON PRT OPERATIONS GROUP)

A. Bleed-Up

1. Notify the Coordinator (Beeper 5824).
2. Close and seal Valve 1B and the Front-End High Vacuum Valve.
3. Hook up turbo pump to this section and isolate turbo.
4. Turn off all ion gauges and ion pumps in section being vented.
5. Coordinator places Yellow Tags on Valve 1B Controller and the Front -End High Vacuum Valve.
6. Slowly bleed up with boil-off N_2 while Coordinator monitors the Front-End pressure.

B. Return to Operation

1. Pump to $< 2.0 \times 10^{-9}$ Torr.
2. Turn on all ion gauges and ion pumps in this section that were turned off for venting.
3. Notify the Coordinator (Beeper 5824).
4. Prepare for RGA scan.*
5. Open Valve 1B into the Front-End provided pressure $< 2.0 \times 10^{-9}$ Torr downstream of the valve.
6. Perform RGA scan.*
7. If RGA scan or pressure reading (if no RGA scan required) is satisfactory, Coordinator removes Yellow Tags from Valve 1B and the Front-End High Vacuum Valve.
8. Remove any unprotected turbo pump from this section or valve off the turbo pump and place a Yellow Tag on the valve.**

*** 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 $< 2\times10^{-9}$ Torr and the Front End pressure remains $< 2\times10^{-9}$ 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 $< 9\times10^{-10}$ 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.

**** 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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