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MODULE 5

Commissioning Tests and Certification of Readiness

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CONSTRUCTION PHASE COMMISSIONING PROCESS OVERVIEW

Members of the Cx Team are accountable for attending Construction Phase meetings and completing action items by their due dates. Effective commissioning and a successful project for the owner are dependent on the full cooperation of all meeting participants.

Learning Objectives

- Introduction and Construction Phase Overview
- Commissioning Tests and Certification of Readiness
- Operational Sustainability
- Reporting
- Progress Reports
- Final Report

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INTRODUCTION

- The construction phase is the third of the four phases we've identified for the building systems commissioning process.
- This phase comes immediately after the design phase and comes before the occupancy and operations phases.
- The third phase of the commissioning process outlined in the 2005 BEYOND SMART CITIES Commissioning Guidelines was the construction phase.
- The Commissioning Plan (Cx Plan), which was updated by the Commissioning Provider (CxP) during the Design Phase, is implemented during the Construction Phase.
- Consistent interaction between the CxP and the construction team, as well as frequent communication between the CxP and the design team, are essential to the construction phase's success.
- The CxP leads both the larger Commissioning Team (Cx Team) and the smaller Commissioning Provider Group (CxP Group) to ensure commissioning activities are completed correctly and on schedule
- Verifying building system compliance with the OPR or CFR is one of the most important priorities for the CxP during the construction phase.

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- Before beginning any testing procedure, it is essential to understand the distinction between commissioning tests and demonstrations of commissioning tests.
- CxA and owner's witnesses were assembled, and acceptance testing was planned.
- At the conclusion of the first trying day, the failure rate for all tests administered surpassed 40 percent.
- When questioned at the end of the day, the contractor admitted that there had been no preliminary testing.
- In fact, as problems were identified, he intended to resolve them, complete the test, and then move on to the next test.
- The C.A. and witnesses were expected to remain on the sidelines while problems were resolved.



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- In essence, the The contractor attempted to substitute his own quality control program with commissioning test demonstrations.
- Due to the numerous test failures, acceptance testing was discontinued.
- The prime contractor informed that no additional acceptance testing would be conducted until a new Certificate of Readiness letter was received.
- It Before another Certification of Readiness letter could be sent, it took the subcontractor six weeks to complete all of the preliminary tests and resolve the inter-component wiring discrepancies and other failures.
- The failure rate for acceptance testing at that time was less than one percent.
- prior to the contractor submitting the Letter of Certification of Readiness.

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01. Static Tests

02. Startup Procedures

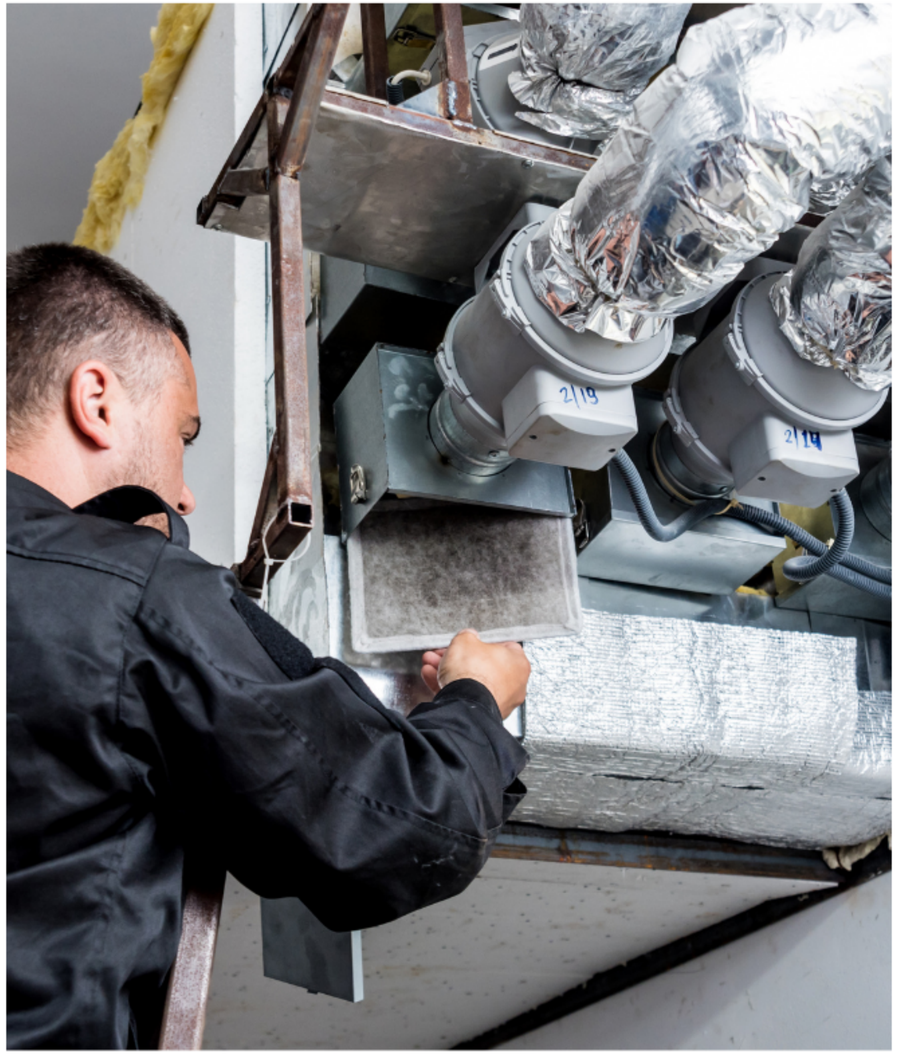
03. Component and Subsystem Tests

04. System Commissioning Tests

05. Deficiency Tracking and Resolution

06. Operational Sustainability

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STATIC TESTS

- Pre-commissioning static tests included pipe, duct, and insulation integrity tests.
- Successful commissioning requires managing and conducting static tests as the initial step in a project.
- Before continuing commissioning tests, distribution systems must hold water, air, or electrons without mixing them.
- Static tests should be performed according to written procedures, witnessed, recorded, and approved like other commissioning tests.

STARTUP PROCEDURES

- Like static tests, equipment and system startup predates the industry's understanding of modern commissioning, but it should now be managed as part of it.
- Minimum startup procedures must follow manufacturer's instructions.
- In addition to manufacturer requirements, the DP or CxA may include lubrication analysis or vibration signature recording during startup.
- This exception to the contractor's requirement to record satisfactory performance before commissioning test demonstrations requires the CxA to be present when equipment and systems start up.

- Commissioning all subsystems and components is essential before system functional performance testing.
- Component and subsystem commissioning is crucial before system functional performance testing.
- Interior smoke-control zone dampers can also affect smoke-control system performance during fires for the same reasons.
- In the specifications, it is best to state that when the facility is finished and occupancy is about to begin, the contractor must demonstrate access to, operation of, reset, and restoration of every fire damper.
- Specifying this requirement in the specification and during the preconstruction commissioning conference ensures that all fire dampers are accessible and functional.

COMPONENT AND SUBSYSTEM TESTS



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SYSTEM COMMISSIONING TESTS

- System commissioning testing is a crucial process that begins after component and subsystem commissioning testing is complete and demonstrated.
- It involves identifying the modes of operation for each variable functionality area, which can be over ten.
- This process is complex, and specifications must be carefully written to set test conditions and record data for evaluation.
- System functional performance tests (FPTs) often require multiple observations and data readings.

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SYSTEM COMMISSIONING TESTS

- If the integrity and dependability of the DDC system are not determined, witnesses must manually record test data on-site alongside DDC data to compare actual readings with machine-recorded readings.
- System PTs can take time and involve many participants, and if many trades are still building, stable test conditions may be impossible.
- This may require system FPTs outside of business hours, and the testing contractor must consider these factors when scheduling tests.
- Overall, system commissioning testing is essential for ensuring the smooth operation of building automation systems.



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DEFICIENCY TRACKING AND RESOLUTION

- Despite the commissioning team's best efforts to ensure the job is done correctly the first time, it is not uncommon to discover unforeseen flaws.
- A deficiency tracking and resolution procedure must be implemented from the outset in order to ensure the timely resolution of all deficiencies and ensure that all deficiencies are resolved.
- It is simple to create spreadsheets with headings and cell inputs that provide weekly updates on the status of each identified deficiency.
- This is a task that should not be delegated; the commissioning authority should maintain and update this file on their own computer.
- One of the chief responsibilities of the CxA is to oversee the process of deficiency tracking.



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OPERATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

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- When the facility is turned over to the owner's operations staff, the final objective of the commissioning process is to ensure operational sustainability.
- The commissioning authority will be aware of how close the operations staff is to being able to reliably maintain the achieved operational conditions.
- The owner's contract with the CxA should stipulate that the CxA remain available and on-call for six to twelve months, as needed to respond to the facility's operational nuances.
- All parties will benefit from the continued informal involvement of the CA during the final quarter of the warranty period, when any outstanding warranty issues must be resolved.

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