

*Patient Centricity: New Paradigm in Quality Management*

# Contamination Control - Product and Facility Point of View



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# Contamination & Cross-contamination

## Contamination

Undesired Introduction of any Unwanted/foreign Physical, Chemical, Biological material into the product



## Cross-contamination

Contamination of a material or product with another material or product



unlike above example, Many times contamination /Cross contaminations are not visible and not identified during visual inspection as well as during consumption.

# Consequences of Contamination/Cross-contamination



## Risk to patient health:

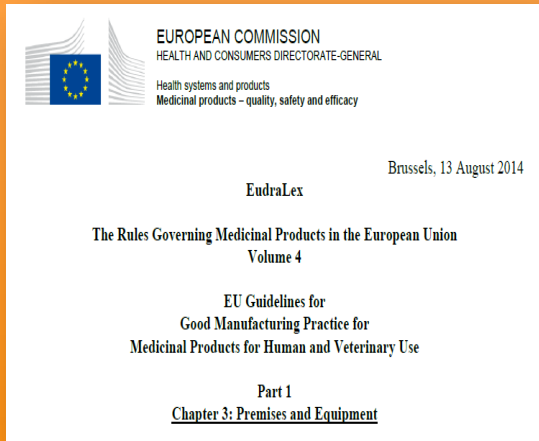
- Adverse drug reaction, health complications leads to life threatening.
- Penicillin contamination may trigger hypersensitive exaggerated allergic immune response

## Risk to Organisation:

- GMP non-compliance
- Recalls
- Sales Loss
- Company Reputation



# Regulatory Perspective



EU GMP Chapter-3  
(Premises and  
equipment)

EU GMP Chapter-5  
(Production)



21 CFR Part 211:  
Subpart C: Buildings  
and Facilities  
211.176 Penicillin  
Contamination



ISPE's risk map Guide to  
managing Risks  
Associated with Cross-  
Contamination inline  
with Chapter-3 and  
Chapter-5 of EU GMP.

ICH Q9: Quality risk  
management

# Few Regulatory Observation in India

SEPT 2019

Equipment and utensils are not cleaned, maintained and sanitized at appropriate intervals to prevent contamination that would alter safety, identity, strength, quality and purity of the drug product.

SEPT 2019

A cleaned FBP was found with visible unknown residue inside the inlet air supply duct in a location that was approx 10-12 inches behind the pneumatically operated flange. The location was found inaccessible when requested to take swab sample and conduct an analysis to identify the source of powder residue. The FBP was documented on log book as C-cleaned and verified by production personnel. The C-cleaning is procedurally required during product change overs. An unclean air supply duct in a fluid bed has the potential to contaminate products that are loaded on to the machine during routine operation.

Jan 2019

Drains are not provided with an air break or other mechanical device to prevent back-siphonage where connected directly with a sewer. Specifically, you do not have xxx valves(NRV) to prevent back-siphonage installed in all drain pipes throughout your facility and you do not have P&ID for drain pipelines in your facility.

July 2019

Peeling paint was observed above the XXXX opening of XXXX during the walkthrough on 22nd July 2019, which was used for submission batches xxxx and is projected to be used for commercial operations or the manufacturing of xxxx batches. Presence of holes and heavy marks were observed inside xxxx located in Block xxxx which was used for the submission batches xxxx and is projected to be used for commercial operations or the manufacturing of xxxx batches In addition, the ceiling area above the xxxx is not finished.

# Few Regulatory Observation in India

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March 2018

Buildings used in manufacturing, processing, packing of API finished materials are not maintained in a good state of repair. Specially, A. Ceiling are above the opening of XXXX and XXXX used for XXXX production is not maintained in a manner that will prevent foreign object from falling inside the XXXX when opened. The ceiling needs repairs and is cracked. In addition, there is a big hole in the ceiling above the opening of XXXX. used for production of XXXX.

Feb 2018

I observed degraded and discolored sight-glass gaskets on WFI water storage tank that supplies water for injection to the production area. I also observed degraded and discoloured gaskets in bulk drug formulation equipment (product contact surface). There is no written procedure with respect to this equipment that specifies service or replacement of gaskets.

Jan2019

[There is no requirement to clean or evaluate the air inlet ducts of the XXXX in procedure TB2/004 "Operation and cleaning of XXXX" .  
On January 17, 2018 unidentified material was observed in the air inlet duct of the "clean" XXXX equipment



# Overview: Possible ways and Management of Cross-contamination

## Airborne transfer



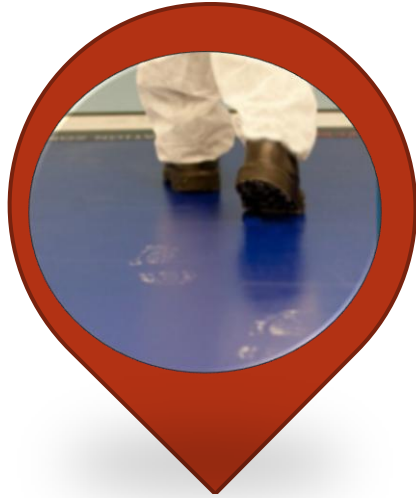
### 1. Facility design

- Containment

### 2. HVAC

- Pressure regimen
- Filtration

## Mechanical transfer



### 1. Facility design

- Personnel/ Material movement

### 2. Gowning/ Gloves

- Decontamination

## Retention



### 1. Cleaning

- Cleaning Methods - Auto/Manual
- Cleaning Validation

### 2. Equipment:

- Equipment Design
- Maintenance

## Mix-up



### 1. Facility design flow

- Unidirectional flow

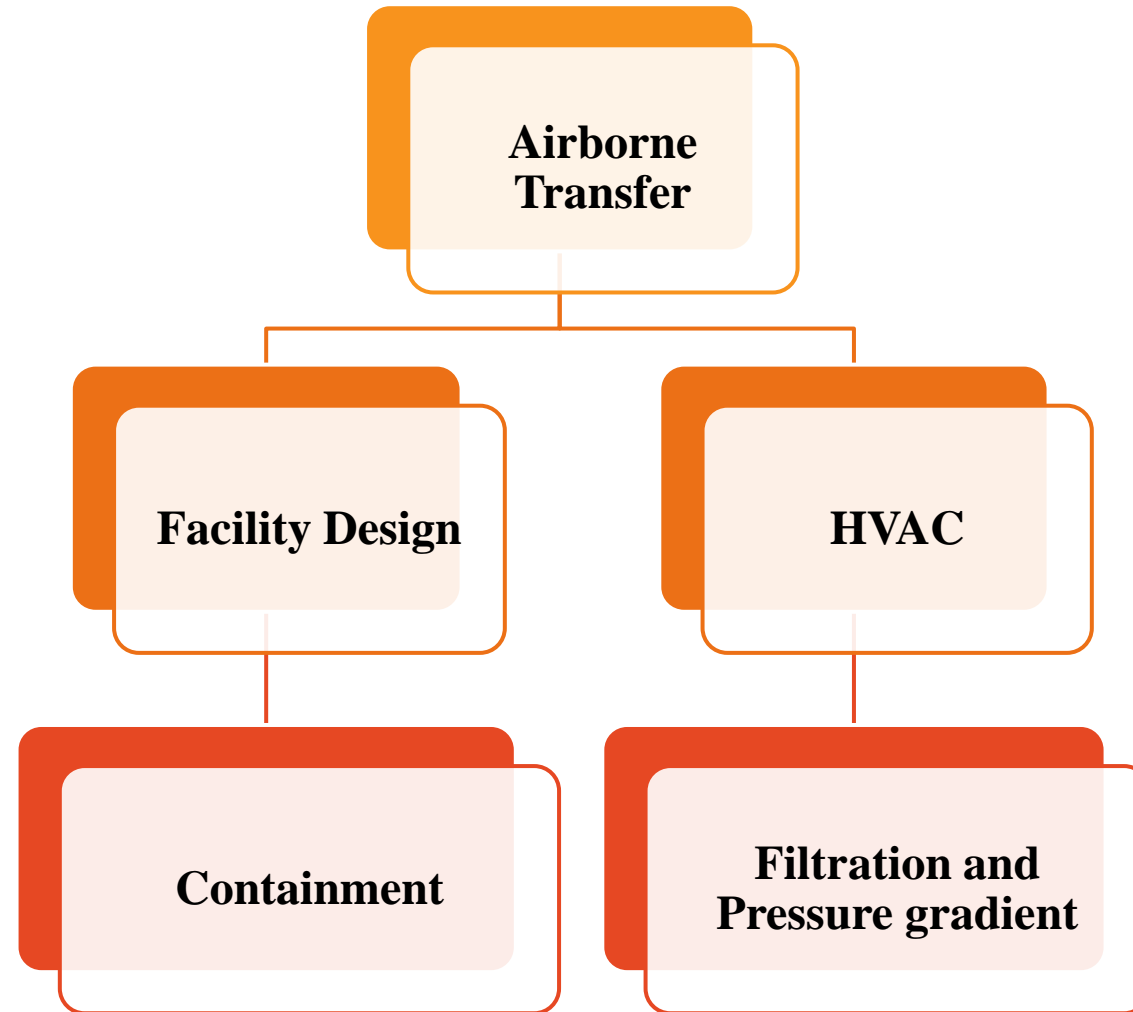
### 2. Labelling Procedure:

- Labelling of product, equipment etc.



## Airborne Transfer:

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Transfer of powder aerosol via air movements and deposition on exposed product surface or equipment surface.

# Controls to prevent Airborne Transfer

Closed Transfer

Containment

Facility Design

HVAC

Micro



- Close transfer of material from one equipment to other
- No manual interventions during transferring and unloading.

# Controls to prevent Airborne Transfer (Continue...)

Closed transfer

Containment

Facility Design

HVAC

Micro

- Closed Charging, processing, sampling and discharging of powder/granules.
- Closed cleaning Viz. CIP/WIP
- Decontamination before exposing the product contact area using wet sprinklers within equipment.



Isolator With Sifter



Compression M/C With Containment



FBE With Containment

# Controls to prevent Airborne Transfer (Continue...)

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Containment

Facility Design

HVAC

Micro

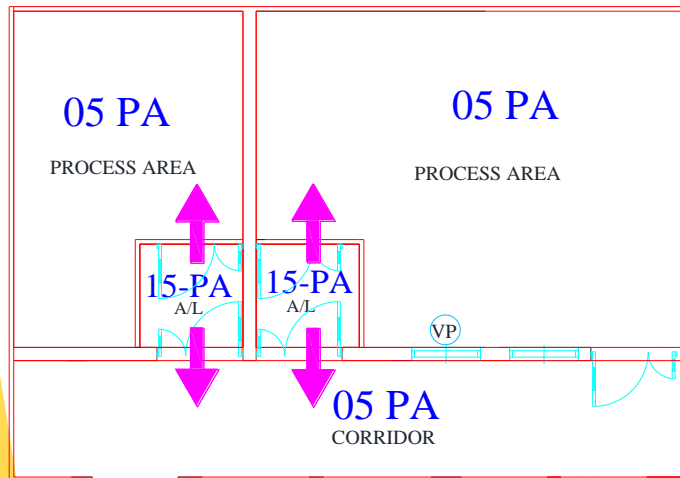
Smooth surfaces of walls, floor and ceiling- Wall and ceiling with modular partition or PU painted. Flooring with epoxy coating. Coved corners.

Accessibility for cleaning - Process area including mezzanine and service area with easy accessibility for cleaning

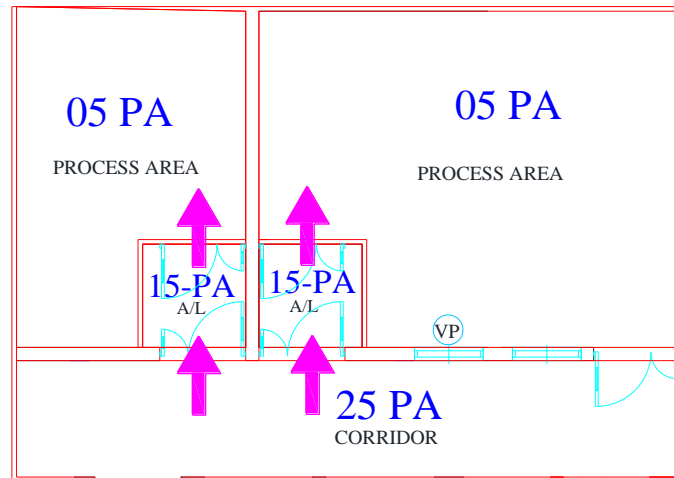
Clean room fitting - Light fixture, HEPA housing, Smoke sensors, grilles, etc. with leak-proof design

Clean & positively pressurized corridor/airlock against process area

BUBBLE AIRLOCK



CASCADE AIRLOCK





## Controls to prevent Airborne Transfer (Continue...)

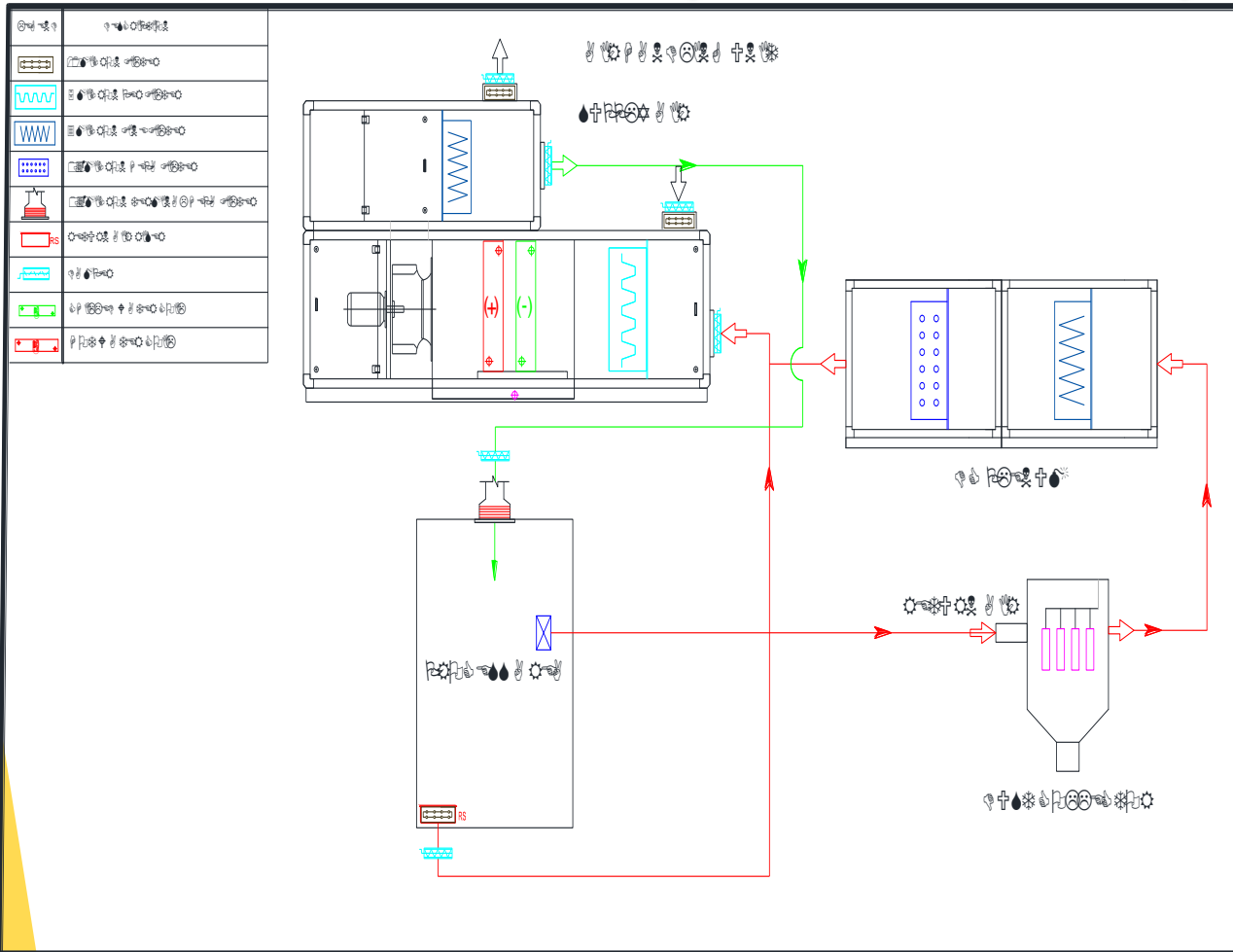
## Closed transfer

# Containment

## Facility Design

# HVAC

## Micro



Appropriate filtration level to maintained required cleanliness gradation

Maintaining adequate differential pressure between clean and process area

Maintaining Temperature/RH for working comfort of personnel and product requirement.

Maintaining maximum ACPH and low level riser for effective flushing of airborne particles

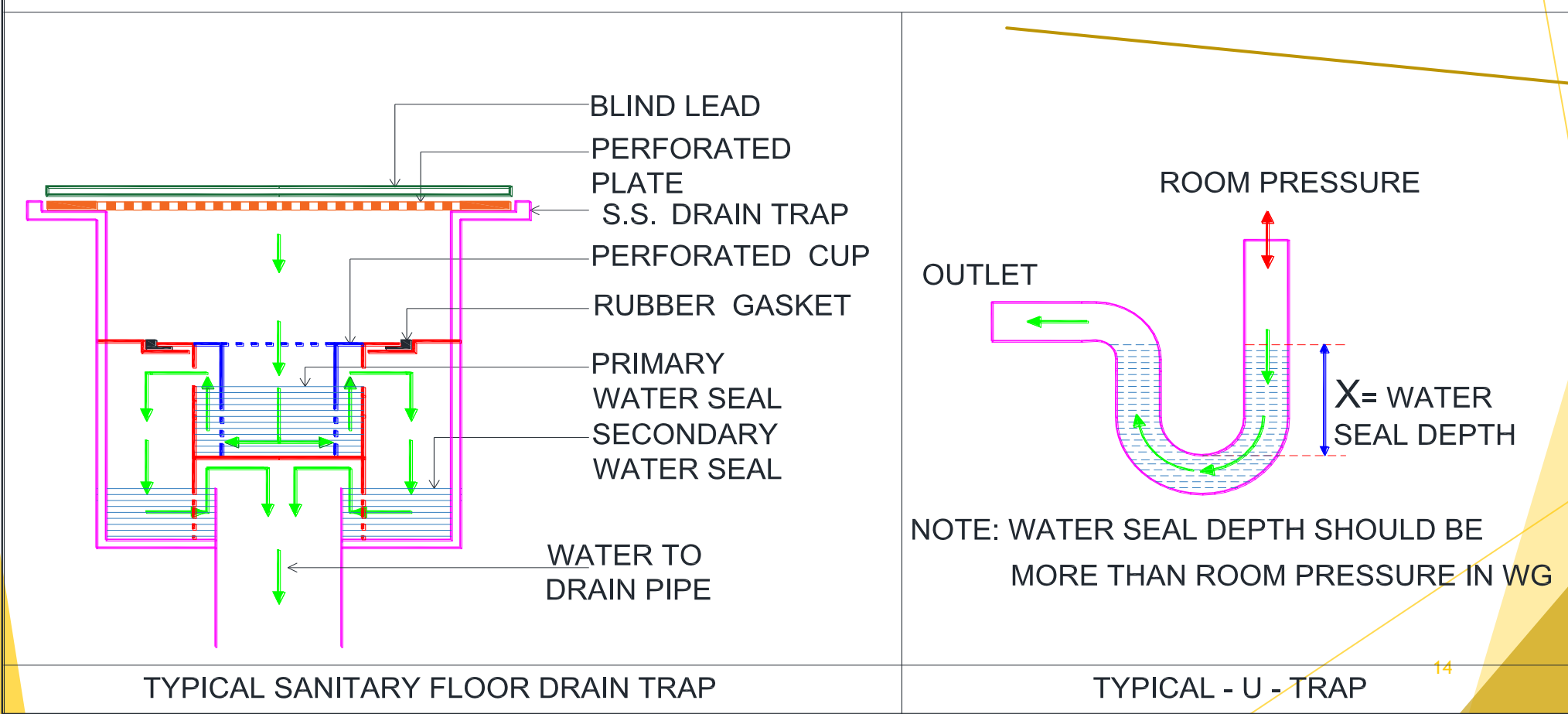
## The HVAC and dust collector ducts cleaning in fixed frequency

NRV and interlocking with HVAC system to be considered for dust collector. Easy to clean piping system installation for dust collector.

# Controls to prevent Airborne Transfer (Continue...)



GENERAL ARRANGEMENT OF DRAIN



- Ideal Drain Traps
- Cleaning and Sanitization

# Controls to prevent Airborne Transfer (Continue...)

Closed transfer

Containment

Facility Design

HVAC

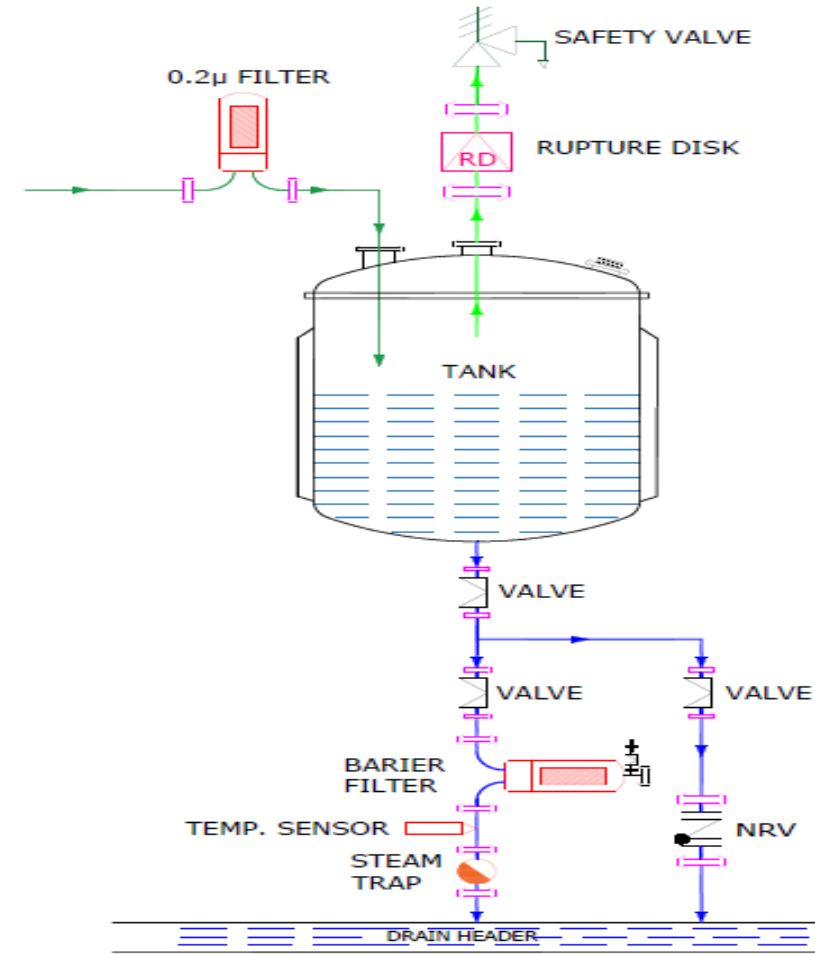
Micro

Tank should be pressurized with **filtered compressed air which is controlled** through PLC after SIP.

**PLC** is **tested and validated** for intended control logic.

Equipment consist of below safety for prevention of contamination

- Barrier filter
- Non Return Valve (NRV)
- Slow cooling with Filtered compressed air

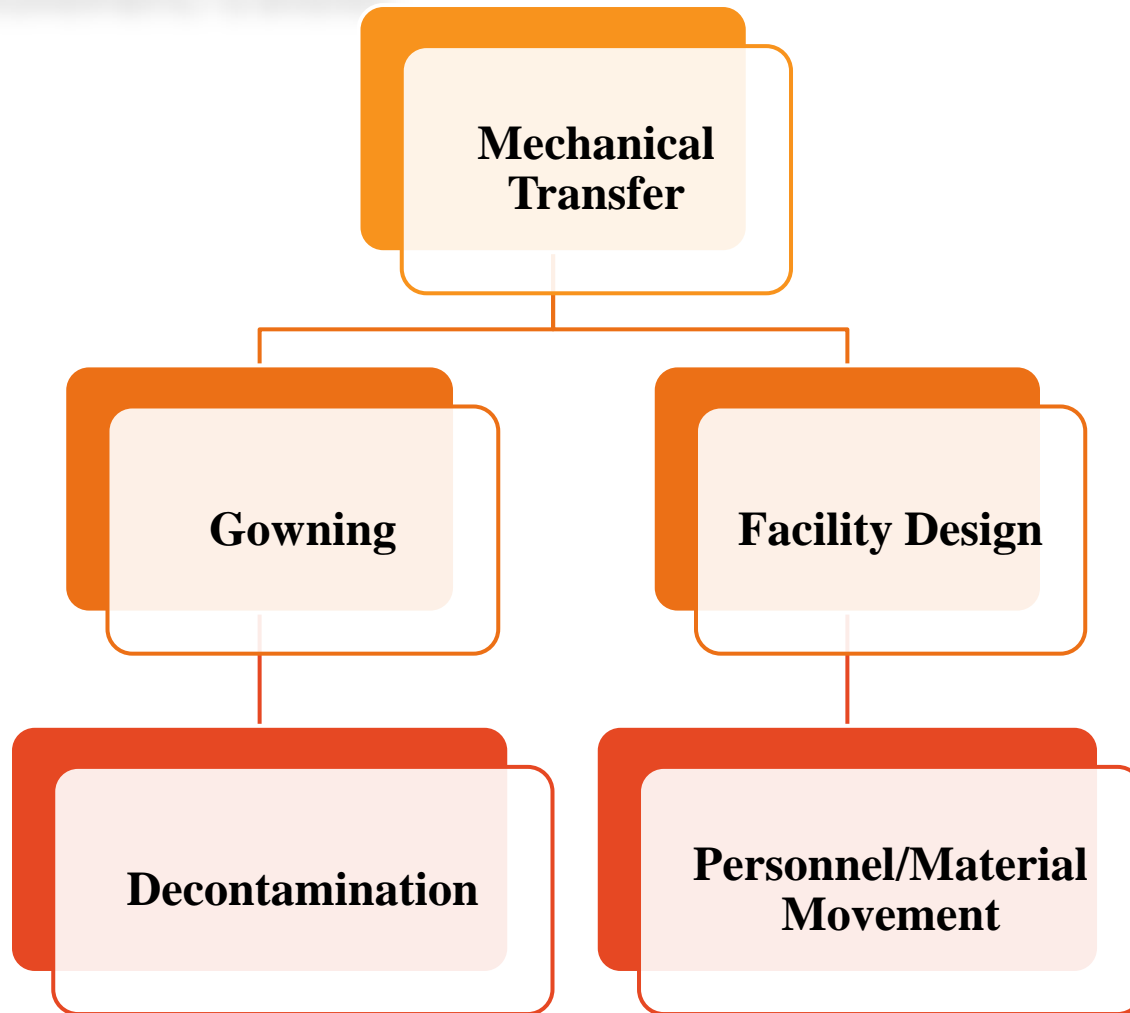




# Mechanical transfer

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- ▶ Transfer of contaminant from non-contact surfaces of equipment area, accessories through routes of movement/transfer.



# Mechanical transfer: Causes and controls

## Process flow

Unidirectional process flow

MAL and PAL

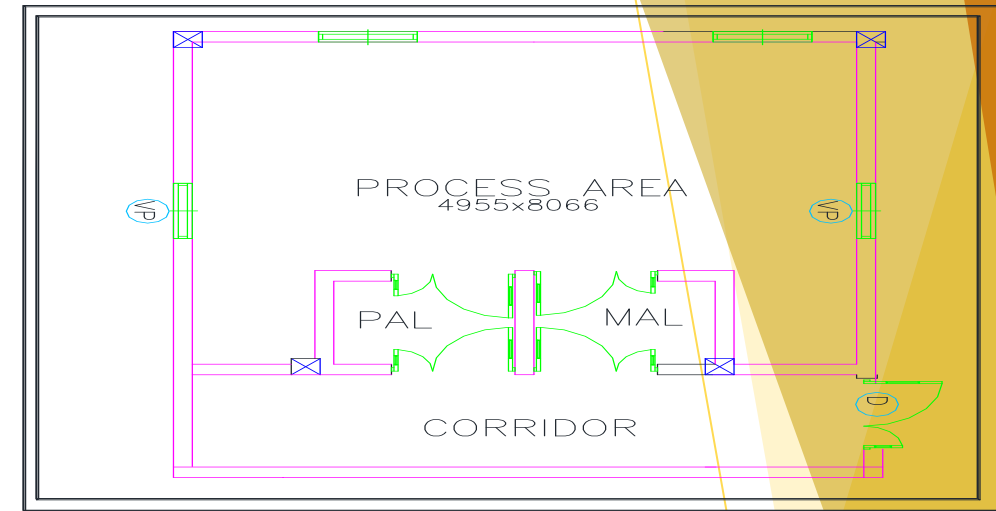
## Dirty equipment handling

Procedure for decontamination and covering/wrapping of equipment/parts during transfer from one area to other area/wash area.

Mist showers

## Gowning and De-gowning

Procedure for de-gowning, removal of gloves and other apparels before leaving the area.

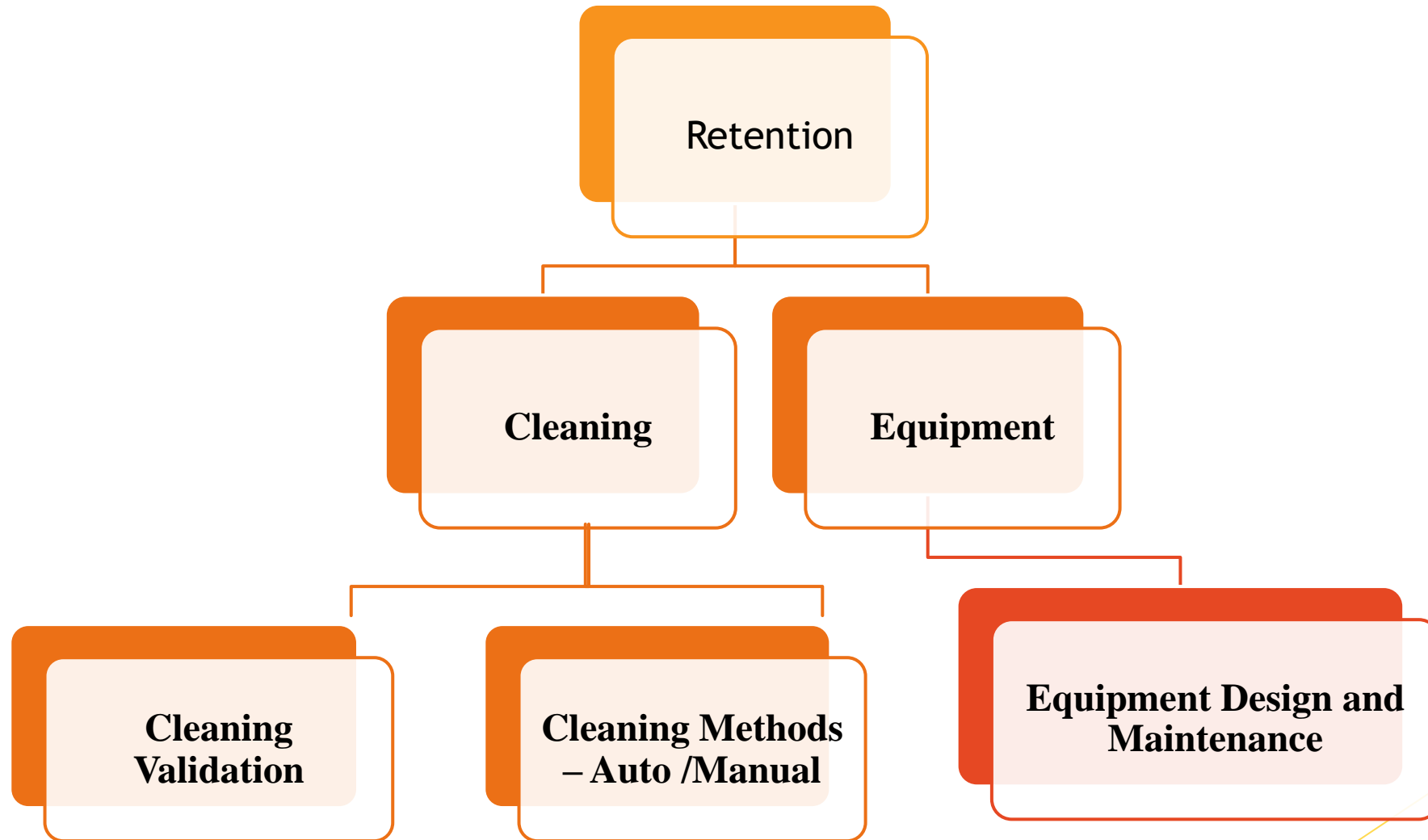


GOWNING

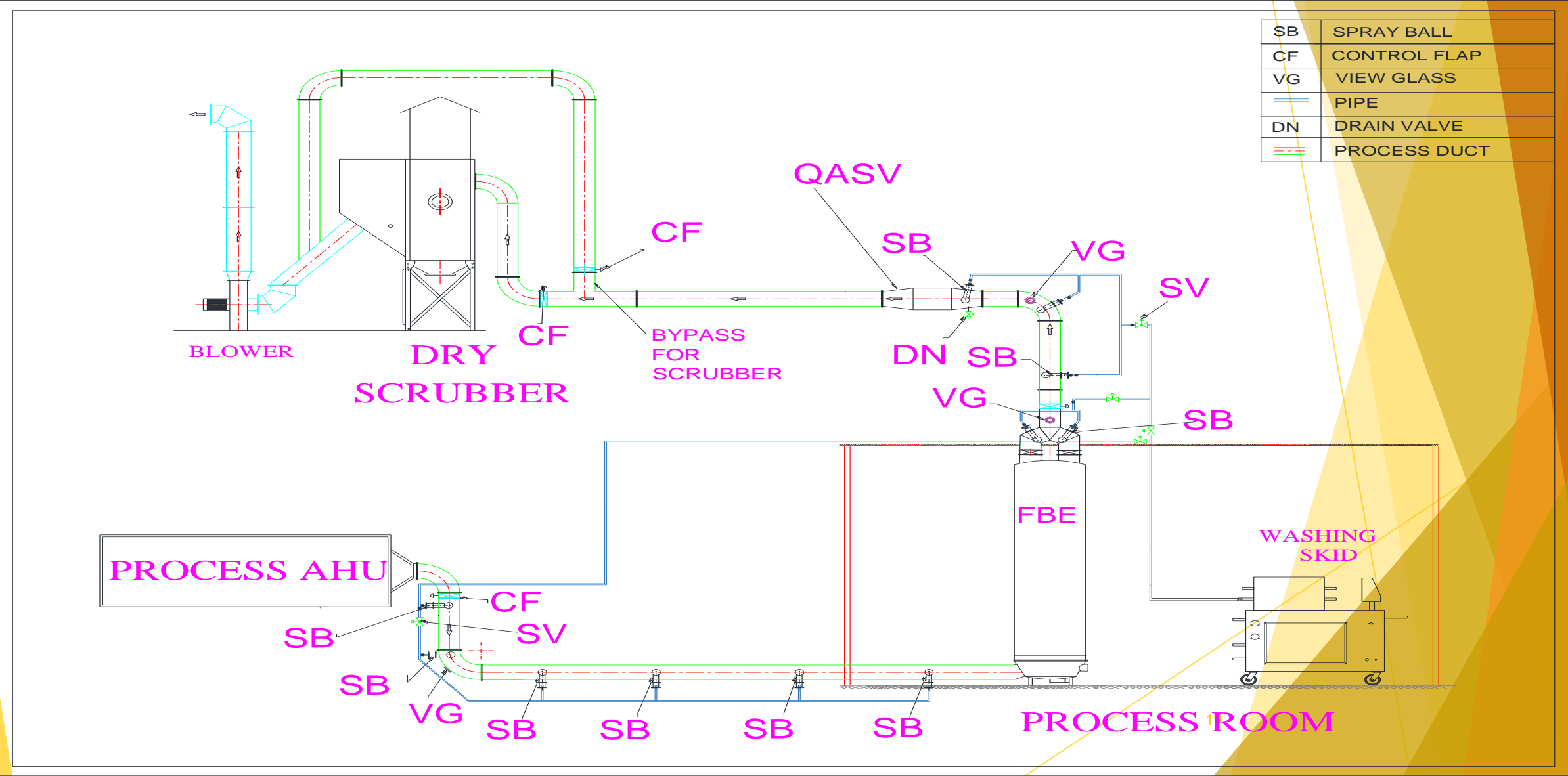
DEGOWNING

# Retention:

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# Controls to prevent cross contamination due to Retention: Automatic Equipment and duct cleaning system



# Controls to prevent cross contamination due to Retention (Continues): Automatic Equipment and duct cleaning system

- Fine dust particles escape the filters and get deposited in exhaust duct
- Continuous deposition leads to accumulation and hardening of materials.

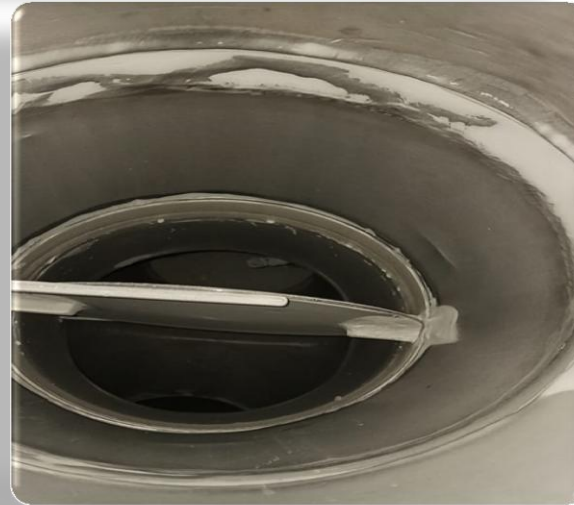
Automatic bin wash system



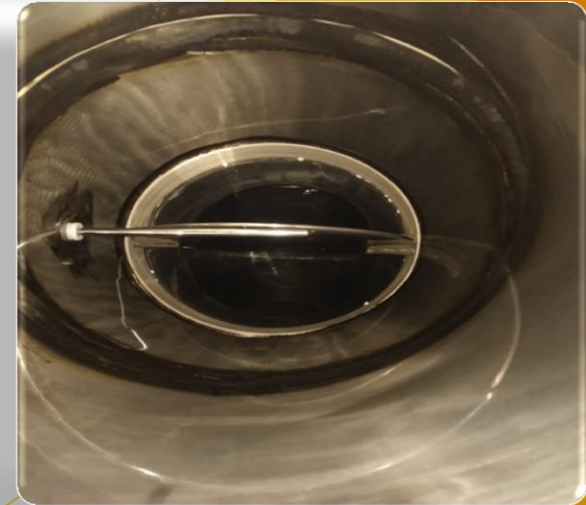
Automatic cleaning system



Before Cleaning



After cleaning by automatic system



# Retention : Equipment design and selection

## Sanitary Design

- Dent free surfaces
- Accessible for inspection and maintenance
- Hermetically sealed hollow areas
- Difficult to clean locations shall be minimum

## Piping Design

- No/Minimum dead leg (Less than 2D)
- Slopes for drain ability
- Leak free valves and accessories
- Inert gas and Orbital welding followed by boroscopy

## Surface Finish and MOC

- MOC - Stainless steel (SS304, SS316, SS316L), FDA approved plastics and rubber
- Non-reactive, Non-porous, corrosion resistant, smooth, non-absorbent, non-releasing and cleanable surface

## **Periodic replacement of gaskets**

- Gaskets of tri-clover joints, view glasses, Lids, filters shall be checked and replaced periodically

## **Periodic inspection of equipment**

- Equipment surfaces shall be checked for scratches, dents, cracks and finishes
- Periodic maintenance of equipment. Scheduling, execution and recording through electronic ERP means like SAP
- Data trending and review

## **Life cycle evaluation of equipment**

- Equipment shall be evaluated periodically frequent breakdown, damages in equipment should be considered for life cycle evaluation

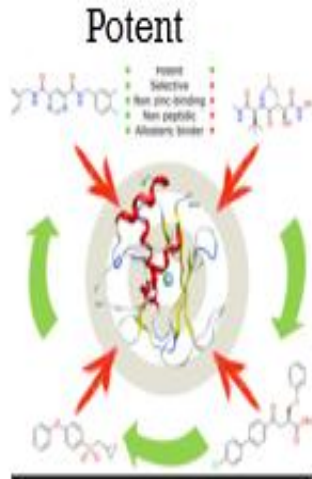


# Retention: Material (residue) evaluation

Certain Cytotoxic



Certain Steroids



Certain Hormones



Highly sensitizing drugs



## Criteria for Residues with great risk to the next product.

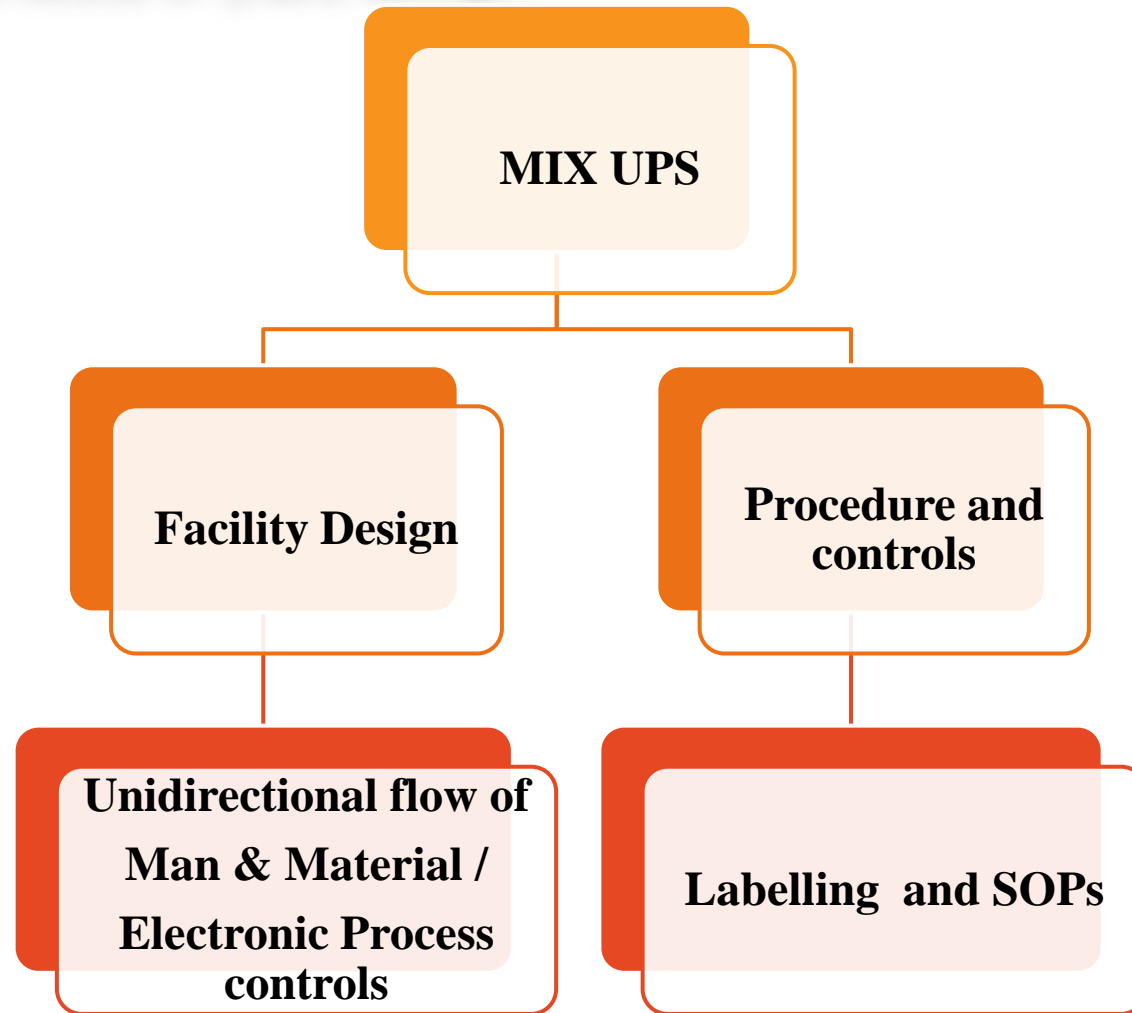
- High Toxicity
- High potency
- Sensitivity/Allergic reaction

## Criteria for worst case product selection

- Solubility
- Clean ability
- Toxicity

# Mix-Up: Prevention of Cross-contamination

Mix up is the contamination of one product with another product by human error or inadequate process or plant design.



# Mix-Up: Causes & Controls to prevent Cross-contamination

Probable causes for Mix Ups- Wrong API used in process / Accidental use of dirty equipment/The wrong dedicated part used/The wrong label placed on container

## Technical

### *Engineering Controls*

- Linear Layout Design
- Electronic verification of materials through Bar coding/AGV /ASRS
- Electronic verification through Camera systems
- Access control for authorized entry
- Access Control System
- Dust collectors - Swan neck and NRV at point of use and interlocking with AHU

## Facility & Administrative

### *Dedicated Facility*

- Dedicated facility of high potent molecules
- Dedicated Suites for manufacturing of specific products
- Dedicated storage areas for Dispensed, In-process material, clean and Dirty equipment

## Procedural

### *SOP*

- Labeling and identification procedure
- Man and material movement procedure and layout
- Procedures for segregation of equipment/material during storage and process
- Room status labelling
- Physical separation of high risk products

# Consequences of Cross-contamination

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*Penicillin can be a sensitizing agent that triggers a hypersensitive exaggerated allergic immune response in some people. Differences in the 6-aminopenicillanic acid side chain can generate allergic reactions ranging from skin rashes to life-threatening anaphylaxis.*

*All penicillin finished pharmaceutical manufacturers, including re-packers, are required by the CGMP regulations to establish a comprehensive control strategy designed to prevent cross-contamination of other drugs with penicillin.*

*These requirements include:*

- 21 CFR 211.42(d): Separation of facility and equipment*
- 21 CFR 211.46(d): Separate air handling systems (HVAC)*
- 21 CFR 211.176: Test for traces of penicillin where possible exposure exists.*

# QRM for prevention of cross contamination

## Product profile review of products manufactured in shared facility

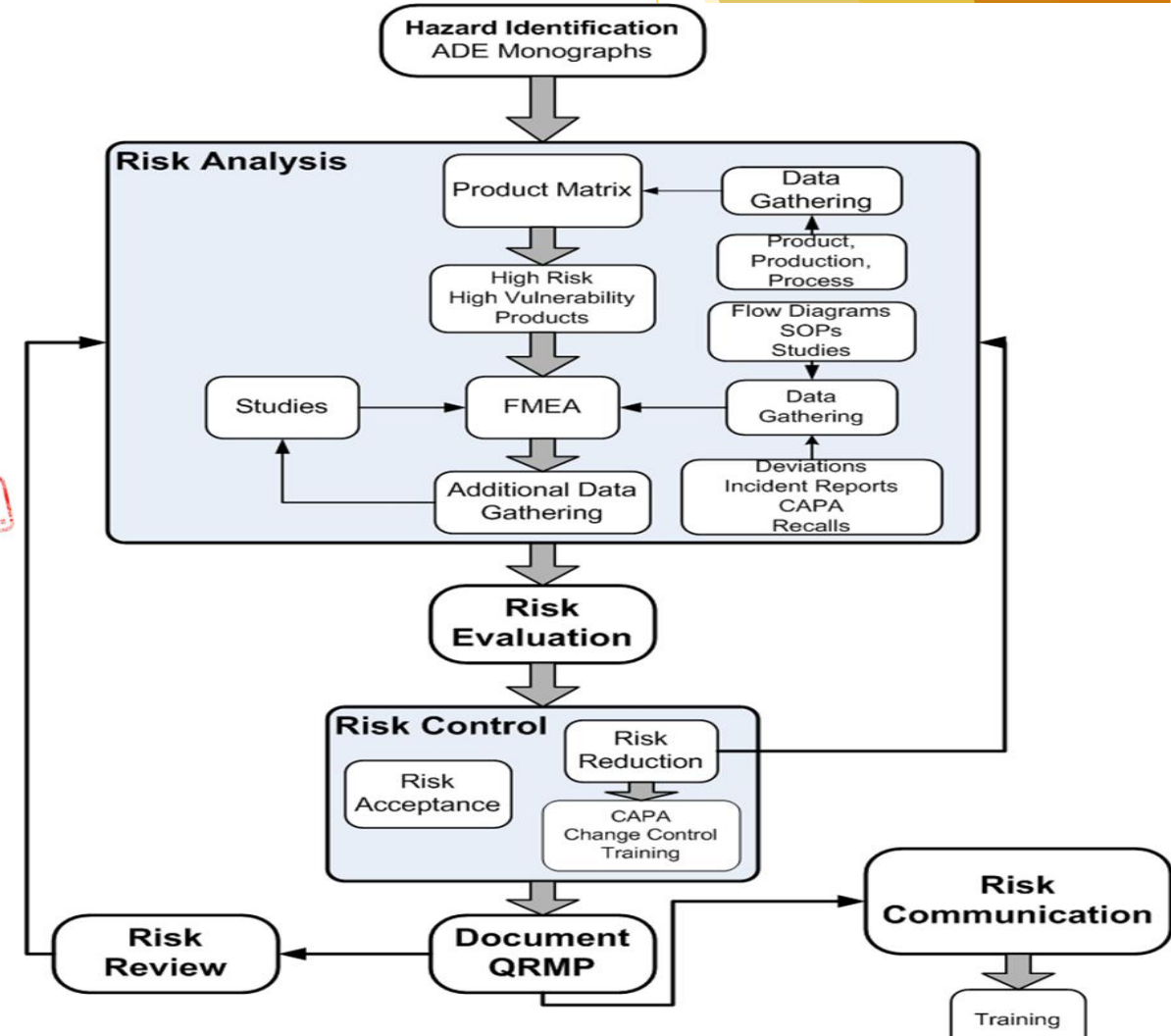
- High risk products
- High vulnerability products
- Potent products

## Current containment approach review

- Process flows
- Equipment/room matrix
- HVAC evaluation (AHU matrix)

## Required Primary/minimum Controls (FMEA)

- Challenging controls for 4 probable pathways of cross contamination



# QRM for prevention of cross contamination

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## Review the risk profile:

- Change/Modification in the Facility & HVAC design.
- Change/Modification in equipment or utilities catering the process area.
- Change/Modification in Limit for pressure differential in process area.
- Change in procedure.
- Introduction of new Equipment/HVAC/New manufacturing process.
- Corrective action effectiveness check.



# Thank you

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