3.6 Plumbing Design

3.6.1 Existing Systems

The designs include new and/or existing equipment which varies building-to-building. See Section 3.6.5 for design directives for each building.

3.6.2 Plumbing System

3.6.2.1 Life Cycle Cost Analysis

Base water efficiency design and energy-related decisions for major systems on Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA) in accordance with UFC 1-200-02 Life Cycle Cost Analysis requirements. If life-cycle cost effective, implement renewable energy design strategies such as solar hot water heating.

3.6.2.2 Cold Water

Provide domestic cold water through a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer located where indicated in section 3.6.5. If shown to be needed by a current water flow test, boost the water pressure by a triplex domestic water booster pump system in a lead/lag configuration with a third pump as a redundant reserve and a hydro-pneumatic tank.

3.6.2.3 Hot Water

Generate domestic hot water at 140°F via a domestic electric storage tank or instantaneous water heater(s). In accordance with Executive Order EO14057, new gas-fired water heaters are not allowed. Install a thermostatic mixing valve at each fixture delivering hot water (except mop sinks) and set to temperatures as defined in the IPC. Insulate all piping in accordance with the IECC, and label with text and color identification. If design includes recirculation pump, tie it into building occupancy programming.

3.6.2.4 Waste and Vent Piping

Provide drainage piping (waste and vent) in accordance with UFGS 22 00 00 Plumbing. Drain waste from plumbing fixtures and floor drains directly to the sanitary sewer system. Vent all sanitary vents to atmosphere through a combined vent system minimizing the number of roof penetrations. Do not use air admittance valves. Install trap primers on all floor drains.

3.6.3 General Plumbing Fixtures

Provide fixtures, accessories and supports in accordance with UFGS 22 00 00. Provide WaterSense-rated products whenever possible. Fixtures and features listed below are for reference only and must be modified as applicable to each building. Refer to Specifications for all required features and appurtenances for each item.

3.6.3.1 Water Closets

Provide wall-mounted, vitreous china fixtures water closets with elongated bowl with open front seat and exposed 1.28 gpf sensor operated flush valves. Floor-mounted 1.6/1.0 gpf dual-flush water closets may also be acceptable.

3.6.3.2 Urinals

Provide wall-mounted, vitreous china urinals with exposed 0.125 gpf sensor-operated flush valves.

3.6.3.3 Sinks

Provide wall or counter-mounted, vitreous china sinks with sensor-operated faucets. Provide thermostatic mixing valve for each fixture set to provide 110°F hot water maximum. Provide 0.5 gpm aerator.

3.6.3.4 Showers

Stand-alone showers must be floor mounted, constructed of terrazzo or other approved manufactured stone basin. All shower valves must be pressure-balanced with integral thermostatic mixing valves set to provide 110°F and 1.5 gpm, maximum.

3.6.3.5 Miscellaneous Sinks

Provide kitchen/break room sinks with 20-gauge stainless steel double or single bowl and gooseneck faucet with wrist blade handles. Provide 1.0 hp garbage disposal where requested. Coordinate connection to other appliances (i.e. dishwashers, refrigerators, and ice machines) with architect.

3.6.3.6 Mop Sinks

Provide floor-mounted, stainless steel or terrazzo mop sinks with clamp-down floor drain and wall-mounted faucet. Faucet must have a wall bracket supported spout with pail hook, integral atmospheric vacuum breaker, and 3/4" hose thread.

3.6.3.7 Floor Sinks

Provide 12”x12” floor sink at water entry backflow preventer assemblies with 3/4 grate, cast-iron body with porcelain enamel coating, and dome strainer. Provide trap primer.

3.6.3.8 Hose Bibbs

Provide hose bibbs in Mechanical Rooms, fire sprinkler riser rooms and rooms where backflow preventers are located (if separate from the Mechanical Room), if none currently exist.

3.6.4 Piping and Materials

3.6.4.1 Water Supply

Provide domestic Water piping 1/2" to 8”, above and below ground, in accordance with UFGS 22 00 00 Plumbing. Provide piping insulation in accordance with UFGS 23 07 00 and ASHRAE 90.1.

3.6.4.2 Water Hammer Arrestors

Provide water hammer arrestors in accordance with Plumbing and Drainage Institute (PDI) standard PDI-WH 201 “Water Hammer Arrestors”.

3.6.4.3 Waste and Vent

Provide domestic Waste and Vent piping in accordance with UFGS 22 00 00 Plumbing.

3.6.4.4 Floor Drains

Provide floor drains with all-metal bronze body and nickel bronze strainers in all toilet rooms with two or more fixtures, shower rooms, mechanical rooms and janitor's closets.

3.6.4.5 Natural Gas

Natural Gas Piping (existing, where modification is required): Schedule 40 black steel, threaded joints and fittings.

3.6.5 Building-By-Building Design Directives

The scope of the project includes existing plumbing systems deemed suitable for reuse due to their age and condition. The extent and invasiveness of plumbing modifications varies between buildings.

3.6.5.1 Building 201

a. Demolish existing 75-gallon gas-fired water heater located in Mechanical 116.
b. Demolish plumbing (domestic and sanitary) throughout building while maintaining infrastructure necessary to support new toilet room 117.
c. Install new reduced pressure backflow preventer assembly, pressure reducing valve and floor sink in Mechanical 116.
d. Provide new electric water heater in Mechanical 116.

3.6.5.2 Building 202

a. Building's water entry is located in Mechanical 138, but was not observed in the field. Verify the existence of a backflow assembly and pressure reducing valve, and provide these items if none exist.
b. Provide counter-mounted sink in the new Lactation Room 132, and new mop sink in Janitor 145.
c. Provide tempered water and new combination emergency shower/eyewash stations as listed here. Refer to Attachment B – Concept Design Drawings for locations. Bay One: 2 stations, Bay Two: one station, Bay Three: one station, Tank Bay 128: one station, Paint Booth 137: one station.

3.6.5.3 Building 214

a. Building's water entry is located in the southeast corner of the building (AME 012). Provide new reduced-pressure backflow assembly, pressure-reducing valve and floor sink. Relocation of the water entry to Compressor/Fire Riser (Mech) 008 is an option.
b. Demolish existing toilet room plumbing fixtures and associated domestic and sanitary piping as necessary to support proposed fixture layout. Provide new plumbing fixtures, including mop sink, as shown in proposed layout, and domestic and sanitary piping to support these.

c. Demolish existing gas-fired water heater located in Mechanical 008 and provide new electric water heater.

d. Demolish existing air compressor located in Mechanical 008 and associated distribution piping throughout building.

e. Provide new air compressor in Mechanical 008. Coordinate with end user to determine system requirements including style (horizontal or vertical) and type (single stage, multistage, oiled, oil-free, etc.). Provide new distribution piping to serve a minimum of ten (10) air drops (locations to be determined) at delivery pressures and airflows prescribed by the end user.

3.6.5.4 Building 216

a. Entirety of building's domestic water piping was replaced with PEX as recently as 2023, and as-built drawings are available.

b. Building's water shutoff valve is located just outside Mech 16. It appears from the pre-PEX record drawings that the entry main may be located in the plumbing chase between Mech 16 and the Men's toilet room. Relocate water entry to Mech 16, and provide reduced-pressure backflow assembly, pressure-reducing valve and floor sink.

c. Revise domestic and sanitary piping systems to support new kitchen sink and dual-level electric water cooler with bottle filler in new DV MTG/Lounge 113 and counter-mounted sink in the new Lactation room.

3.6.5.5 Building 218

a. Building's water shutoff valve is located just outside Mech 123. The water main likely enters the plumbing chase in between the two existing toilet rooms. Relocate water entry to Mech 120 and provide reduced pressure backflow assembly, pressure reducing valve and floor sink. Reconnect domestic piping to water main in plumbing chase.

b. Remove existing 40-gallon gas-fired water heater (dated 2016) and replace with new electric water heater.

c. Existing plumbing fixtures in both toilet rooms to remain in service, as-is.

d. Provide domestic and sanitary piping to support new break room sink and dual-level electric water cooler with bottle filler in Assembly Room 100 as shown on the proposed room layout.

e. Provide domestic and sanitary piping to support new break room sink located in LSS Room 120A.