



Northeastern Illinois University's **El Centro Building**

Chicago, Illinois

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- Blue and Gold Fins

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- RTU-1 & RTU-2
- Separate Air Cooled Condensing Units (CU-1 & CU-2)

Existing Mechanical System **Cooling and Ventilation**



Unit	Area Served (ft ²)	Supply Capacity (CFM)	Ventilation (CFM)	Cooling (Ton)	Heating (MBh)
RTU-1	24,000	38,000	12,000	100	1250
RTU-2	27,800	38,000	12,000	100	1250



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Heating

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B-1	NG	750	657	130	150	66	90	
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Existing Mechanical System

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Second Floor Plan Hot Water Schematic

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Thesis Objective

- The Chicago Building Code (CBC) requires a certain amount of airflow be supplied to a space regardless of the load
- Redesign the current mechanical system according to the International Building Code (IBC)
- What are the greater implications if all mechanical systems for commercial buildings in Chicago were designed to the IBC rather than CBC.









Thesis Objective

Mechanical Depth RTU Resize

- Energy Savings
- Emission Savings
- Structural Breadth
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RTU Resize

	C	ВС	IBC/IMC		
System	Cooling (Tons)	Supply Air (CFM)	Cooling (Tons)	Supply Air (CFM)	
RTU-1	93	20,700	84	20,700	
RTU-2	97	22,100	89	22,100	
Total	190	42,800	173	42,800	
		% Saved	-9.10%	0%	

System	CBC Req'd OA (CFM)	IBC/IMC Req'd OA (CFM)	% Saved
RTU-1 Total	9260	5761	37.79%
RTU-2 Total	10890	8292	23.86%
System Total	20150	14053	30.26%

Ventilation Requirements

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Load Requirements

- where $\Delta T = T_s T_{ma} = 0.3(-10^{\circ}\text{F}) + 0.7(70^{\circ}\text{F}) = 9^{\circ}\text{F}$
- $q = 1.10 * (34,000 \ CFM) * (9^{\circ}F) = 336,600 \frac{BTU}{hr}$
 - $q = 337 MBH \leq 527 MBH \checkmark$



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Fan Selection





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Fan Selection

be	Total Supply (CFM)	Input Power (BHP)	Speed (rpm)
FC	34,000	42.9	592
AF	34,000	36.7	1432

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RTU Schematic

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Code	RTU Size	Cost (incl. O&P)	Location Factor	Adjusted Cost	Qty. of RTUs	Total Cost
CBC	105 tons	\$252,000	113.6%	\$286,272	2	\$572,544
IBC/IMC	90 tons	\$225,500	113.6%	\$256,168	2	\$512,336

Potential Savings 10.5% \$60,000

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Annual Utility Usage

	CBC			IBC/IMC	
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000	9,600	\$65,500	723,000	7,400	\$63,700
		Savings	0.5%	29.5%	2.9%

- Electricity Cost Savings: 0.5%
- Natural Gas Cost Savings: 29.5%
- Total Utility Cost Savings: 2.9%
- Electric & NG Cost Savings: \$1800



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Heating Degree

$$\Delta T = |T_{RA} - T_{OA}|$$

$$\Delta T_{cooling} = |75^{\circ}$$

$$\Delta T_{heating} = |70^{\circ}$$

Days	842			
Days	6311			

- $|F 85^{\circ}F| = 10^{\circ}F$
- $|F 25^{\circ}F| = 45^{\circ}F$



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Emission Savings

Codo	Pollutant	Electricity		Natural Gas		Total	
Code	Pollutant	lb/kWh	lbs.	lb/MCF	lbs.	(lbs pollutant/year)	
	CO _{2e}	1.74	1,273,668	123	118,080	1,391,748	
CBC	CO ₂	1.64	1,200,469	122	117,120	1,317,589	
	NO _x	0.003	2,196	0.111	107	2,303	
	CO _{2e}	1.74	1,266,904	123	91,229	1,358,134	
IBC	CO ₂	1.64	1,194,094	122	90,487	1,284,581	
	NO _x	0.003	2,184	0.111	82	2,267	
		% Saved	0 52%		22 2/10/	2 120/	
		(CO _{2e})	0.55%	22.74%		2.4270	

Emission Savings ~37,000 lbs. CO_{2e} per year



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Structural Breadth

Will smaller RTU's designed according to the IBC lead to a reduction in structural steel?

Structural Breadth \succ

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Structural Breadth



Load Type	Material	Weight (psf)
	PVC Roof	10
	1/2" Cover Board	2
Dead Load	R-30 Insulation Board	2
	Galvanized Metal Deck	2
	Misc. (lights, duct, PV array, etc.)	10
Live Load or	Live Load	20
Snow Load	Snow Load	25
Total	Dead Load	26
10101	Snow Load	25

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$1.2(26 \, psf) + 1.6(25 \, psf) = 71 \, psf \, factored \, load$



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These beams are not reduced in size because the structural engineer did not use a smaller beam than W12x26.



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Beam Size C8x11.5 W21x44

W21x48

Total Cost

9	Existing Design Length (ft)	New Design Length (ft)	Cost (\$/LF)
	151	124	\$83.68
	0	51	\$84.21
	51	0	\$94.34
-	\$17,447	\$14,671	

New design leads to \$2,800 in savings



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- Structural steel savings are a result of a different design approach.
- There would be negligible structural steel savings associated with designing to the IBC rather than the CBC with regards to the mechanical system.



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Electrical Breadth

Will smaller RTU's designed according to the IBC lead to a reduction in electrical wiring?



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Electrical Breadth

- The same as structural, using the IBC in lieu of the CBC will lead to minimal to no electrical cost savings
- The savings associated were a result of a different design strategy





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Reduce Chicago's greenhouse gas emissions by 80% below 1990 levels by 2050

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CHICAGO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Energy Efficient Buildings (30%)

Clean & Renewable Energy Sources (34%) Improved Transportation Options (23%) Reduction Waste & Industrial Pollution (13%) Adaptation





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Potential Savings 2.9% \$87 million per year

Chicago Building Energy \$3 billion per year



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Potential Savings 2.9% \$87 million per year

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Chicago Building Emissions 63 billion lbs. CO_{2e} per year

Potential Savings 2.42% 1.5 billion lbs. CO_{2e} per year

Equivalent to taking 184,000 cars off of the road



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- Energy Cost Savings 2.9%
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- Minimal Impact on a small scale
- Big impact on a large scale



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Questions?



Summary	Energy Savings		Annual Co	st Savings	Emission Savings	
of Savings	%	kBtu/year	%	\$/year	%	lbs. CO _{2e} /yr
NEIU El Centro	6.70%	232,000	2.90%	\$1,850	2.42%	33,600
City of Chicago	6.70%	10.4 billion	2.90%	\$87 million	2.42%	1.5 billion

System	Equipment	V/PH/Hz	FLA	МОСР	kVA	Wire (Copper) (THWN)	Ground (Copper)	Conduit (EMT)
	RTU-1	460/3/60	149	150 A	124	(4) #2/0	#6	2"
Eviating	RTU-2	460/3/60	149	150 A	124	(4) #2/0	#6	2"
Existing	CU-1	460/3/60	227	250 A	189	(4) 350 kcmil	#4	3 1/2"
	CU-2	460/3/60	227	250 A	189	(4) 350 kcmil	#4	3 1/2"
New	RTU-1	460/3/60	257	300 A	214 (4) 300 kcmil		#4	2 1/2"
	RTU-2	460/3/60	257	300 A	214	(4) 300 kcmil	#4	2 1/2"

System	Panel Label	Equipment Served	Voltage	FLA	kVA	МОСР	Feeder Size (Copper, THWN, EMT)
Existing	DPM3-1	RTU-1 & RTU-2	480/277	298	248	600 A	(2) sets: 4-350 kcmil, #1/0 Grd, 3 1/2" C
New	DPM3-1	RTU-1 & RTU-2	480/277	514	428	800 A	(3) sets: 4-300 kcmil, #2 Grd, 2 1/2" C

[300 *kcmil*] [#2]

Table 26 – Existing and New Branch Wire Sizing for RTUs

[300 kcmil] $0.4608 in^2 * 4 = 1.8432 in^2$ $0.0824 in^2 * 1 = 0.0824 in^2$ [#4] 1.9256 in² ∴ use **2 ½" Conduit** PENNSTATE

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Electrical Appendix

Table 27 – Existing and New Feeder Sizing for RTUs

$$0.4608 in2 * 4 = 1.8432 in2 0.1158 in2 * 1 = 0.1158 in2 1.959 in2 ∴ use 2 1⁄2" Conduit$$

Total Amount Chicago	Potential	Potential
Spends on	Savings	Savings
Building Energy (\$)	(%)	(\$)
\$3 billion	2.90%	\$87 million

Total Amount of Energy Used by Chicago Buildings (kBtu/year)	Potential Savings (%)	Potential Savings (\$/year)
155 billion kBtu	6.70%	10.4 billion kBtu





lbs. C

tons C

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City of Chicago Appendix

Unit	it Chicago Buildings (CO _{2e} /year)		Potential Savings (CO _{2e} /year)	
CO _{2e} /year	63 billion lbs.	2.42%	6 1.5 billion lbs.	
CO _{2e} /year	31.6 million tons	2.42%	765,000 tons	
t of Cars on 7.6 million cars		2.42%	184,000 cars	

Rank	City	Country	No. of Skyscrapers
1	Hong Kong	China	302
2	New York City	United States	235
3	Dubai	United Arab Emirates	148
4	Shanghai	China	126
5	Chicago	United States	115
6	Tokyo	Japan	112
7	Chongqing	China	94
8	Guangzhou	China	93
9	Shenzhen	China	83
10	Singapore	Singapore	79

Building Type	kBTU/ft²/yr
Large Office	43
Medium Office	48
Small Office	51
Warehouse	24
Stand-alone Retail	81
Strip Mall	85
Primary School	65
Secondary School	76
Supermarket	195
Quick Service Restaurant	657
Hospital	148
Outpatient Facility	271
Small Hotel	80
Large Hotel	138
Mid-Rise Apartment	47
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