Cooling Towers

MACHINE HEALTH SOLUTION



THE PROBLEM:

Cooling Towers are used to dissipate excess heat generated by processes as **quickly and efficiently as possible.**

Failures on these assets can be costly as it can shut down other processes in the facility. Equipment modifications and replacements can be time consuming, prolonging periods of unplanned downtime.



\$50,000
per Failure
Event in
Equipment
Costs



SAVINGS POTENTIAL

Reduce Maintenance Routes by **50%**

\$1,000 per Hour of Unplanned Downtime

Upwards of **\$100,000** in Total Cost Savings for One Failure Avoidance

ASSET BLIND SPOTS:



Challenge #1: Cooling Tower Fans are in a hard-to-reach area that are difficult to monitor without continuous monitoring which makes it challenging for maintenance personnel to detect developing issues.



Challenge #2: Continuous monitoring provides the ability to monitor the equipment's entire progression to failure.



Challenge #3: Time-based protocols do not capture actual inflicted damage.

A NEW APPROACH TO Monitor Cooling Towers



Image 2: Cooling Tower Motor

Current Reality:

Routes are often time consuming due to the equipment location on-site, making time and route-based monitoring to detect bearing faults, balance/alignment issues, and motor faults not an efficient way to monitor and optimize Cooling Tower maintenance.

New Solution:

Implement a condition-based maintenance program by installing vibration nodes to key monitoring points on the motor and gearbox to detect issues in the asset the moment they occur.



HARDWARE

- 2 Motor Vibration Sensors
- 1 Motor Voltage Sensor
- 1 Motor Current Sensor
- 2 Gearbox Vibration Sensors*
- 1 Gearbox Oil Quality Sensor*

*If Applicable



SOFTWARE

- 24/7 Continuous Monitoring
- Warning and Alarm Threshold Settings
- Custom Built Indicators
- Dashboards
- Monthly Reports



REAL-TIME DATA

- Comprehensive Machine Health
 - Vibration
 - Temperature
 - Current and Voltage ranges
 - Running Speed
 - VFD Settings
 - Gearbox ratios
 - Oil Quality



TRAINING

- Sentry
 - Site visits: 2 times/year
 - In-person training
- Academy
- Customer training/handbooks
- Asset playbook

