



District Cooling Water Resource Management

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GCC Region Construction Figures

- Increase demand due to rise in population & other milestone events.
- In 2010 over \$200 billion construction contracts awarded (40% buildings, 40% energy, 20% infrastructure).
- > \$900 billion real estate projects are estimated to be underway.
- In the coming few years, > 65% of GCC projects fall under “Buildings”

HOW DOES IT WORK



District Cooling Plant

Pipe Distribution Network

Customer Connection



District Cooling System consists of:

1. Central chilled water plant

The plant has reliable and efficient industrial chillers. It is monitored 24 hours a day by qualified operation teams.

2. Pipe distribution network

Chilled water moves to the buildings through insulated steel pipes.

3. Customer connection

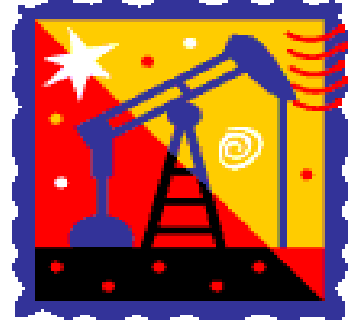
The chilled water reaches the customer at 5.5 °c, where it is cooled by transferring the heat through the energy transfer station.

District Cooling in Qatar





Benefits of District Cooling



- **Energy Efficient:** DC offers energy saving of more than 40-60% compared with conventional air-conditioning systems).
- **Environmental Advantage:** Energy Savings Translate to Lower Power Generation Requirements, Hence; less CO₂ & other greenhouse gases and contaminants to the environment.

District Cooling

Air Cooled Chiller

Window Type

Split Unit⁶

Benefits of District Cooling

- Architectural Benefits: reduces customer plant space by 70%, clean roof (sky gardens, PV systems, etc).
- Less Noise & Vibration.
- Decentralized Plume.



GCC District Cooling Facts & Figures

- DC has proven to be the solution to the challenge of ‘environment, energy and economy’.
- It has been implemented world-wide since the turn of the 20th century & in the GCC region as early as the 1960’s.
- DC has vastly grown throughout the GCC region in the last few years.
- Current DC capacity is approximately 3-million TR & expected to reach over 7-million in the coming 3-4 years.

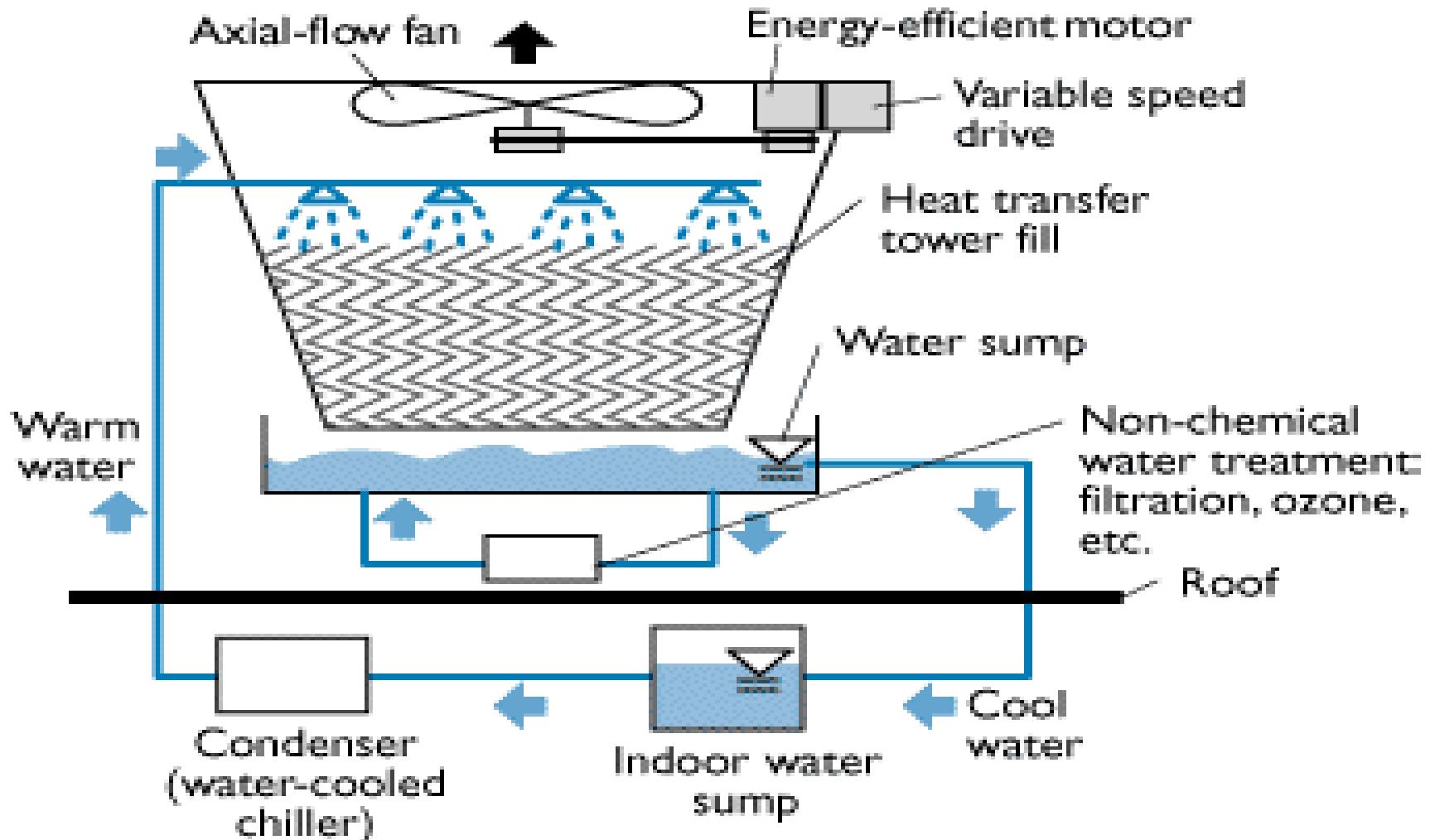
Water Resource Management

DC relies on water for its operations to make-up for:

- Cooling Tower Evaporation and Drift Losses.
- Blow Down due to Increased Solids Concentration.

DC discharges a portion of the required water out of the plants: to get rid of the concentrated minerals and solids due to evaporation.

Water-Cooled Chillers w/Cooling Towers



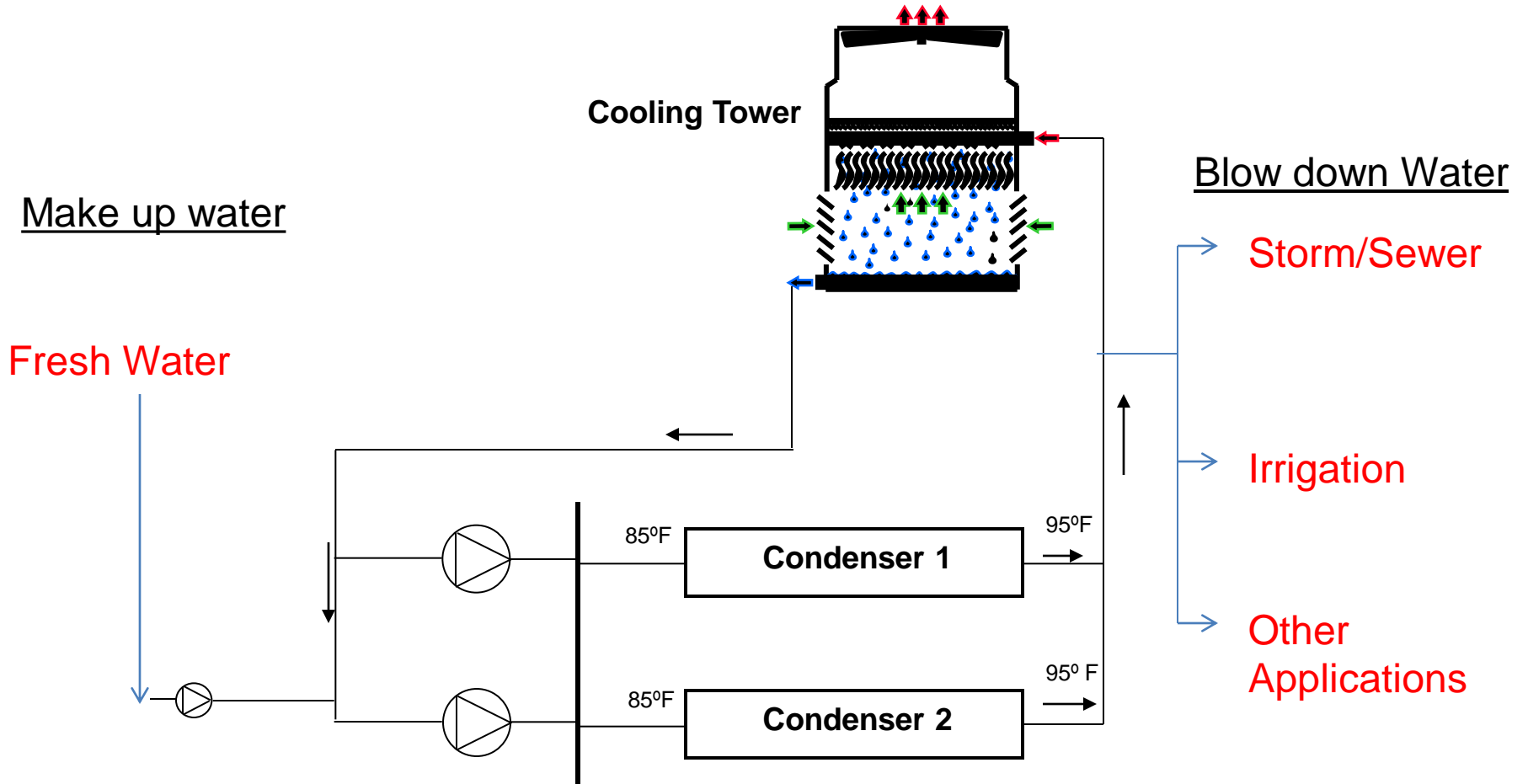
Water Type & Source Options

- Potable, RO, & Light-Grey Water:
 - No Special Equipment Design
 - Minimal Chemical Treatment
 - Most Advantageous To Use
- TSE Water:
 - Special Equipment Design (Filtration, Polishing)
 - Additional Chemical Treatment

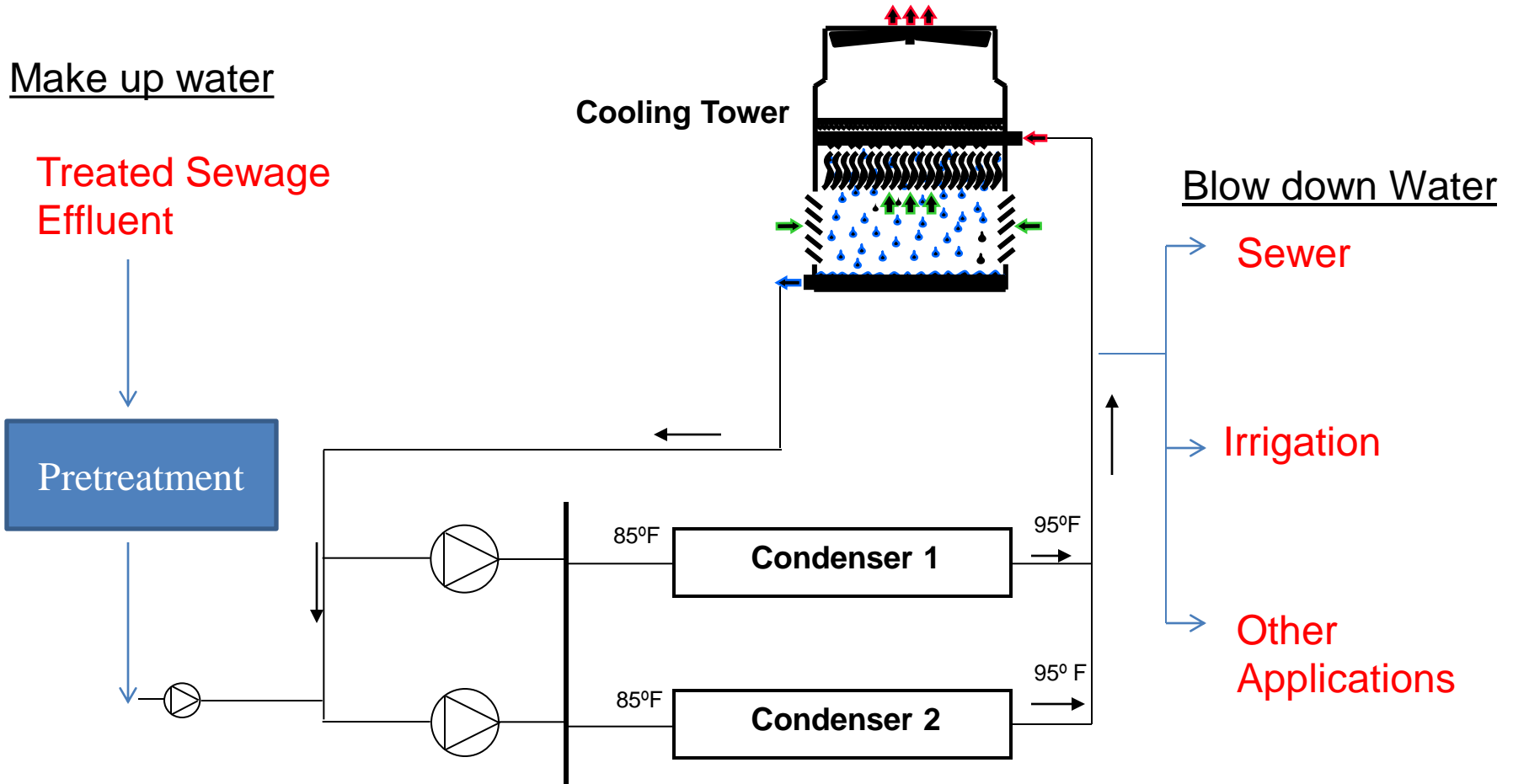
Water Type & Source Options

- Sea Water Make-Up:
 - Special Condenser & Cooling Tower Design
 - Additional Filtration and Chemical Treatment
 - Different piping material & arrangement
- Direct Sea Water Make-Up:
 - No Cooling Tower Required
 - Length of the Pipeline to be Laid Depends Upon Temperature Of Sea Water
 - Higher Pumping Flow Rates and Pressures
 - Special Condenser Design
 - Special Chemical Treatment
 - Different piping material & arrangement

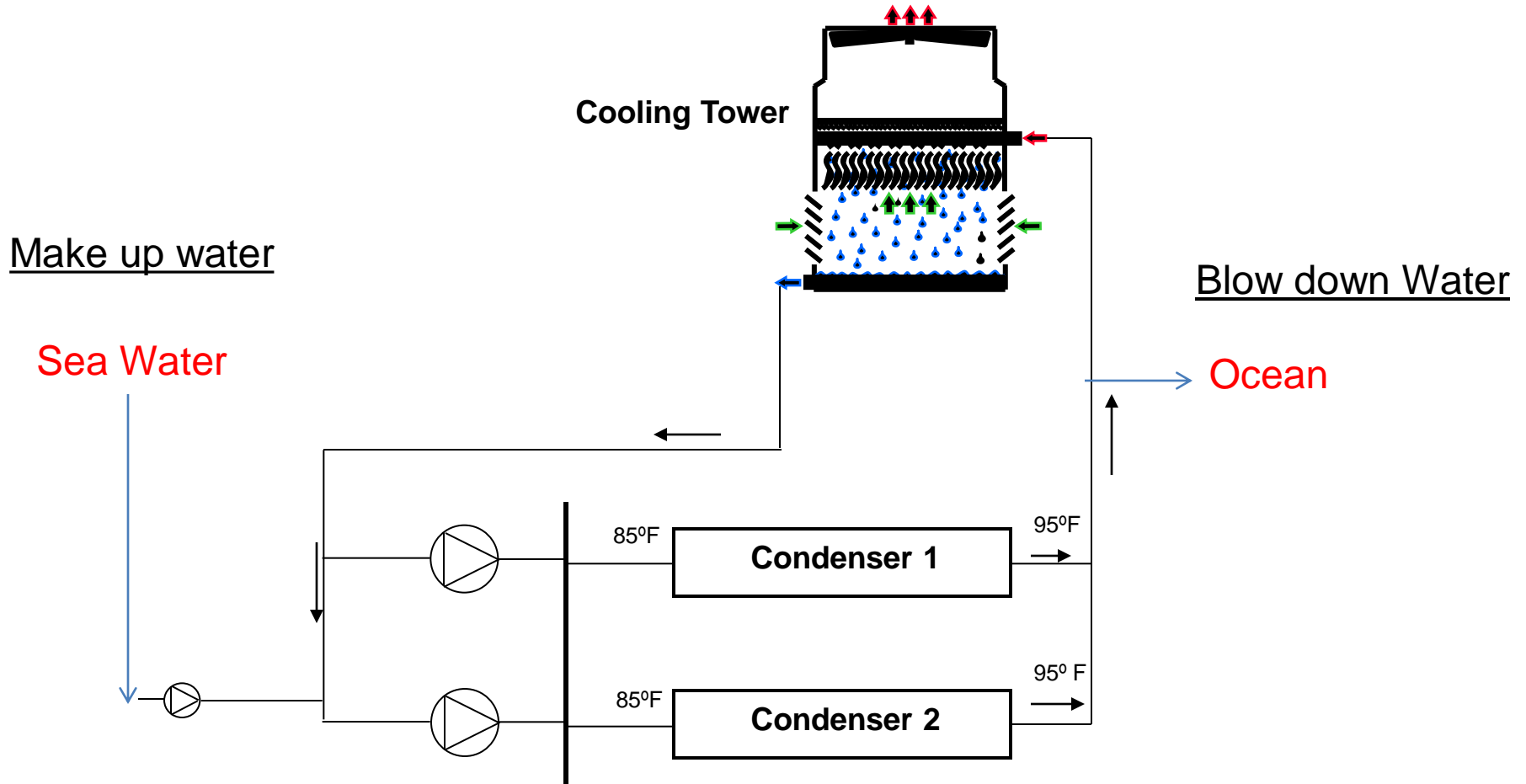
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Anticipated Cooling Water Requirements-GCC

Million m³/yr

System Configuration	Current (3-M TR)	~ 2015 (7-M TR)
Decentralized	45.9	107.2
District Cooling	36.7	85.8
Estimated Saving	9.2	21.4

Basis of Calculations & Assumptions:

- GCC DC Companies' utilize Efficient Water Management Processes.
- 50% Utilization of total DC Capacity.
- Study/Survey of Decentralized Systems Water Performance is underway. Expected to consume 25% over DC.

Water Resource Management Continuous Improvement

- Steps Taken to Reduce Water Consumption
 - Proper Chiller & Cooling Tower Maintenance
 - Advanced Automation & Monitoring
 - Water Quality Enhancement Through Mechanical and Chemical Systems
 - Blow Down Recycling
 - Collaboration with Water Treatment Experts

Qatar Cool Plant Performance

Performance Parameters	Year		
	2007	2010	2011
Electrical Power Consumption (kW/TR-Hr) (Industry Standard=1-1.1)	1.23	0.93	0.94
Water Consumption (US Gal/TR-Hr) (Industry Standard=2.0-2.1)	2.06	1.88	1.84

***QC Water Saving @ West Bay ONLY (2009-2012) =
236,765 m³ (around 15% from Industry Standard)***

Makeup Water & Discharge Quantities @ Different Water Sources

Million m³/yr

DC	Current (3M TR)		~ 2015 (7M TR)	
Water Source	Makeup	Blow down	Makeup	Blow down
Potable	36.7	7.3	85.8	17.2
TSE–Polished	40.4	8.3	94.4	19.4
Direct TSE	49.5	18.6	115.8	43.9
Sea	88.1	56.6	205.9	133.3

Moving Forward

- This paper presented the flexibility of district cooling systems in relation to the make-up and discharge water, making it capable of providing an optimized solution when combined with other applications.
- Combining DC with other applications requires collaborative efforts among DC Providers, Utility Agencies, Regulatory Agencies, & Law Makers.