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Clean Rooms & HVAC Systems



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Highlights

- GMP-Guidance for Clean Rooms and HVAC Systems
- Implementation of the Clean Room Requirements of EU GMP Annex 1
- Zone Concepts for sterile, non-sterile and highly potent Products
- HVAC Components and Concepts
- GMP-compliant Clean Room Walls, Ceilings and Floor
- Implementation of Barrier Systems (Isolator/RABS)
- Qualification of Clean Rooms and HVAC Systems
- Classification & Monitoring according to ISO 14644

GMP requirements for planning,
qualification & operation

Objective

This course **outlines** the principles of planning, qualification and operation of clean rooms & barrier systems and their associated HVAC systems in the GMP environment. Both the protection concepts and the premises for **aseptic** and **non-sterile** manufacturing will be addressed.

Background

Knowing the **regulatory requirements** on rooms and HVAC systems is an absolute prerequisite for all further steps like design, qualification and operation of clean rooms.

It is therefore essential to be aware of all restrictions and relations between material and personnel flows before starting with the building of clean rooms for pharmaceutical manufacturing. This is the starting point for the **zone concepts** and the **required airlocks**.

The clean room itself consists of floor, wall and ceiling systems suitable for the intended use. Now, which systems are suitable for which clean zones or processes? How can an isolator be integrated in the concept?

The **classification and qualification of the rooms** have to be done after the construction. The formal requirements on qualification are the same for clean rooms dedicated to the manufacture of both sterile and non-sterile dosage forms. Only the contents to be examined and fulfilled are different.

Qualification – which serves the verification of the correct functioning of the production rooms – merges into the **routine monitoring**. Moreover, the systems in place for requalification, change control, deviation and maintenance ensure the GMP status to be kept.

Target Audience

This course is directed at staff in pharmaceutical engineering departments and production, involved in the planning, qualification or operation of clean rooms.

Engineering companies and GMP-planners are also the target group of this course.

Programme

GMP-Requirements for Clean Rooms and HVAC Systems in the Pharmaceutical Industry

- The EU GMP guide, Annex 1 and 15, ISO Norms and other GMP relevant guidelines
- Definition of cleanliness: particles and microbiological limits
- Comparison of EU und US requirements
- Requirements during planning, construction and operation
- Experiences from inspections

Zone Concepts

- Considering of the frame conditions: premises, number of floors, products, technologies
- Estimation of the required spaces (with regards to the equipment and production capacities)
- Requirements according to the different clean room zones
- How to develop material and personnel flows: from process to layout
- Planning with the technical room book
- Specific pressure cascades and airlock requirements
- Examples for zone concepts for sterile and non-sterile manufacturing including highly potent compounds

HVAC Systems: from Planning to Commissioning

- Background for HVAC-Systems
- Design criteria
- GMP criteria and requirements for recovery time, air changes, air velocity, differential pressures, ...
- Usage of flow visualisation tools
- The different concepts possible from 100% fresh air to recirculation
- Different production types and the influence on HVAC systems and their GMP relevance
- Filters
- Control strategies
- Energy aspects
- Requirements for the construction site
- Monitoring systems

GMP Requirements for Clean Room Walls, Ceilings and Floor

- Description of requirements coming from planning, ISO norms and GMP guidelines
- Overview of the different wall and ceiling systems used in the pharmaceutical industry
- Components of wall systems: terminals, doors and windows
- The GMP-compliant clean room drain
- Floors: Slip-resistance vs. GMP
- Requirements for silicone joints (and coves)
- Assignment of the different systems to the different clean room classes – which walls, ceilings and floors are appropriate/allowed for which cleanliness class?
- Specifying the intended quality: the URS
- How to determine the specified quality of walls, ceilings and floors



Participants' comments on this course:

„Presentations were well done. Presenters were very knowledgeable & were able to answer all questions very satisfactorily.“

Elidio Gil, Novo Nordisk Pharmaceutical Industries, USA

„Really fantastic course! I gained a lot of useful knowledge. There were great presenters and I feel confident in the information that they provided.“

Kristian Morton, Novo Nordisk Pharmaceutical Industries, USA

Barrier Systems

- Definition of Isolator & RABS Systems
- Pros & Cons of the different systems
- Prerequisites for the usage of isolator/RABS
- Technical implementation of a barrier system

Particle Testing and the ISO 14644

- Leak testing of filters
- Measuring over and under pressure
- Determination of the number of air changes
- Measurement of the recovery time
- Particle measurement and classification of the room
- Requirements for particle counters
- Number of measuring points and volumes according to ISO
- Air flow study, smoke study (UDF)
- Documentation of results

Qualification of Clean Room & HVAC System

- Definitions: classification, qualification, requalification, monitoring and recurring tests
- Organisation of the qualification of rooms and HVAC systems
- Usage and example of a risk analysis
- Steps taken in URS, DQ, IQ, OQ, and PQ
- Tests in the different qualification stages
- Typical problems in clean room and HVAC systems qualification
- Periodic requalification – which tests are really necessary?



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Nikolaus Ferstl has been working for M&W (former LSMW), for example as Senior Project Manager and as deputy head of the subsidiary in Vienna. From 2009 to 2024, he was Technical Director of the University Hospital Regensburg and a freelance consultant for building and cleanroom technology. Today, he is Managing Director of the Facility Engineering Services GmbH.



Dr Lars Kreye
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Dr Kreye joined Boehringer Ingelheim as Head of Regulatory Compliance. Currently he is managing two aseptic filling lines as well as a packaging unit for final packaging.



André Lourenco
Novo Nordisk

André Lourenco has a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering, an MBA in Project Management and is an HVAC & Clean room Specialist Engineer at Novo Nordisk in Denmark. He has more than 15 years of experience in design, evaluation, installation, commissioning, validation, balancing and testing of HVAC systems in pharmaceutical industries worldwide.



Dr Jean-Denis Mallet
Former head of the French Inspection
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Jean-Denis Mallet is a pharmacist. He was previously the Head of the Pharmaceutical Inspection Department at the French Health Products Regulatory Agency (Afssaps=ANSM). He also used to work in or with the pharmaceutical industry at various positions including QA, Production, and Engineering. Now he works for Exyte-Pharmaplan.



Andreas Nuhn
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Andreas Nuhn holds a diploma in process technology and works since 2019 as Managing Director and Shareholder for an engineering company for the pharmaceutical industry. He supports companies in GMP issues like preparation for authority audits but also in design and engineering of clean rooms and qualification. Additionally, he has specific experience in sterile processing.

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Tuesday, 21 April 2026,
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