

McGinnis Institute of Beet Sugar Technology
Beet Process School

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Instructors and Subjects

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- B-3. Diffusion Fundamentals and Practices. TBD – BMA Representative
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- B-4. Pulp Pressing and Drying. Eric C. Erickson, Corporate Engineering Manager
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- B-5. Lime and Carbon Dioxide Production. Robert Zimmerman, Senior Engineer,
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- B-6. Juice Purification. Camden DeBruler, Process Engineer
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- B-7. Vacuum and Pressure Filtration. David Webb, Process Engineer
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- B-8. Boiler Operation and Maintenance. Ed Swenson, Owner/Partner, Valley Process Technologies
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- B-9. Environmental Practices. Mr. Louis Knieper, Manager of Environmental Practices (Retired)
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- B-10. Maintenance as it Affects the Factory Process. Blake Ostler, Director of Maintenance &
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