

McGinnis Institute of Beet Sugar Technology
Beet Process School

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- S-3. Crystallization, Process and Systems. Hudi Kobrinsky, Operations Process Supervisor,
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- S-4. Centrifugals and Their Operations. Ray Bode, Consultant,
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- S-5. The Control Laboratory. Richard Reisig, Retired
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- S-6. Fundamentals of Sucrose Recovery Optim. Sean Richards, Director of Process
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- S-8. Molasses Desugarization Processes. Vadim Kochergin, President, Amalgamated Research LLC (Ari), 1951 S. Saturn Way, Boise ID 83709
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- S-9. Granulation, Packaging, Screening and Storage. Kelly Malone, Quality Assurance Manager, Amalgamated Sugar Company; 1951 S. Saturn Way, Suite 100; Boise, Idaho 83709;
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- S-10. Sugar Quality and Food Safety. Kelly Malone, Quality Assurance Manager, Amalgamated Sugar Company; 1951 S. Saturn Way, Suite 100; Boise, Idaho 83709;
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