Induced Draft Fans (ID Fans)

MACHINE HEALTH SOLUTION FOR MINING



THE PROBLEM:

Induced Draft Fans are crucial to the Mining industry. Failures on these assets can be costly as it can take a considerable amount of manpower to replace. Unexpected downtime from an Induced Draft Air Fan can get expensive, very fast.



COST OF ASSET FAILURES

\$250,000
per Failure
Event in
Equipment
Costs

SAVINGS POTENTIAL

Reduce Maintenance Routes by **50%**

Up to \$20,000 per hour of unplanned downtime, depending on failure mode

Upwards of **\$300,000** in Total Cost Savings for one failure avoidance

ASSET BLIND SPOTS:



Challenge #1: Due to the larger size of Induced Draft Fans, without continuous monitoring, smaller faults are often overlooked



Challenge #2: Diagnosing fault types without precision can result in unnecessary work & increase the already costly Mean Time Between Failure (MTBF).



Challenge #3: Time-based protocols do not provide the insight necessary for full maintenance & process optimization.

A NEW APPROACH TO MONITOR ID FANS



Image 2: 250 HP Induced Draft Fan

Current Reality:

Routes are often time consuming due to the location of equipment on-site. The time-consuming nature of routes leads to inefficiencies while trying to monitor and optimize ID Fan maintenance. Bearing faults, imbalance, alignment issues, and motor faults may often occur between route measurements, increasing the chances for failures to occur unexpectedly.

New Solution:

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



HARDWARE

- 2 Motor Vibration Sensors
- 2 Fan Vibration Sensors
- 1 Motor Voltage Sensor*
- 1 Motor Current Sensor*
- Integrate Other Relevant Data Available (Dampener Position, Load. etc.)

*Continuous MCSA Coming Soon!



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

