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**NEWS**
Siemens has announced that the 353 Process Automation Controller will be retired on October 1, 2017. Spare parts may be available for five years, subject to availability.

**OPTIONS**
There are short term and long term options available. Take into account the age of the existing control system and the impact to plant operations in the event of equipment failure.

**SHORT TERM**
Faber Burner recommends stocking spare controllers or components so that they are readily available in the event of a failure. We also recommend acquiring the ability to store and download programs so that a program can be downloaded to a replacement controller or MPU board. Please contact us for details or questions regarding recommended spare parts. Faber Burner has spare controllers in stock ready for immediate shipment.

**LONG TERM**
Faber Burner has designed a control system to replace the Siemens 353 Process Automation Controller. This system utilizes an Allen-Bradley CompactLogix PLC and PanelView Plus 7 touchscreen interface. The touchscreen can be mounted on the side of the enclosure in place of the 353 controller or mounted on the enclosure door. The PLC can be mounted on the enclosure mounting panel in the area left empty by the 353 controller. An additional power supply may also be required.

Please contact us if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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