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Subject: A funny heat transfer story

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Wayne,As you might recall I've worked for the government all my life. Since I started I went from cutting-edge science working for DARPA & NSA to where I've been for a very long time now - associate wrangler at a tard farm.Talking with a newly-minted PhD from Sandia, discussing our mutual client before a meeting about 18 months ago:PhD: Is Mr X an engineer?Idiot me: Well, he's supposed to be. Why?PhD: I don't think he has a good grasp of the fundamentals. He asked me how many times we'd have to recirculate the "cooled medium" through the heat exchangers before its temperature got below the temperature of the "cooling medium".I've told 10 people that story at work and they look at me like I have three heads. But fortunately I had 3 other witnesses to the conversation, so I can bring them into the fray when needed.

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