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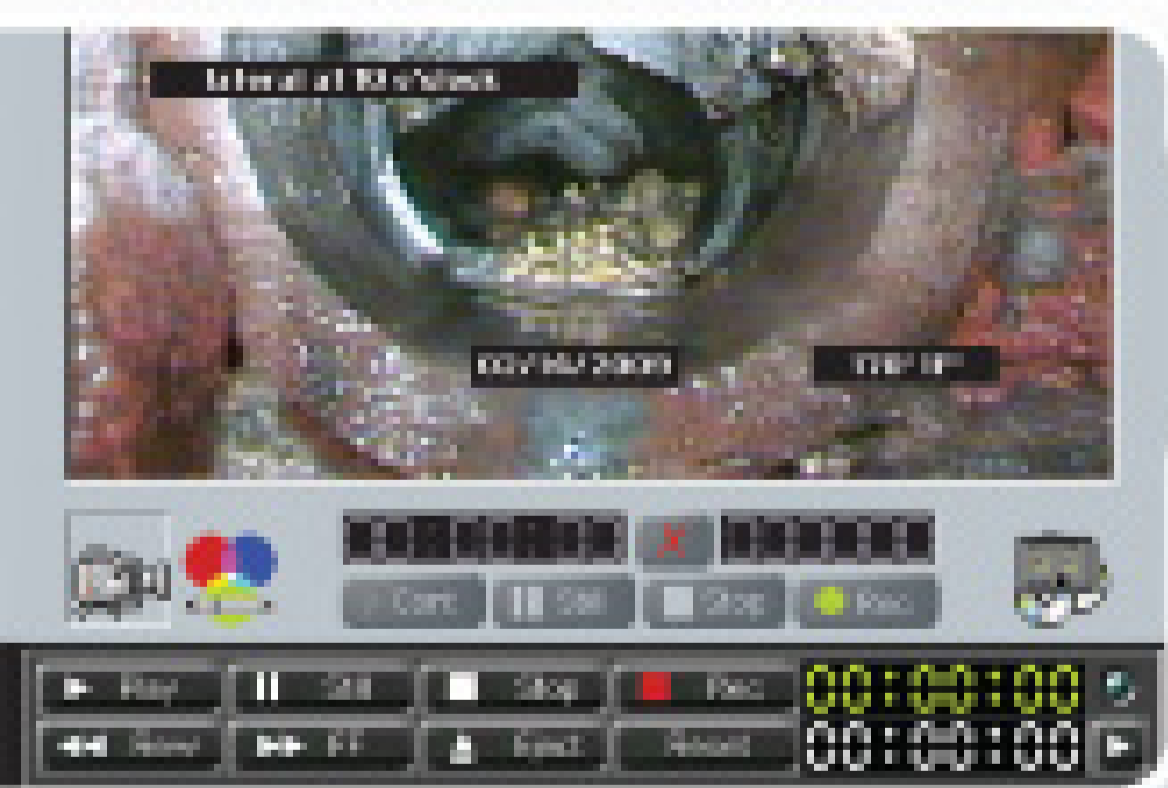
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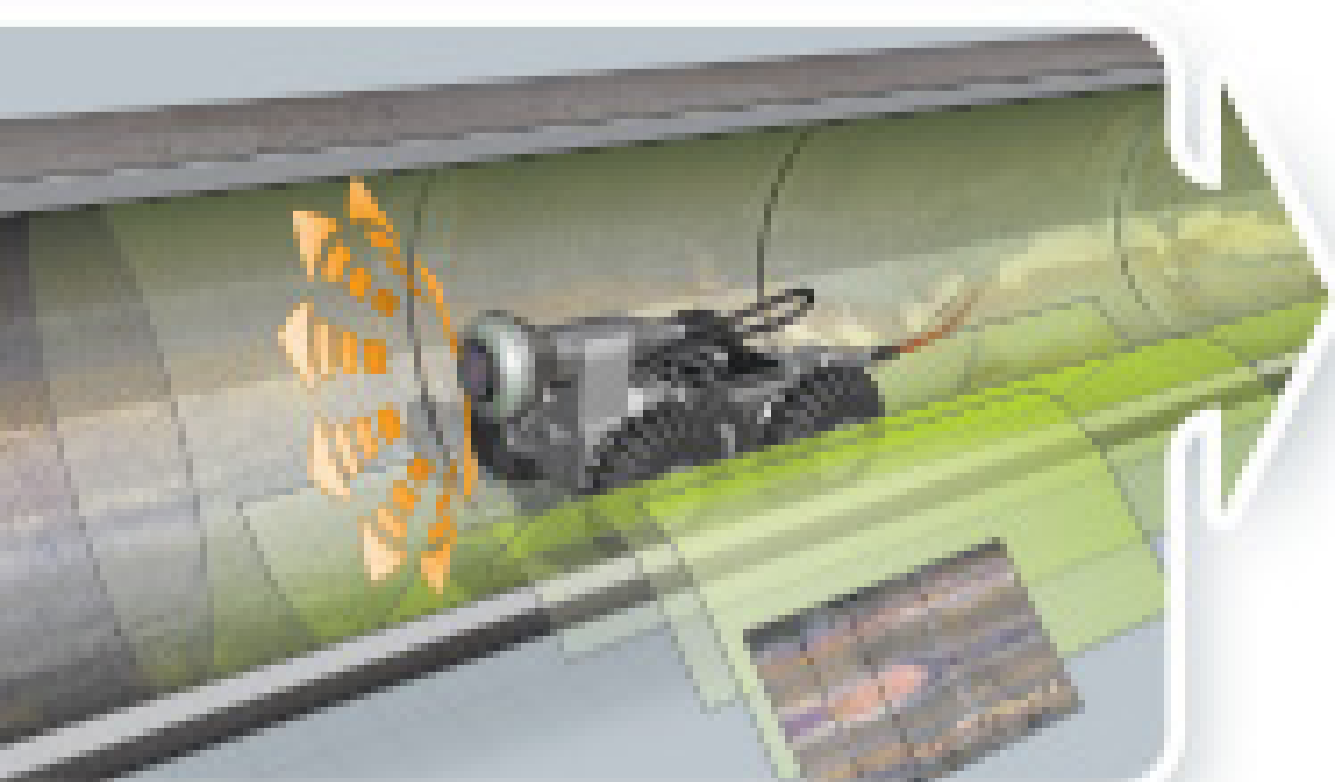
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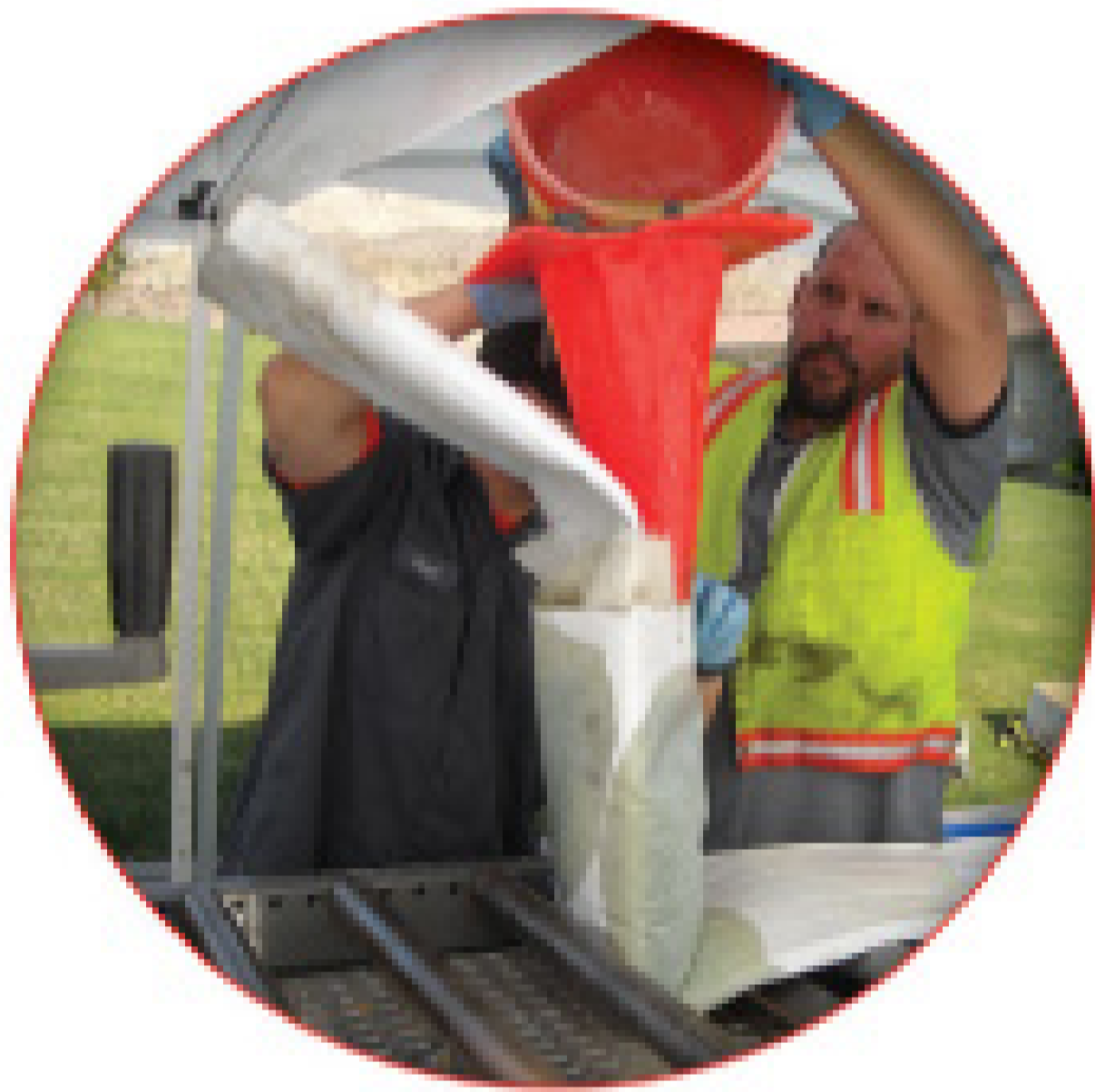
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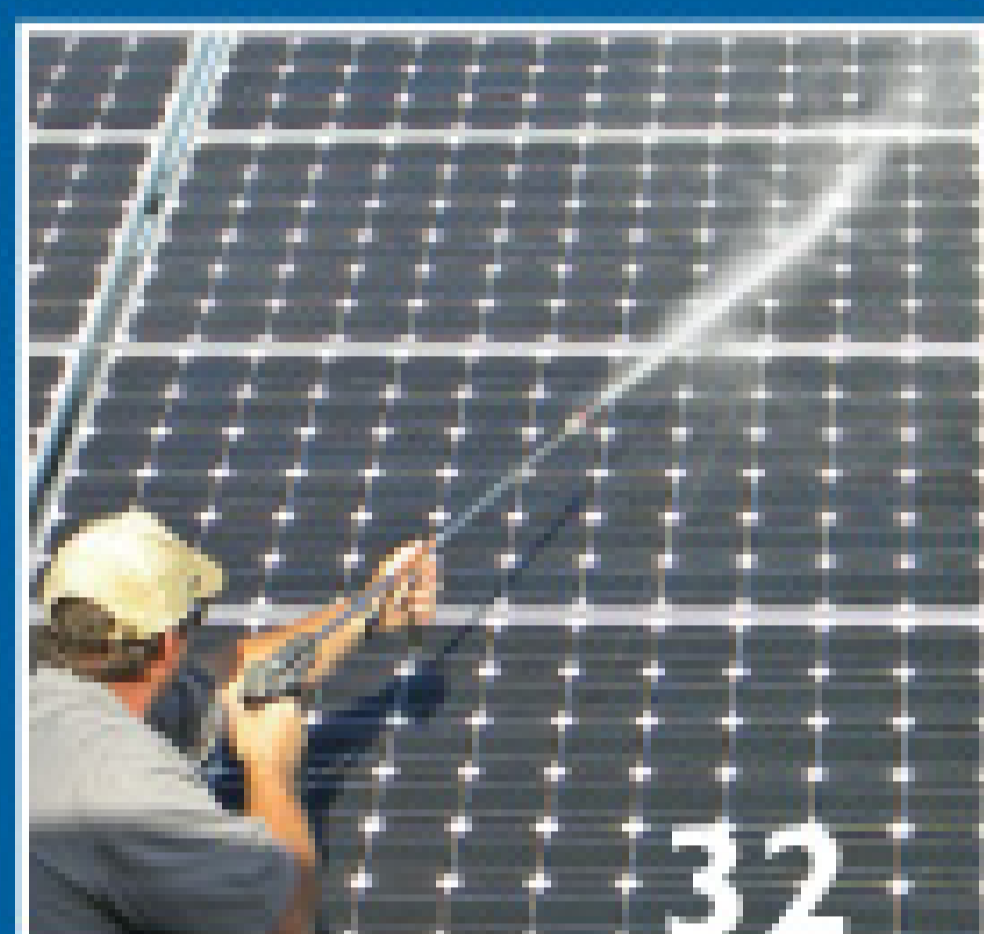
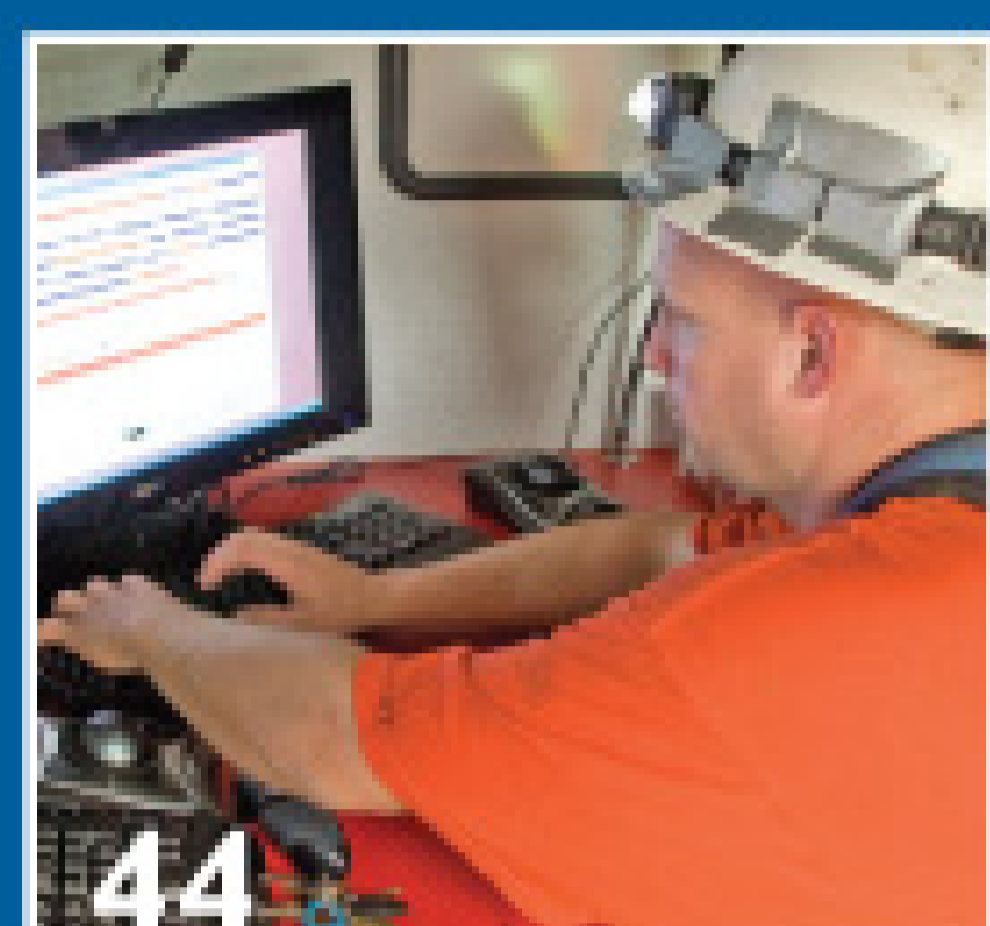
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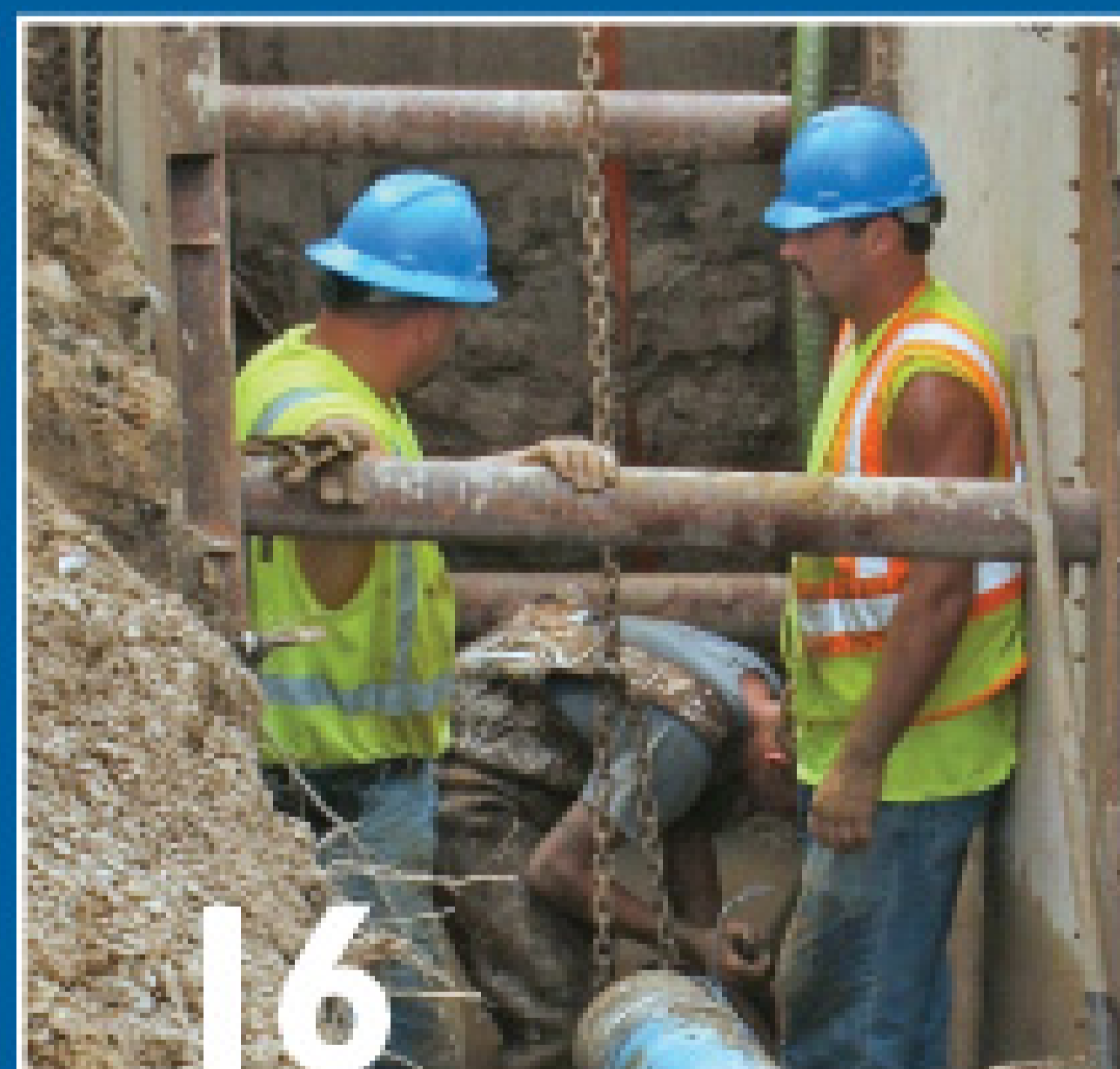
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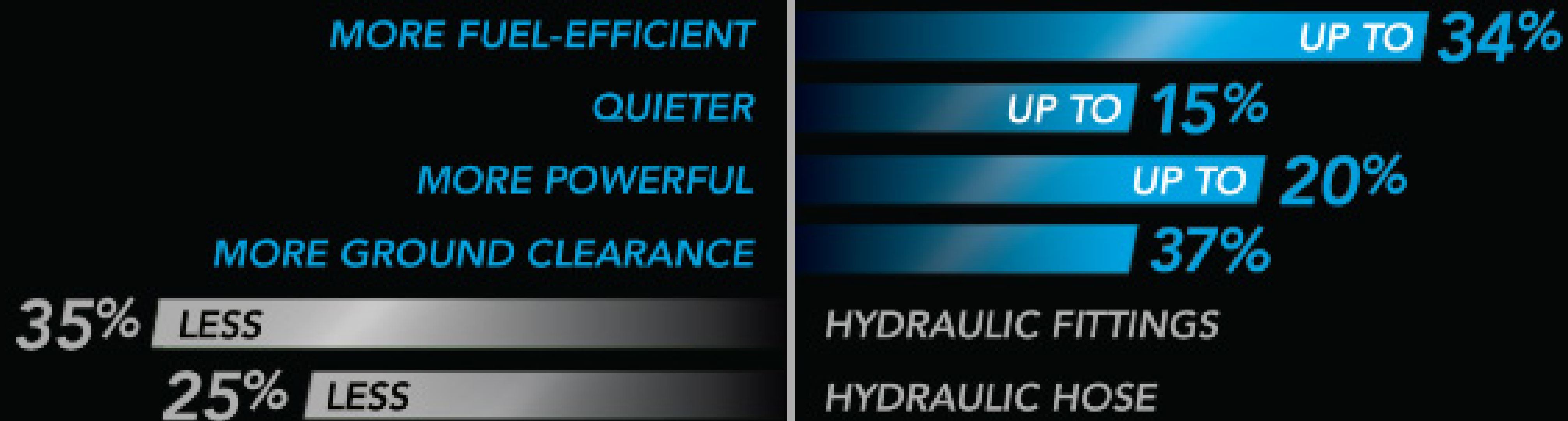
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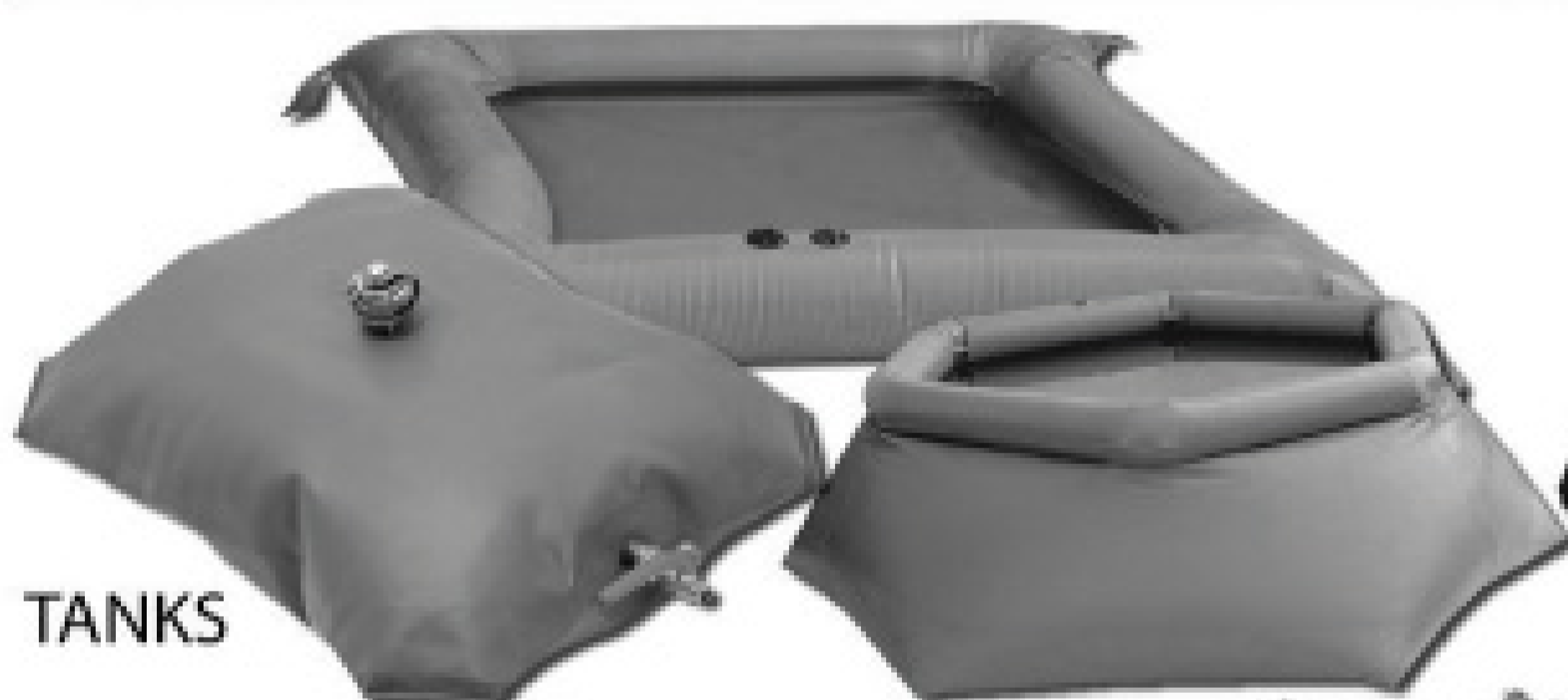
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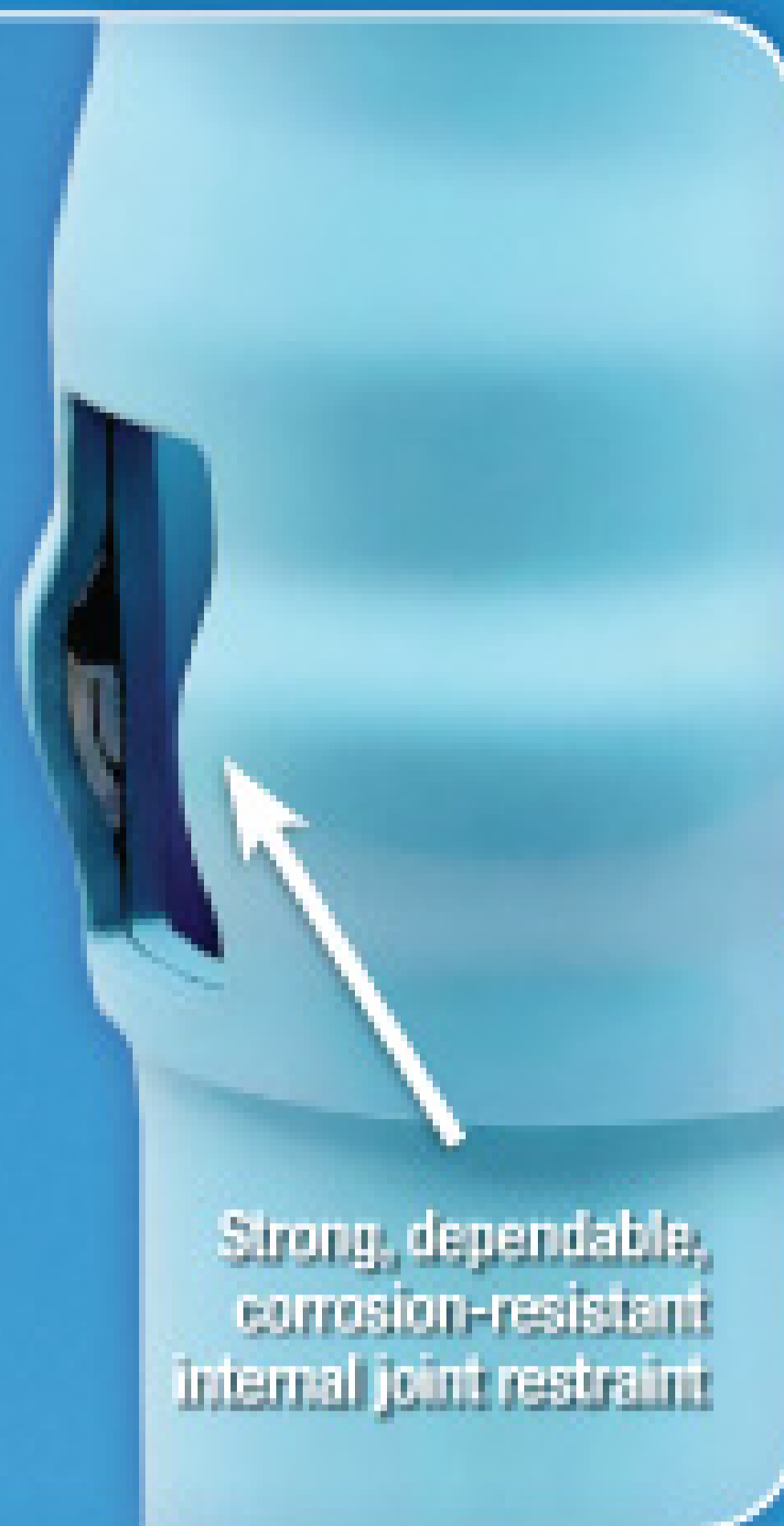
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HAIL TO THE CHIEF

The City of Eden Prairie, Minn., gives residents a unique perspective on the importance of sewer systems to public health and well-being

In March, this column asked *Municipal Sewer & Water* readers to share their equivalent of what I called a “fire chief speech” — a short argument to use in a public meeting when someone questions the importance of spending money on the local wastewater infrastructure.

The term “fire chief speech” came from just such a presentation I heard from a town fire chief when residents at a town meeting questioned a large investment in new fire-fighting equipment.

“Now, how would the discussion go if you had to get up in public and defend your department and your budget?” I wrote back then. “Could you talk about it in words as compelling as those the fire chief used?”

In one year alone the lack of sewage disposal, clean water and thus hygiene, accounted for over 1.5 million deaths worldwide from diarrheal-type diseases. ... Think it can't happen here in the U.S.? Think Katrina.

Andrew Sullivan

Andrew Sullivan, utilities operator with the Utilities Division at the City of Eden Prairie, Minn., was quick to respond. What he sent me is not exactly a speech, although it could be used that way. It's actually an article that appears on the city's Web site.

Sullivan and his team, as part of their jobs, make sure that the wastes produced by more than 60,000 homes and business customers makes it to the Blue Lake wastewater treatment plant in Shakopee. As part of that, they clean, inspect and service some 200 hundred miles of sewer lines, 22 lift stations and more than 3,000 manholes.

I think Sullivan is on to something. What he sets down in his article, titled “Zen and the Art of Sewer System Maintenance: Saving the world one manhole at a time,” is a line of argument people in the profession know and understand, but may not articulate well, if they use it at all.

So, for the good of the order, I offer excerpts from Sullivan's article, also found on a blog on the city Web site (<http://edenprairieweblogs.org/scottneal/post/1600>).

So I am sitting there watching that really smug guy from “Dirty Jobs,” Mike Rowe, do a show from the bottom of a sewer lift station. He is scraping big hunks of (*insert colorful metaphor*) off the lift station walls while a giant vacuum truck called a Vactor sucks it all up.

Wow, these Vactor trucks are all business, let me tell you. I mean, they can suck a bowling ball (or your arm) up from depths of 30 feet! ... Anyway,

there's Rowe, in his waders and raincoat, sewage pouring in all around him, and he does this kind of slight dry heave, looks to the camera and says, “This is it, this is the worst, the worst thing I have ever done, right here.”

In case you missed that, Rowe was talking about cleaning lift stations as the worst job he has ever done. We have 22 sewer lift stations in our town. ... You know, that whole business of celebrating the workers doing the dirty work so the rest of us can lead clean and civilized lives is really a great concept. And I have to admit it is pretty cool, seeing Rowe ... doing the things we do every day in Eden Prairie, on national television, no less!



FROM THE EDITOR

Ted J. Rulseh

But there is much more to this sewer business than just stepping in it, wading in it, and saying the word “poo” like your ratings depended on it. For instance:

- Did you know that scientists chose sanitation (sewage disposal and clean water) as the greatest medical breakthrough since 1840? A close second was antibiotics, then came anesthesia, vaccines, and finally the discovery of DNA structure. Really? Sewage disposal, over DNA? Yep. I guess it does make some sense when you think it through. I mean, really, what good is DNA if you are dead?
- In one year alone the lack of sewage disposal, clean water and thus hygiene, accounted for over 1.5 million deaths worldwide from diarrheal-type diseases. ... Think it can't happen here in the U.S.? Think Katrina.
- And finally, for you anthropological folks, let's finish with a quiz: According to experts, what key factor contributed more to the advancement or success of civilizations, both old and new? ... If you answered, “a working sewer system,” you are correct. So, while you are out there flying Mars missions, cracking the human genome, or building microscopic nanobots, just remember this: None of it would be possible if your toilet didn't flush!

You might consider trying some of Sullivan's arguments, in your own words, next time you're out in public defending your department's projects or budget. He framed the essence of the value of sewer infrastructure about as well as anyone could. ♦

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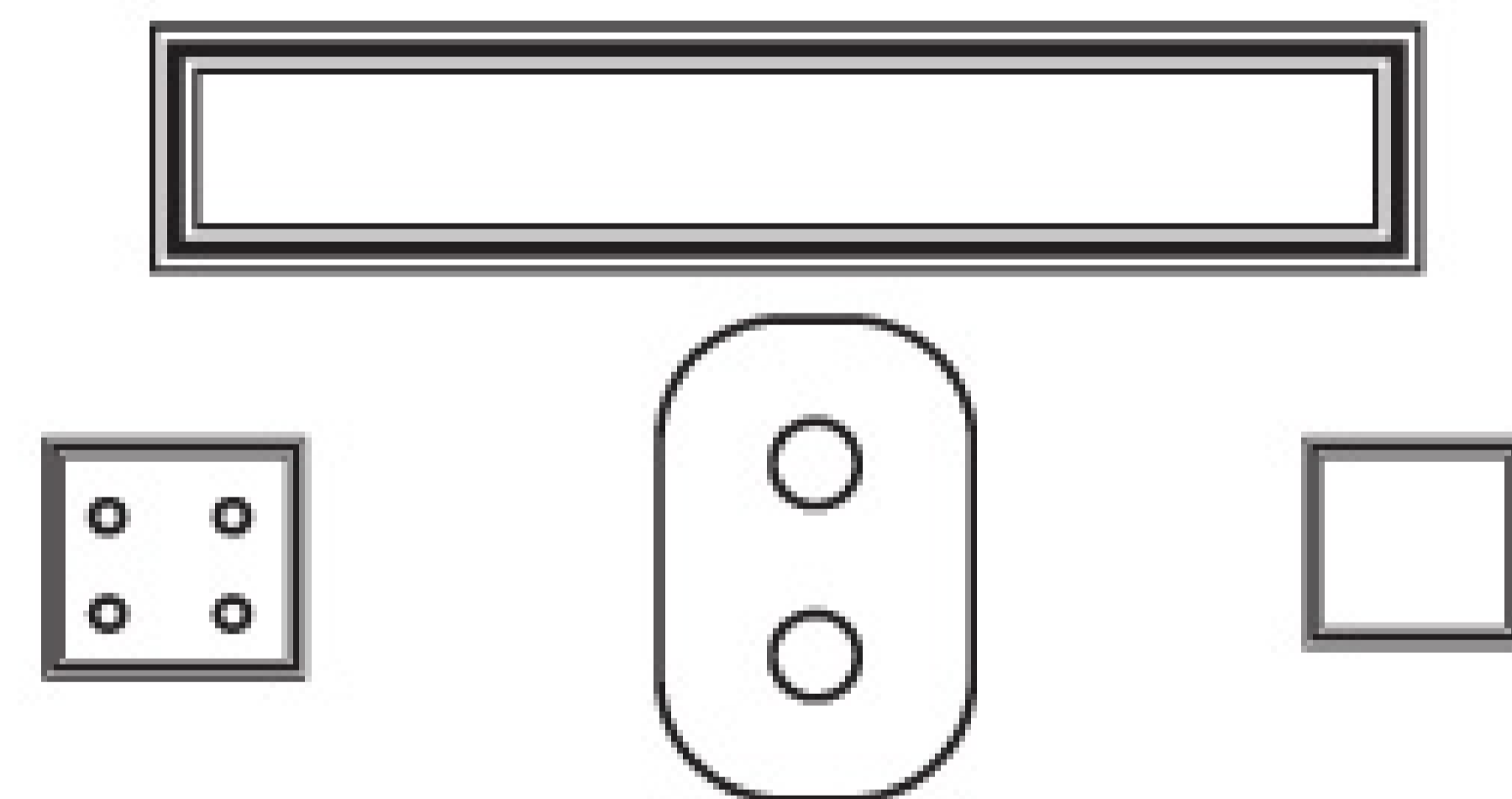
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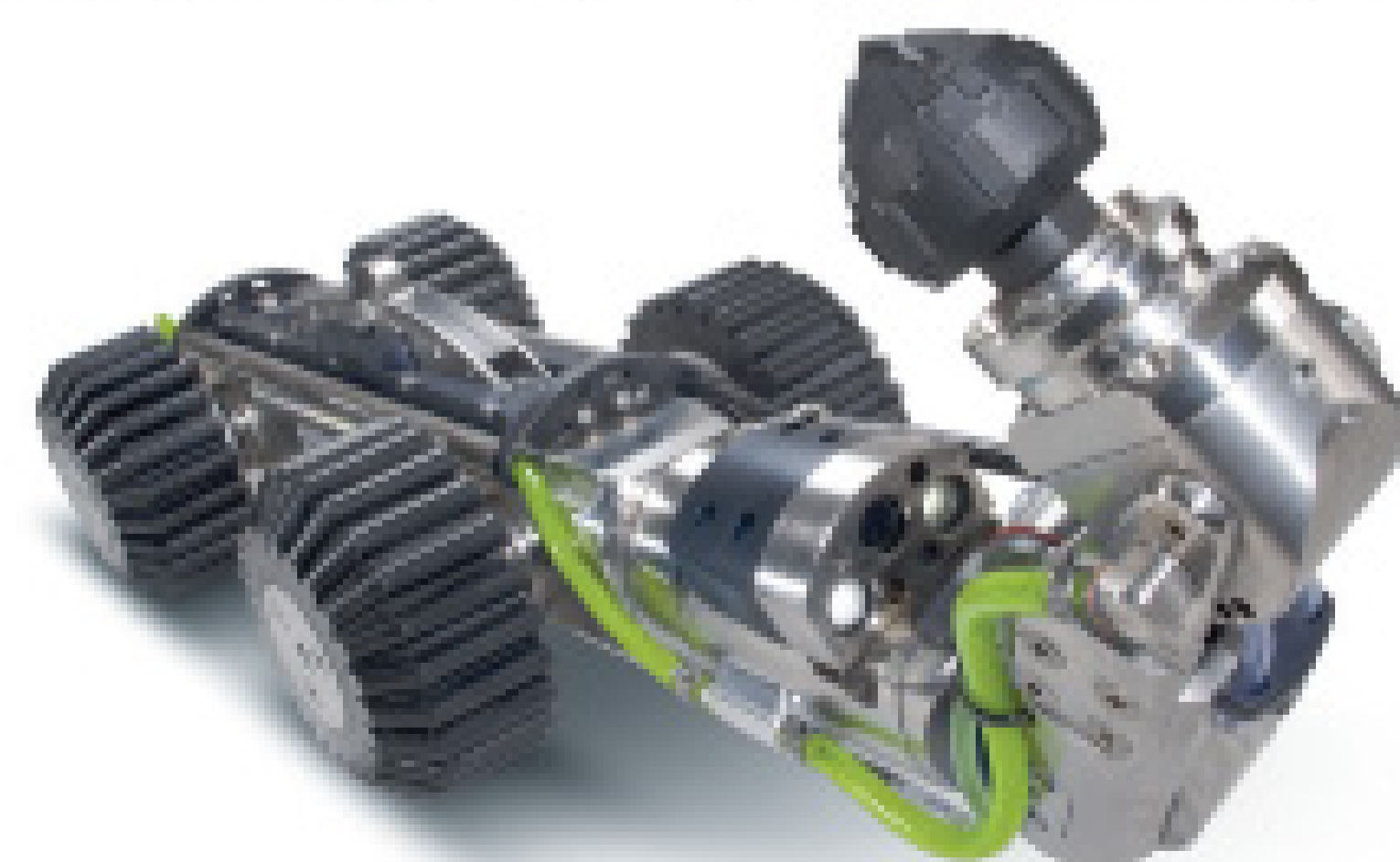


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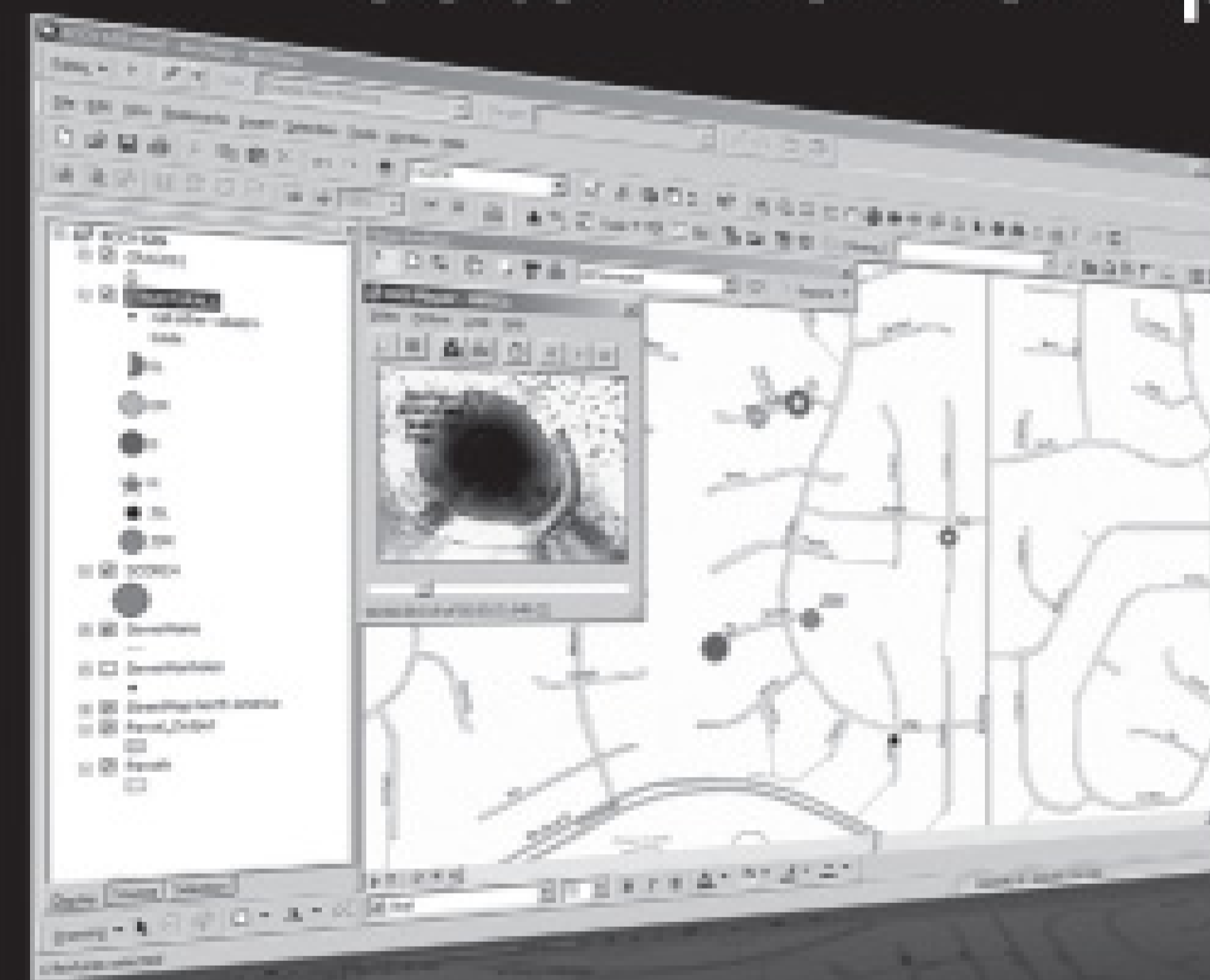


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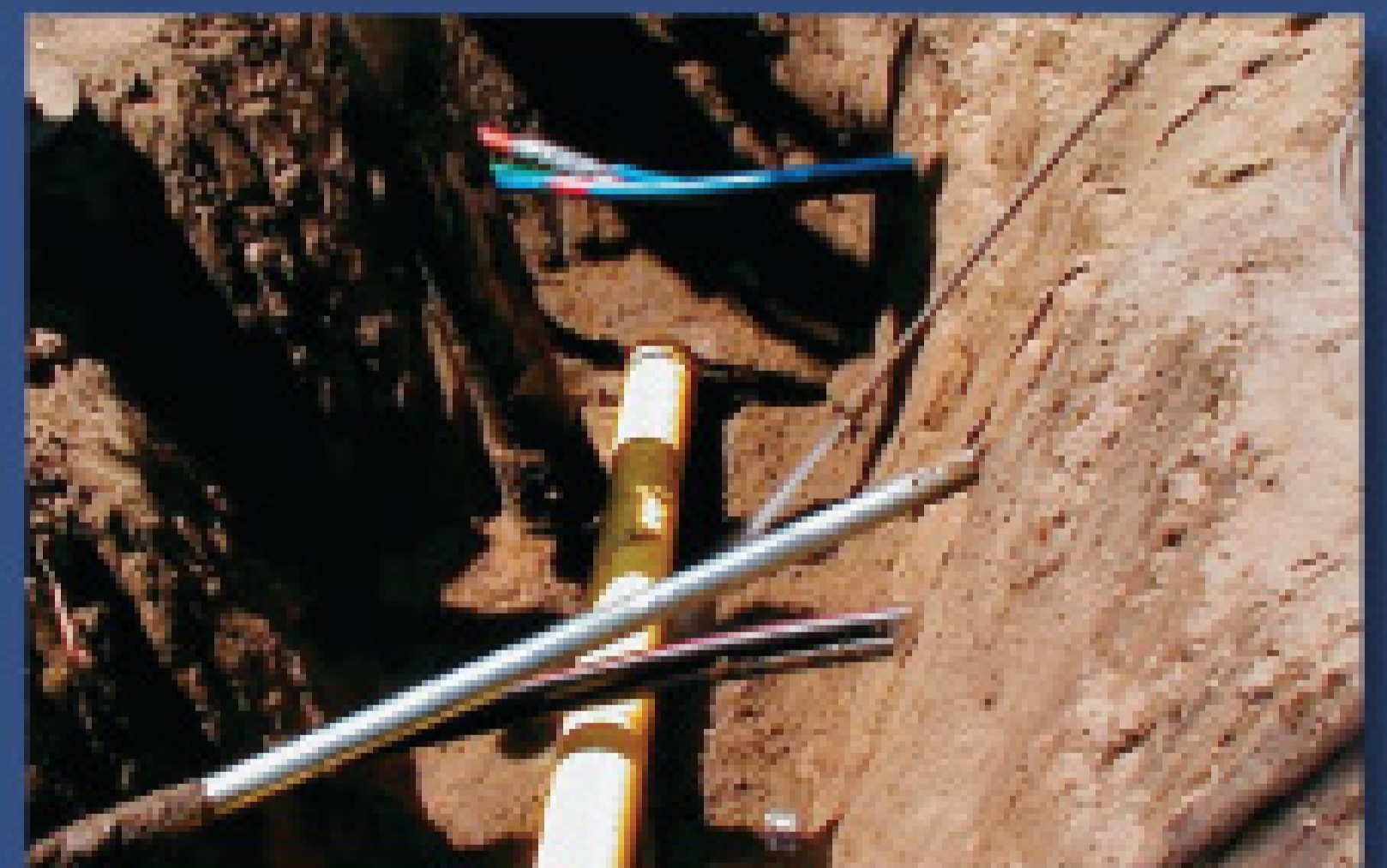


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Horizontal directional drilling helps the Green Bay Water Utility install new lines across environmentally sensitive areas. Here, workers attach a new pipe to the drill head unit. (Photography by Erik Gunn)

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SPANNING THE SWAMPS

Horizontal directional drilling is a key tool in the Green Bay (Wis.) Water Utility's water main installation and rehabilitation program

By Erik Gunn

It's been a decade of growth for the Green Bay (Wis.) Water Utility. The economy may have curtailed that some, but even now, the utility maintains an aggressive program of rehabilitating water mains.

Whether installing new lines or repairing old ones, the work usually gets done the old-fashioned way — by digging a trench. In recent years, though, the utility has used trenchless techniques at times. Sometimes it's to avoid disturbing environmentally sensitive areas and the regulatory red tape involved with open digging in such places. Other times it's because nature

herself simply gets in the way.

As a result, Green Bay has gained experience with horizontal directional drilling, and with it, the use of various pipeline systems. The technique costs about two to three times that of conventional trenching, says Brian Powell, water utility distribution engineer. But in view of the much more extensive permitting required for open-trench projects in delicate situations, HDD is a reasonable trade-off.

In 2008, the city completed the first project in which it used fusible PVC pipe in an HDD project. The pull crossed a wetland in which open-trench installation would have been impossible.

Decades of growth

Green Bay draws its water from Lake Michigan, taking in up to 42 mgd. Over the last 50 years, the city has tripled in area, to 46.1 square miles. The service area extends beyond the city limits to the neighboring Town of Scott and Village of Ashwaubenon.

Annual water pumpage through the utility's 456 miles of distribution mains hit nearly 7.2 billion gallons in 2007, and the two largest categories of customers, residential and commercial, have been slowly but steadily rising since 1998.

For much of that time, the system grew by up to 10 miles per year. "Five years ago we were putting



PROFILE:
Green Bay (Wis.)
Water Utility

CUSTOMERS:
36,084

SERVICE AREA:
City of Green Bay, Town of
Scott, Village of Ashwaubenon

WATER VOLUME:
42 mgd capacity; 19.7 mgd
daily average

INFRASTRUCTURE:
456 miles of water mains

ANNUAL REVENUE:
\$17.6 million

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Above: The view west across the marshy area under which the boring is to be done. The bore will be completed from the opposite side. Right: Ramco employees Micah Frost (left) and Glen VandeHey track the drill head. VandeHey uses a Subsite 750 Tracker from Ditch Witch to follow a sonde in the drill head.

in close to 40,000 to 50,000 feet a year of brand new water main," says Powell. The economic slowdown has reduced new construction to 5,000 feet or less per year, but rehabilitation continues on 10,000 to 15,000 feet of mains per year.

As a city department, the water utility can coordinate water main repair and replacement closely with the city's street repair program. Green Bay has a street work agenda planned several years in advance, and the water utility follows suit. "They give us a list of streets coming up for repair," Powell says. "We look at the age and conditions of our water mains on those streets, then base our decision on that."

All water main complaint calls and repairs are logged into a GIS-linked city database. The list of

streets due for repair is checked against that database. "If a street's being redone and we've had water line maintenance problems in the past, then we'll replace the line in the year the street's going to be redone," says Powell. "But if everything's fine, we'll leave well enough alone."

So about five years ago the city began using PVC pipe almost exclusively when replacing water mains throughout the system. "PVC won't corrode," Powell says. "It's also cheaper to buy and cheaper to install."

For most open-trench replacement projects, the city uses con-

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Brian Powell

ventional PVC sections connected by slip joints. It buys the product from a variety of manufacturers based on material price quotes. In summer of 2008, however, the city turned for the first time to fusible PVC provided by Underground Solutions of Poway, Calif., for a project that required HDD. HDD, widely used in the water industry since the early 1990s, was an established technique for the Green Bay utility when Powell joined six years ago. "It comes in

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Cast iron to PVC

Green Bay's original water lines, some dating back to the late-1800s, are traditional cast iron. Corrosion



WORTH THE COST

On paper, horizontal directional drilling is pricier than open-cut water main installation, says Brian Powell, Green Bay Water Utility distribution engineer.

A July 2008 job crossing a marsh illustrates the difference. "The contractors were pulling it for roughly \$30 a foot," Powell says. "We can get open cut in a subdivision for anywhere from a third to half that cost." For instance, 8-inch pipe of the sort used for the job described in the main article would typically cost \$10 per foot to lay; perhaps \$15 when fuel prices are higher.

But the permitting process and other challenges of open-cut installation in a wetland or underneath a stream negate any such cost advantage. For example, steps would have to be taken to prevent release of sediment that could harm fish or wildlife, and the site would have to be restored to its original condition.

handy where you have environmentally sensitive areas, whether you're crossing a wetland or a navigable waterway, whether it's a stream, a creek or a river," he says. "These are areas where you can't really open cut without causing environmental damage."

In some situations, it's not just a matter of damage. About three years ago, the utility needed to cross under the Fox River with a 2,400-foot-long, 36-inch steel pipe. Trenching in that case was out of the question. That HDD project took nearly two weeks. The pipe sections were welded on site into a single pipe while the drillers bored and reamed a hole to the proper diameter to pull the pipe back through.

ple. The task was to connect two dead-end water mains on opposite sides of a small, marshy ravine off of Remington Road on the city's east side. "It's a delineated wetland area with a navigable waterway running through it," Powell says.

The city needed fusible pipe to create a single pipe that could be pulled through the opening created by HDD. "You can't really pull regular PVC pipe because it doesn't lock," Powell says.

Green Bay has used locking PVC piping satisfactorily in previous HDD situations, but fusible PVC was something new. "We heard about it and kind of liked the idea and said, 'Let's give it a shot,'" Powell says.



The drill head penetrates the ground at a low angle.

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When the time came to pull the pipe, "They started pulling at 7 in the morning and they got done close to midnight," Powell recalls. Such jobs are rare. Smaller installations, replacements and repairs in sensitive areas come up every few years.

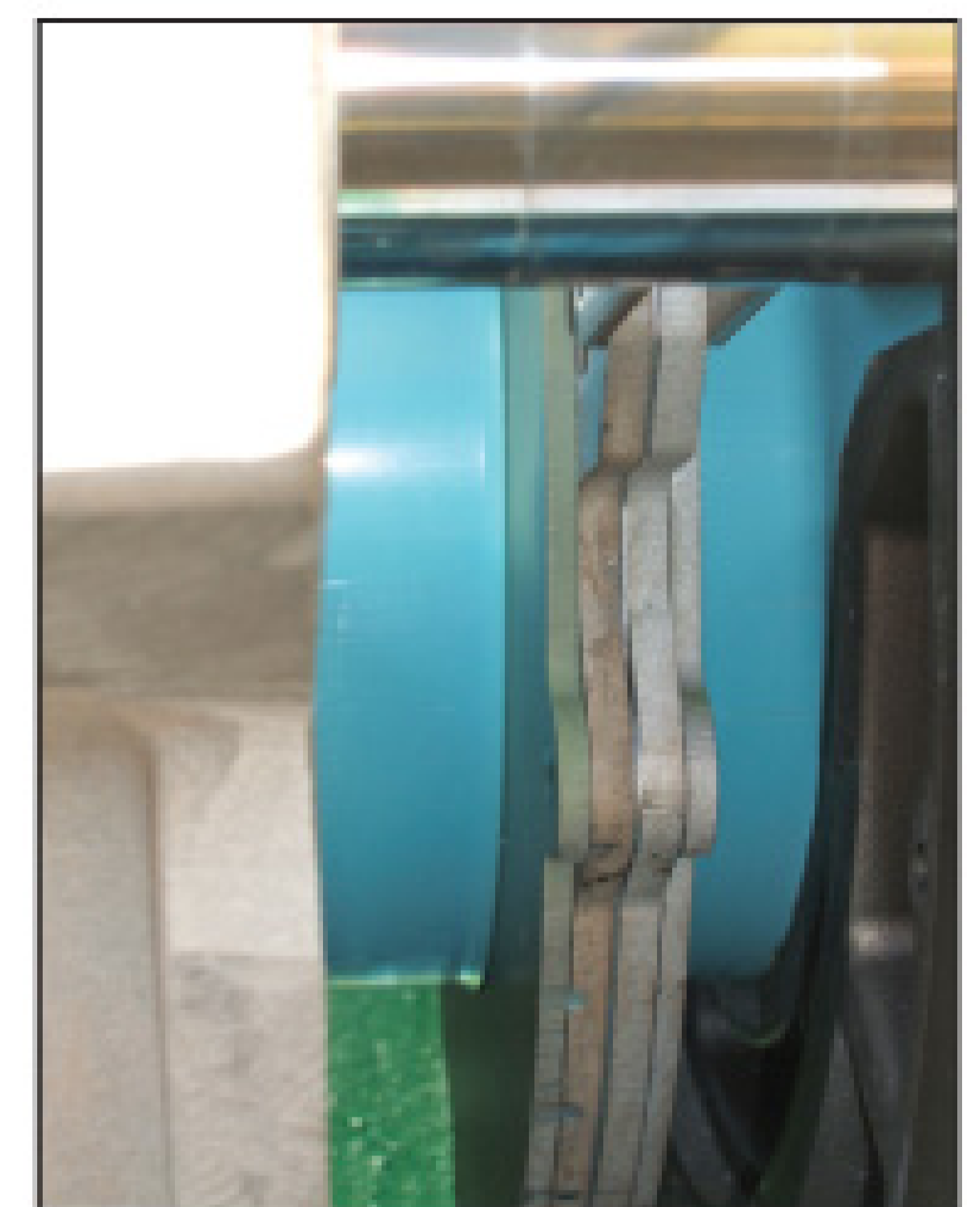
On the scene

The 2008 project was an exam-

Work on the Remington Road project began on a Wednesday with the arrival of 360 feet of 8-inch PVC pipe. Utility crews dug an entry pit on the east end of the run while employees of Underground Solutions prepared the pipe. Matthew Berenson of Underground Solutions used a diesel-powered TracStar II 500 fusing machine from McElroy Manufac-



Above: The McElroy TracStar II 500 unit was used for fusing the PVC pipe sections. **Right:** A heated disk is placed between the ends of two lengths of pipe to be fused. The heat causes the ends to flare.



ture Inc. to connect seven lengths of pipe.

With each length, Berenson carefully trimmed the ends so that they would join without leaving air pockets. Using a heating coil powered by an electric generator, he heated a metal disk to several hundred degrees, slid it into place on the machine and pushed the two pieces of pipe to be fused against it, under pressure, until they melted.

When the heat caused the rims of each pipe end to curl outward into a bead, he whisked the disk out, pressed the softened ends together, and held them in place under pressure until they cooled and formed a solid weld. "When it's cool, it's as strong as the rest of the pipe," says David Silvernail, director of field operations for Underground Solutions.

Drilling the hole

As the Underground Solutions crew finished fusing the pipe on a hot, humid Thursday, on the other side of the marsh a crew from Ramco Services Inc. was preparing to drill the hole. That morning, Powell and Jim Daubner, the utility's construction manager, had walked across the marshy ravine in high boots, marking the desired path of the new main at regular intervals with bright pink spray paint.

Ramco's Andy Vickman maneuvered a DitchWitch 4020 directional

drilling unit into place to begin the dig. The drill head bit into the ground at a low angle, spewing a slurry of water and bentonite.

The ratio of water to the pulverized bentonite had been calibrated precisely to provide the necessary support and lubrication for the drilling. No-Sag, a gel product, was added to the mix to help cake the walls of the hole and prevent it from collapsing, explains Ramco Services president Robert Foeller. As Vickman operated the drilling rig, Ramco employees Micah Frost and Glen VandeHey tracked its progress across the ravine, using a locator to follow a sonde in the drill head.

The drilling took about four hours. Ramco and Green Bay crew members then attached a conical pulling head to the plastic pipe. (Copper wire duct-taped to the entire length of pipe would enable crews to detect the pipe in the future.) On the west side of the marsh, Vickman used the drilling

rig to pull the reamer head and the pipe back through the hole to the other side.

Often, HDD requires more passes through the hole to ream it out to the desired diameter — in this case, 12 inches, 1.5 times the pipe diameter. That wasn't required on this project because the sandy clay soil made the hole stable. As the pipe was pulled back, the machine reamed the hole in a single operation.

Once installed, the fusible PVC could be matched up precisely with the existing PVC line at either end using conventional slip joints.

Other options

So far, says Powell, Green Bay's only trenchless technique for water main installation is HDD. The agency remains open to other methods, such as pipe bursting or various pipe-lining technologies. "We're always looking into it," says Powell. "At some point in the future, I would foresee us doing some of those."

As HDD jobs go, the Remington Road extension was relatively easy,

recalls Ramco's Foeller. "The ground was really muddy, but it was a typical job, with no problems," he says.

Ramco does about 200 drilling jobs per year, covering nearly all of Wisconsin. The sandy clay soil of Green Bay made this one of the easier jobs. "You can get into some really dense sand," Foeller says. "With smaller rigs, sometimes dense sands pose a problem. And if you get rocky conditions or boulders, those present problems."

Silvernail of Underground Solutions noted that in many projects, the drill is done the day before the pull. The Green Bay project stands out in his mind for "how smoothly it went," he says. "It just pulled a lot easier than everyone expected it to." ♦

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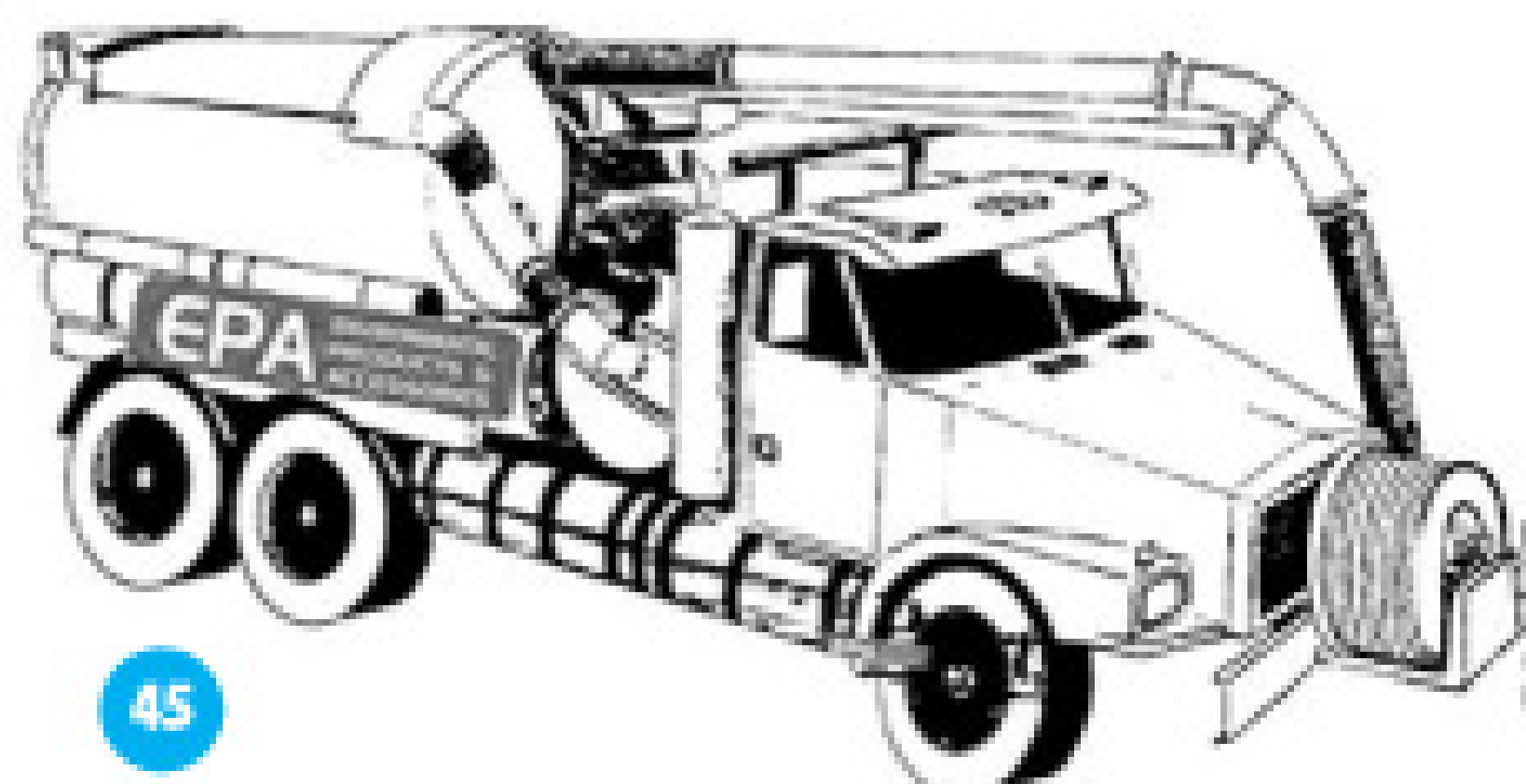
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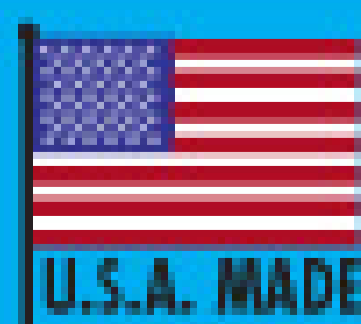
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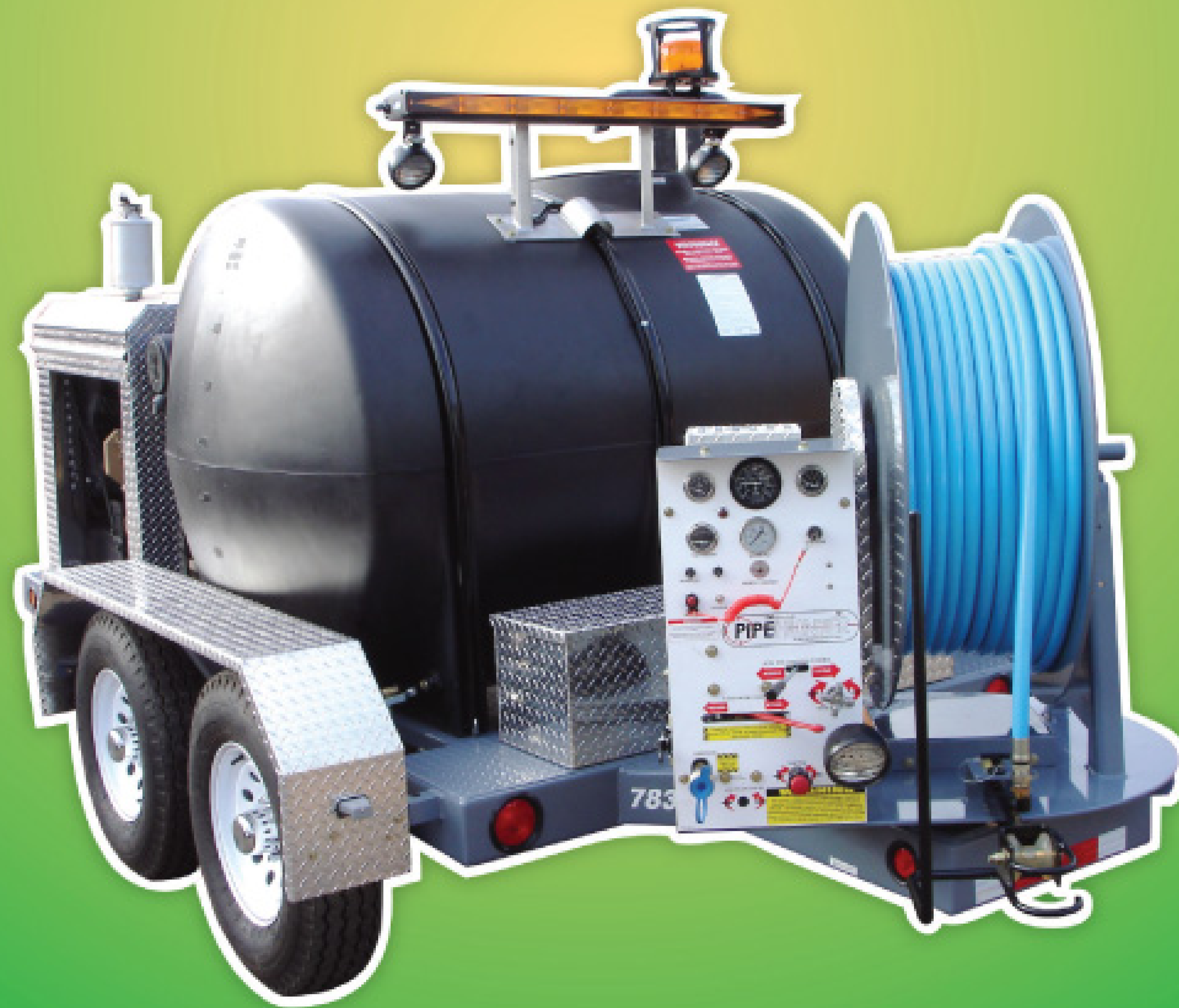
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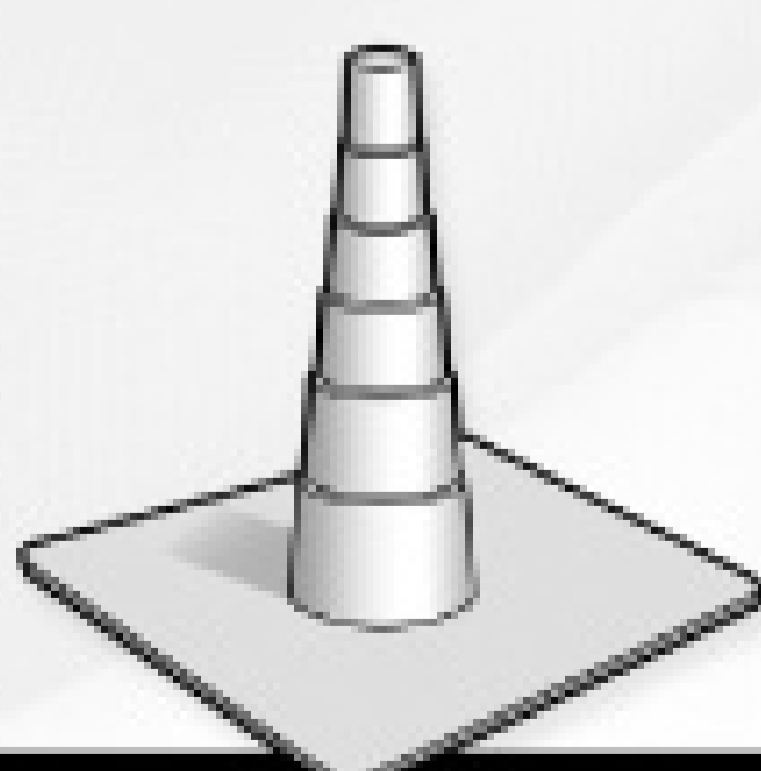


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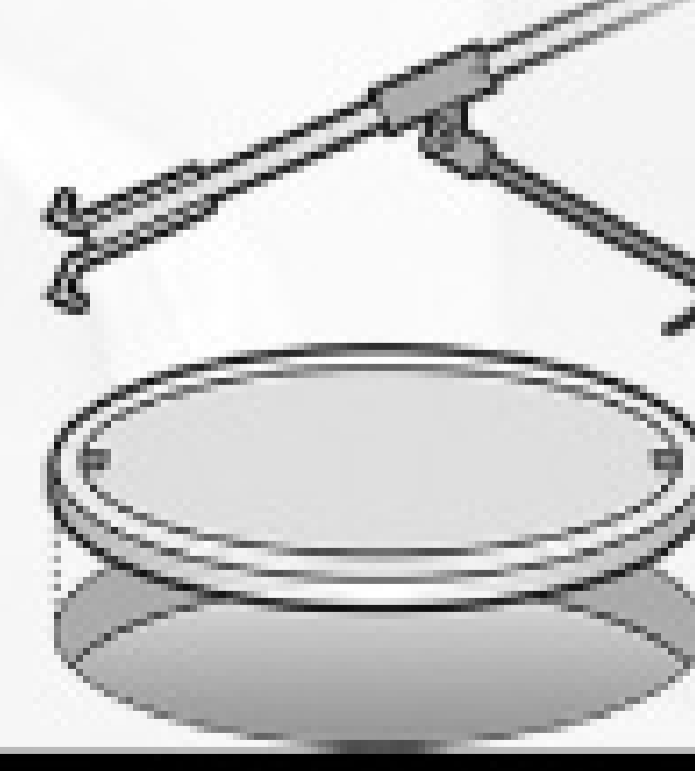
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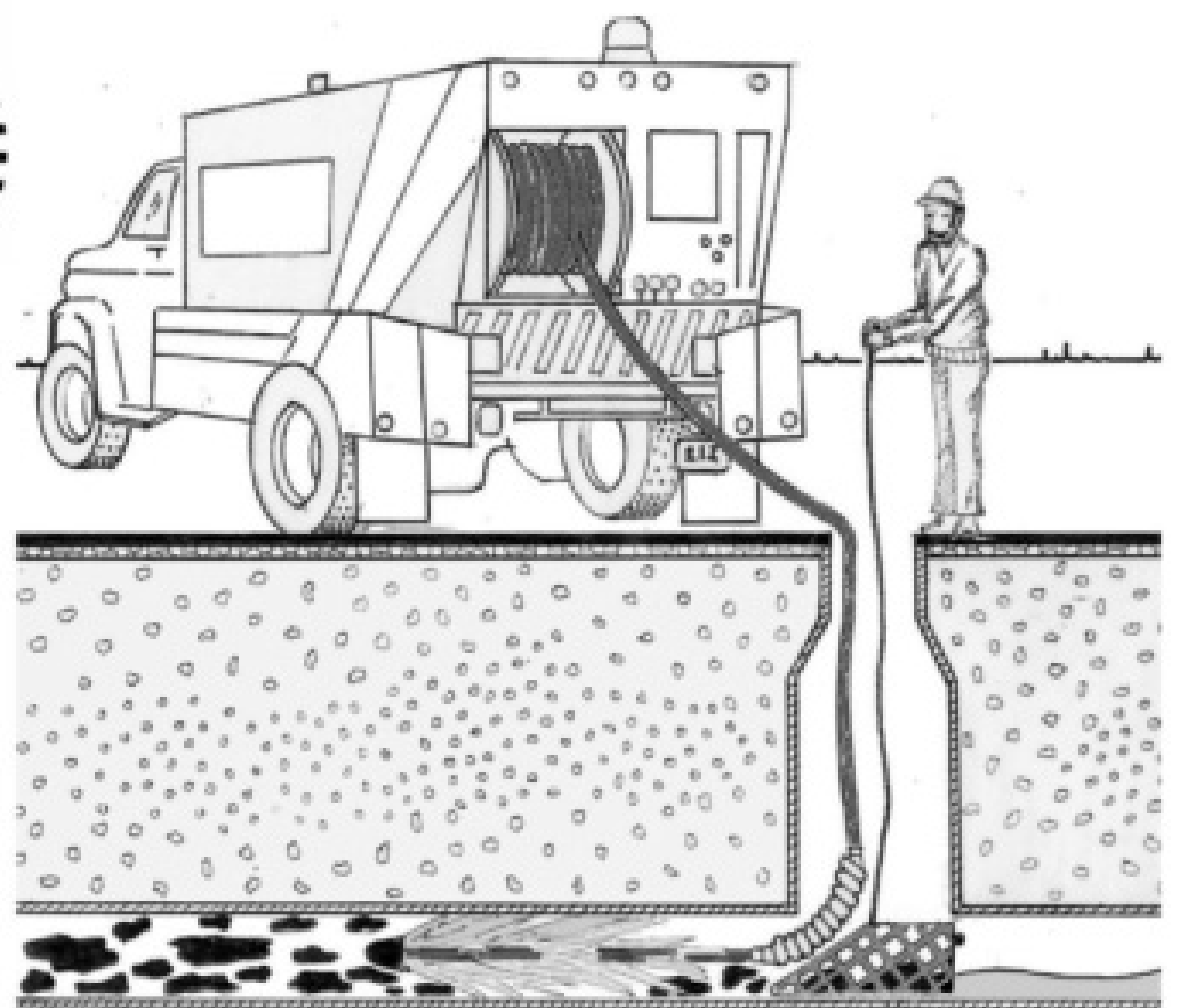
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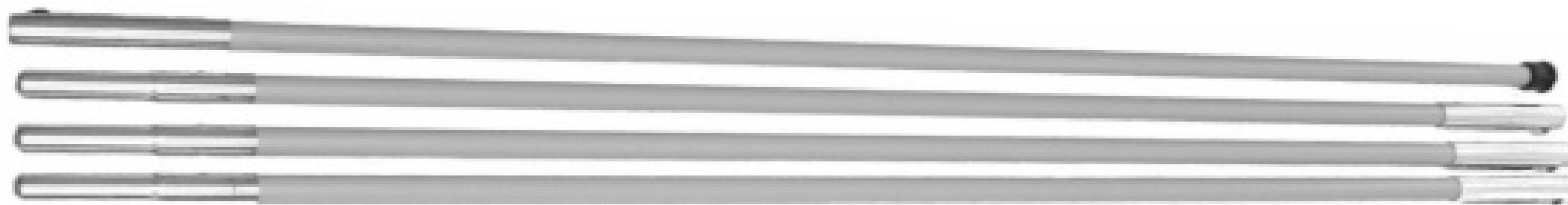
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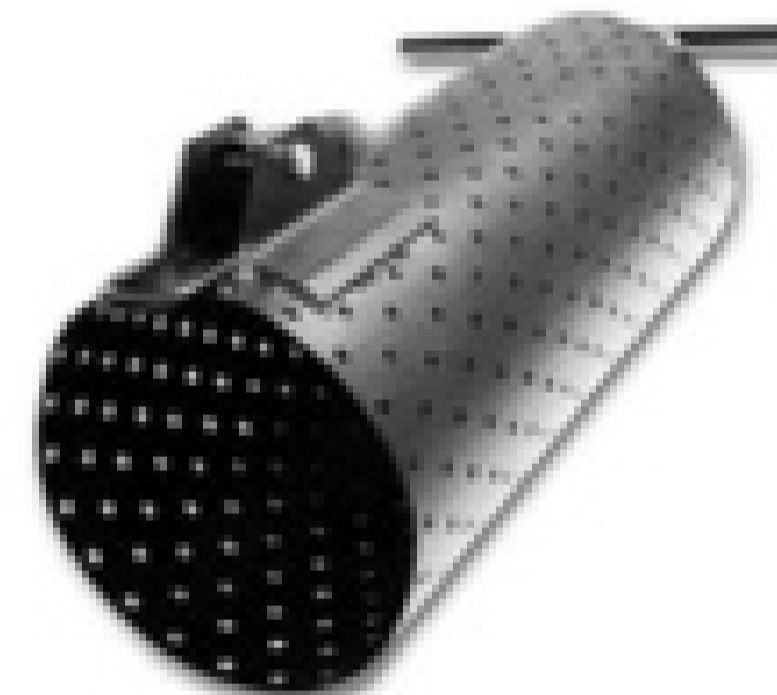
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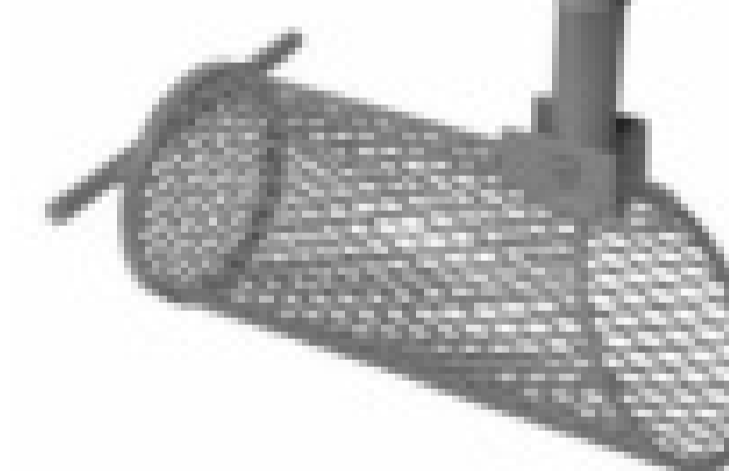


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By Dan Heim



The 2008 EPA First Place Award for Stormwater Management Excellence went to Rogue Valley Sewer Services (RVS) of Central Point, Ore.

Only one first place is awarded nationally, and it's based on three criteria: innovation, cost-effectiveness and environmental benefits. RVS stormwater engineer Maynard Flohaug proudly recounts the successful strategy his team follows.

"A big part of our method involves what I call leveraging — using ideas already out there. So I'm excited to share what we've learned with others in the business, to give back in a way that can help others achieve what we did. Tapping into existing knowledge was a key factor, and so is contributing back to that body of knowledge."

RVS is responsible for stormwater quality in the Bear Creek watershed, just upstream of the Rogue River watershed, a popular recreation area in southwest Oregon. The territory lies about 80 miles from the Pacific coast and 30 miles north of the California border, and is shielded by the Oregon Coastal Range.

West of that range, precipitation



Water samples from a stormwater containment water-quality vault to check vault efficiency.

can be 30 inches or more annually, but RVS sees only about 18 inches. The temperate climate is ideal for agriculture. Bountiful vineyards dot the area. Soils have a high clay content, and the water table averages 10 feet, but the topography is flat, so erosion is rarely an issue.

This idyllic setting was, nonetheless, subject to the same NPDES Phase II and MS4 standards that have challenged so many others. How RVS met the challenge is a lesson worth sharing. The EPA award cites several specific accomplishments, including:

- Becoming a Department of Environmental Quality agent for oversight of construction permits
- Designing the Rogue Valley Stormwater Quality Design Manual

A crew from Rogue Valley Sewer Services cleans solids from a stormwater containment water-quality vault with the hose of a vacuum truck. Routine maintenance is handled by two vacuum trucks from Vac-Con Inc. (Photography by Tim Bullard)

- Starting a Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- Creating a 1200C construction stormwater program
- Instituting erosion and sediment control certification classes.

Innovative collaboration

For stormwater purposes, RVS serves the cities of Central Point, Phoenix and Talent, and portions of Jackson County, including White City. For sanitary sewer service, the agency covers Jacksonville, Talent, Phoenix, Central Point and Eagle Point, as well as some unincorporated areas of Jackson County, including White City.

The first EPA stormwater award criterion is innovation, and RVS was recognized here for its success in establishing regional collaboration. RVS took the initiative to invite and integrate surrounding communities into its existing Phase II plan. Rather than having redundant efforts, especially in licensing and other EPA paperwork, RVS sought to



PROFILE:

Rogue Valley Sewer Services, Central Point, Ore.

CUSTOMERS:
60,000

EQUIPMENT:
Two vacuum trucks,
two camera vans

WATERSHED AREA:
400 square miles
(for Bear Creek watershed)

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION:
18 inches

INFRASTRUCTURE:
93 miles of sanitary sewer pipe, 4,500 stormwater catch basins, 16 stormwater monitoring stations, unknown miles of open channel

ANNUAL BUDGET:
\$370,000
(stormwater quality)

EMPLOYEES:
30

WEB SITE:
www.rvss.us/index.html



Shane Macuk inspects a containment pond where stormwater is collected before overflows enter a creek. The green growth is natural algae and organic materials.

combine what was essentially a unified regional effort under a single manager.

Acting as DEQ agent for the entire Phase II Region has significantly reduced red tape and, in the words of the EPA award announcement, “significantly reduced the amount of pollutants entering the Bear Creek and Rogue River watersheds.”

The CIP was created to enable retrofitting of stormwater control measures in existing residential and commercial areas. Three have

already been completed, serving some 380 acres. Two more are planned for each year of the five-year plan.

The 1200C construction storm-

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water program makes RVS responsible for all construction oversight, inspection and enforcement within its Phase II area. It requires every construction project to provide a certified erosion and sediment control (ESC) inspector to ensure compliance before a permit is issued.

Of course, RVS provides the certification training, with 11 seminars to date and more than 200 “graduates.” Flohaug notes, “This is where we can be really proactive.” Yet another example of innovation, and cost-effectiveness, involves leveraging.

Building on successes

“By leveraging, I’m talking about not spending time and money reinventing the wheel,” Flohaug says. “Most any problem we run into, somebody else has already solved it. All we need to do is tweak it to fit our local conditions. Being able to call another engineer, knowing how to search online, and

ONE BIG POOL OF CLEAR WATER

Crater Lake (first known as Deep Blue Lake, then Blue Lake, and later Lake Majesty) in Oregon lies 40 miles northeast of Central Point. At 1,949 feet, it is the deepest lake in the United States, and ninth deepest in the world. (Lake Baikal, in southern Siberia, is the world’s deepest at 5,371 feet.)

Since Crater Lake has no inlets, its water is some of the cleanest on the planet and is the envy of water-quality engineers. Secchi disk readings range from 80 to 115 feet — highly transparent water. By comparison, typical inland lakes have readings up to 40 feet.

Crater Lake holds an estimated 4.9 trillion gallons of pristine water. To put that into perspective, all the homes, farms and factories in the United States use about 400 billion gallons each day. Thus, Crater Lake could supply the entire country’s water needs for 12 days.

The lake has no outlets, but it does feed some springs. What is lost by evaporation and percolation is balanced by precipitation, the vast majority of which comes as snow. The area enjoys a generous 533 inches of snow each year.

The local Native American Klamath tribe may have witnessed the collapse of Mt. Mazama and the actual formation of Crater Lake. Geologists estimate that the collapse of this 12,000-foot volcano occurred about 7,700 years ago. Its last eruption formed a caldera that later filled with water to become Crater Lake.

Klamath legends tell of a fierce battle between the sky god Skell and the underworld god Llao, resulting in the destruction of Mt. Mazama. The Klamath tribe still regards the site as a spiritual place, and in the past used it for vision quests.



This illustration by Rogue Valley Sewer Services employee Quintyn Zilembo shows residents and students that anything dumped in the street will eventually get into a local creek, and that stormwater flows do not go through a treatment plant.

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Maynard Flohaug

reading magazines like *Municipal Sewer & Water* help me tap into all this knowledge.”

The Rogue Valley *Stormwater Quality Design Manual*, one of many publications available on the RVS Web site, is an example of leverag-

Transportation’s *Hydraulic Manual*. Some of this material was immediately applicable; the rest was modified as needed. As a result, the RVS manual was completed without spending significant time and money.

This also ties into the second EPA criterion: cost-effectiveness. Says Flohaug, “Why spend money re-engineering something when the work’s already been done? This isn’t plagiarism. It’s just using what other people have put out there. We’re all in the same business, we have the same goals, and we’re proud to share our solutions.”

The majority of RVS’ \$370,000 stormwater quality budget is covered by a \$1-per-residence stormwater quality charge, with a small supplement from state permit fees. Getting the most bang for those bucks is crucial. Leveraging makes that happen.

Environmental benefits

The third EPA criterion is benefit to the environment. Whatever the level of innovation and



The Rogue Valley Sewer Services team includes (from left) Dave Banks, inspector, Shane Macuk, inspector II, Chuck Root, manager, Carole Balzer, network administrator, and Brenda Baldovino, finance director.

cost-effectiveness, the bottom line must be cleaner water, and RVS has exceeded EPA standards in this arena.

Attacking stormwater pollution at its source is an established, cost-effective strategy. The Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) already had a program in place to provide homeowners information and designs for residential stormwater control. Rain gardens, bioswales, green roofs and pervious paving are all proven solutions. There was no need to allocate local resources for this education. RVS simply points inquiring minds to

the appropriate OEC contacts — yet another example of leveraging.

No stormwater treatment plants are foreseeable, as the system is working just fine. RVS installed four water-quality monitoring stations, and has taken over responsibility for 12 existing stations in adjoining municipalities. More are planned.

“Lack of any comprehensive education or enforcement programs was our biggest hurdle,” says Flohaug. RVS finally turned that around last year. After extensive R&D, the agency created a series of informational brochures, training manuals, and design guides, all



Shane Macuk performs a pH test on a citizen’s pool that is being drained into the street and storm drainage system.

ing. RVS adapted information from the City of Portland’s *Stormwater Management Manual*, that city’s *Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Planning and Design Manual*, and the Oregon Department of



Rogue Valley Sewer Services combines infrastructure maintenance with regional collaboration to keep area water clear of runoff pollution.

now available on the Web site.

Flohaug continues, "2008 was when we started seeing a difference, like reductions in waste from filters and catch basins, more cooperation from developers, and more public awareness. We could easily see the difference in stormwater quality. It was measurable."

Useful manual

The EPA singles out the *Stormwater Quality Design Manual* as one of the key factors in RVS' award. Created for developers, it provides not only design requirements but also a variety of options for stormwater quality. Written for engineers, it helps to establish annual goals and focuses on the proper design and installation of stormwater quality-control measures.

"These people are smart, but most have no experience in stormwater quality engineering," Flohaug says. "They want to do the right thing, but they need somebody to tell them how. Our design manual and certification classes were the solution." To date, some 230 developers, contractors and inspectors have been trained and certified.

Other educational resources are designed for public consumption. Many people assume that stormwater is treated. "That's just not the case," Flohaug says, "and we needed to change that percep-

tion. People need to see that, if you're going to dump antifreeze down a storm drain, you might as well just dump it into the river." The RVS Web site provides several brochures to make that point, including "Creeks and Concrete Don't Mix," "Painting Without Polluting," and "Oil and Stormwater."

Outreach to area schools is another strategy. RVS built a watershed model to take into classrooms. It demonstrates clearly how what goes down the storm drain ultimately ends up in the river. "We can drop a little dye into the system, representing motor oil, and the kids can see where it goes," notes Flohaug.

Reusing the wheel

Flohaug repeatedly emphasizes the importance of not reinventing the wheel and, instead, using existing solutions to solve problems. As with patents, true innovation can involve the creative use or modification of an existing product or process. But doing so requires real problem-solving, and the motivation to try new ideas.

"It just doesn't make sense to spend money doing research about what works, when that research has already been done," Flohaug explains. "We just have to adapt somebody else's solution to our specific needs."

Communication between storm-

water personnel in cities sharing the RVS Phase II Permit has been a key factor in their mutual success. Says Flohaug, "It's nice to be able to just call up one of those guys and ask them how they solved the same problem."

A survey of RVS assets would include the usual assortment of stormwater quality systems: filters, traps, catchment basins, rain gardens, permeable paving, maintenance vehicles, GIS and a team of well-trained personnel. Routine maintenance is handled by two vacuum trucks from Vac-Con Inc. on International chassis and two camera vans from RS Technical Services Inc. with OmniEYE zoom cameras. RVS uses Pipe Operating System Management (POSM) software for cataloging, planning and scheduling.

More than hardware

Behind the hardware are management, engineering and maintenance teams skilled in collaborative problem-solving and willing to pitch in wherever needed, regardless of job description. Flohaug notes, "I really have to brag about RVS. The teamwork, attitude and motivation here are amazing. I've been in this business for close to 35 years, and this is the best place I've ever worked."

The good work and planning continue. A recent pilot project involves retrofitting parking lot catch basins with filters to segregate all the pollutants typically exuded by motor vehicles, one of the biggest loads on the system. "We'll be monitoring this closely," says Flohaug, "as we'd like to know exactly what's in that runoff and how to deal with it most cost-effectively."

Innovation, cost-effectiveness and benefit to the environment are the keys to stormwater management. RVS is on track to continue its award-winning performance. Can the agency repeat and earn another EPA first place? If other agencies leverage what they learn from RVS, it could be a much tougher competition. ♦

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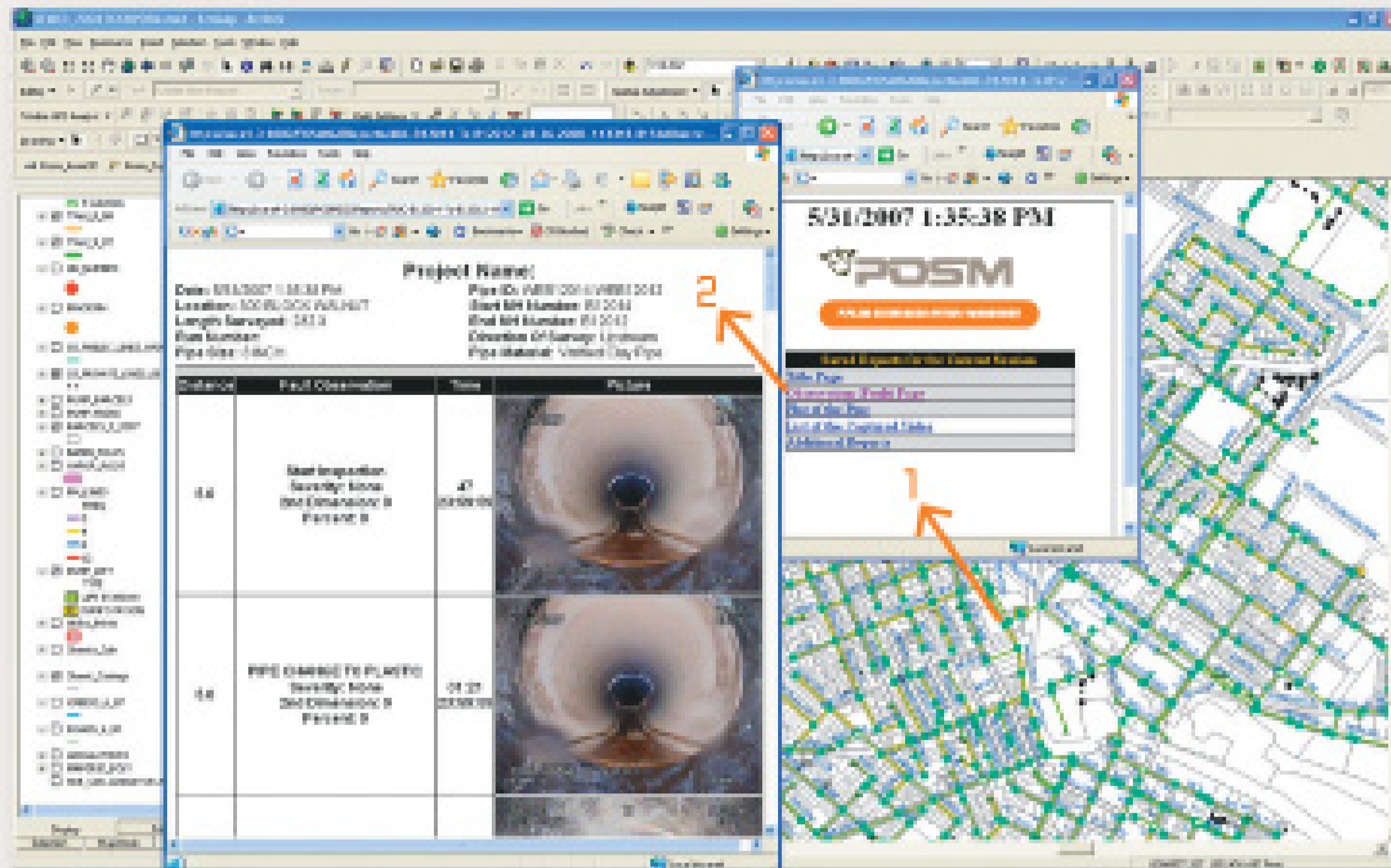
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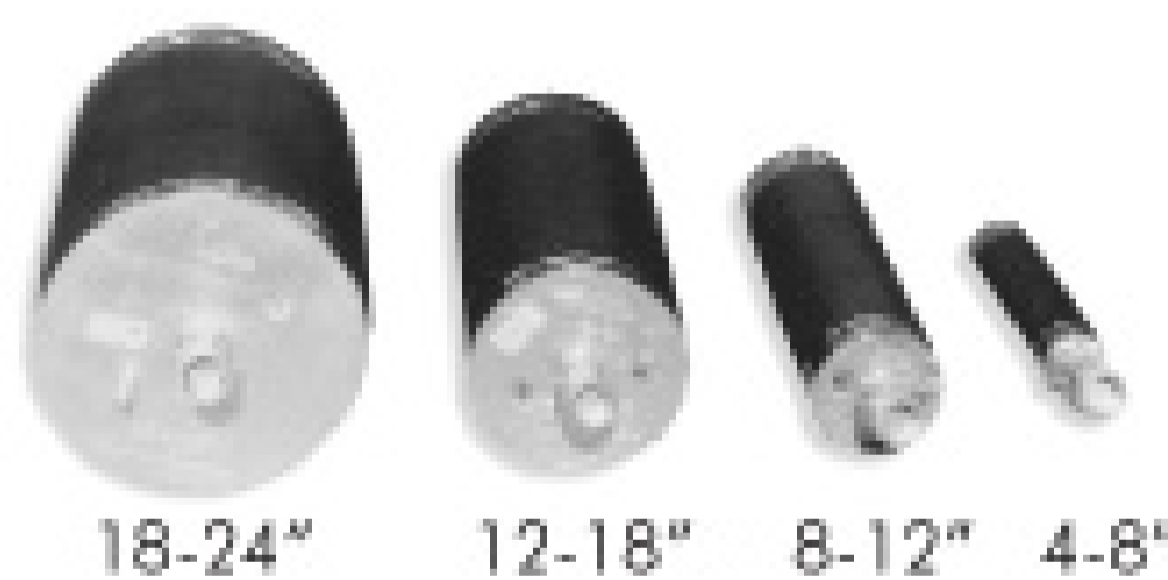


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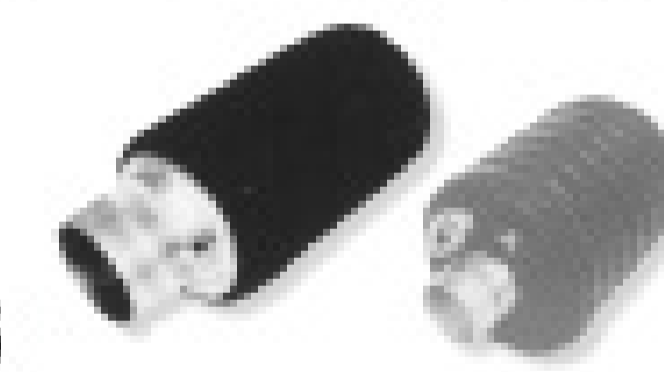
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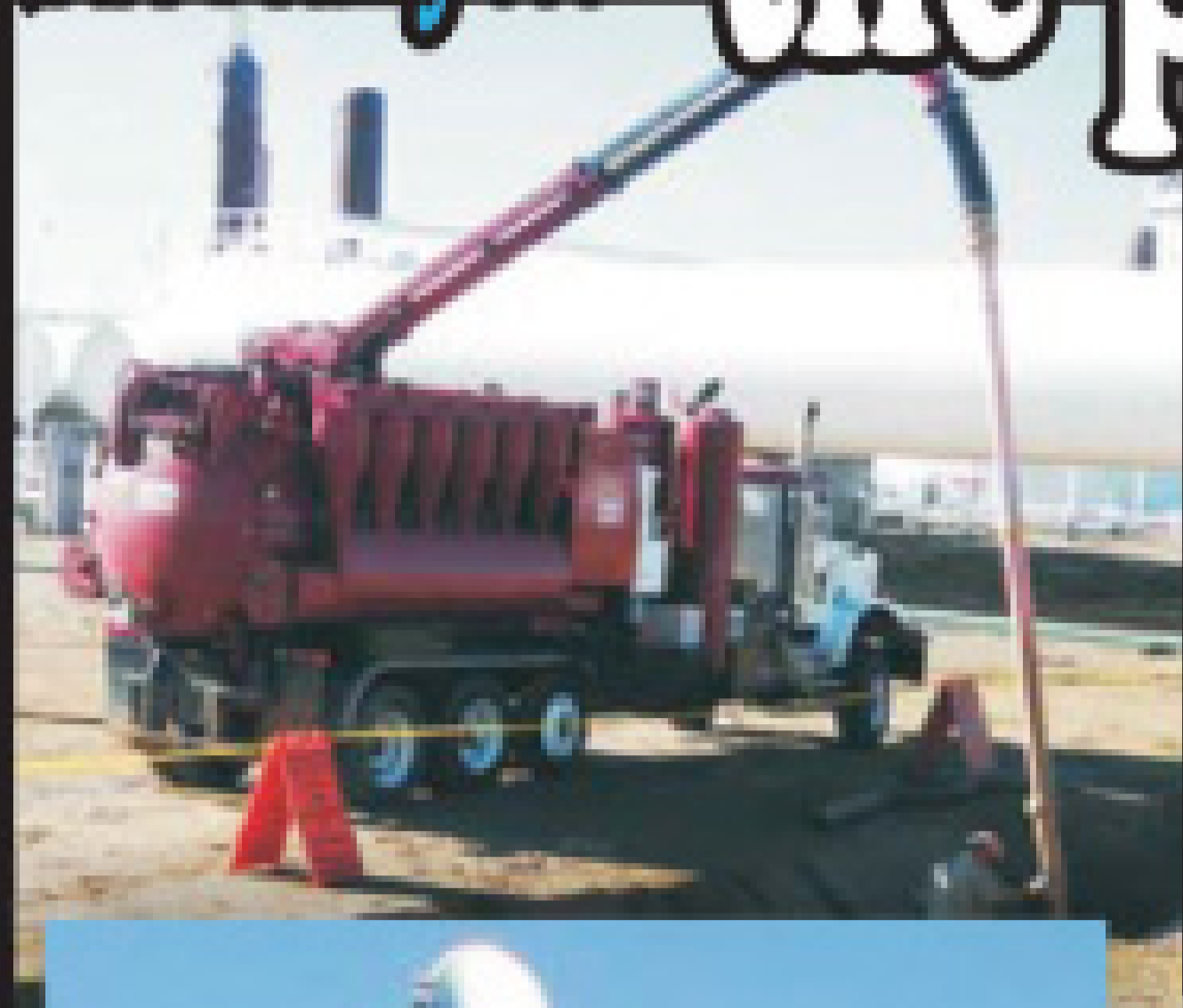
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The Robert O. Schulz Solar Farm, believed to have the world's first single-axis solar-tracking system using monocrystalline and thin film and photovoltaic cells, provides electricity for the San Joaquin Irrigation District. (Photos courtesy of Conergy Americas)

SUN POWER

Monocrystalline and thin-film solar modules on a single-axis tracking system meet power requirements at a California water treatment plant

By *Scottie Dayton*

“We have quite a number of green tags and can market them to Oregon, Arizona and the state of Washington. Their economic value is \$7 to \$24 a megawatt-hour.”

Don Battles

Power outages lasting minutes to hours at the Nick C. DeGroot Water Treatment Plant in Oakdale, Calif., were causing treated water storage problems — and the facility has a pair of storage tanks each holding 3 million gallons.

The board of directors of South San Joaquin Irrigation District, which operates the facility, wanted plant personnel to get comfortable with solar energy and eventually apply it across the district. A solar system seemed the ideal solution to DeGroot's problems.

Together with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) and Denver-based Conergy Americas, the district planned the Robert O. Schulz

Solar Farm, a solar array estimated to produce 3 million kWh per year to offset energy costs and stabilize the power supply to the water treatment plant. The farm is believed to have the world's first single-axis solar-tracking system using monocrystalline and thin film and photovoltaic cells.

Zero carbon

The water treatment plant uses membrane technology to process 40 mgd for the district's 155,000 residents. The district also allocates 230,000 acre-feet of water annually to irrigate 55,000 acres for 2,400 customers. The irrigation season is mid-March through mid-October.

Water from the Stanislaus River gravity feeds through five sequential reservoirs with three dams with capacity for 130 MW of hydroelectric power. “Between our solar farm and the dams, we have zero carbon resources,” says general manager Jeff Shields. California requires 20 percent of utility power supplies to be renewable by 2010, and 33 percent by 2020.

PG&E allows only 1 MW of energy production through one meter, forcing Conergy to build the solar farm in two stages. Phase I cost \$8 million and Phase II, with a completely redundant conduit system, cost \$3.5 million.

Phase I has 6,720 175-watt monocrystalline modules projected

to generate 2,232 million kWh of AC power. Phase II, projected to produce 800,000 kWh, has 75.5-watt direct current (DC) thin-film modules from First Solar in Tempe, Ariz. Both arrays are mounted on single-axis tracking systems.

"Monocrystalline technology is the workhorse of the solar industry, and we bid both phases with it," says Shields. "However, the modules generate less power in temperatures above 100 degrees or when there are reductions in irradiance, such as clouds and dust."

Thin-film modules are reportedly less affected by these conditions, but have only a six-year history. Conergy, First Solar and the district saw an ideal situation to compare the two technologies under identical conditions.

Sunflower effect

The single-axis solar-tracking systems added 15 percent to the cost of the project, but produce 15 percent to 18 percent more energy than fixed arrays. The solar farm's I-beam steel structures are cemented in the ground. A timer on the system moves the panels about one degree every four minutes.

The solar array occupies 14 acres of a 40-acre site, 300 feet from

Cleaning of the solar panels takes 10 days of working from daybreak until 11 a.m., when the panels are angled so that water runs off.



the water treatment plant. "As the modules rotate east to west, they cast a shadow on their neighbor if you don't leave space between them," says Shields. "Seven 1-hp motors drive a train serving 200 kW, and we have 1,400 kW out there." The motors are considered parasitic load because solar energy powers them.

Five inverter boxes for Phase I and two for Phase II convert direct-current solar-generated electricity to alternating current. Inverters are rated at 250 kW each. To feed the 480-volt current into PG&E's system, three transformers step it up to 4,160 volts. A 40 kVA transformer handles the house load: motors, lights, security system and miscellaneous equipment.

After energizing the water treatment plant, excess electricity feeds into PG&E's grid. "Once a year, we do a true-up with them," says Don Battles, utility systems director. "Phase I went on-line in May 2008 and Phase II late this March, so we owed some money on June 15, the end of our reconciliation period."

Conergy didn't size the solar farm to meet the energy demand of the water treatment plant. It was sized to offset energy payments to PG&E. When the water treatment plant opened in 2005, power cost \$370,000 per year. The model for the solar farm projected electricity to cost \$410,000 in 2008. "To balance our bill, we had to know how much energy to put back into the system based on the amount PG&E pays us for excess energy," says Battles.

Coming clean

The district has a 10-year maintenance contract with Conergy. Twice per year, technicians check the motors, electrical connections and module interconnections. During the six months of summer, two district employees drive between the rows of solar arrays with a truck-mounted pressure washer and clean them using 5 gpm/40 psi. Pipes laid under the tracking system transport treated water

from the plant.

"The men start at daybreak, while the panels are angled so water runs off, and work until 11 a.m.," says Shields. "It takes 10 days to clean the arrays." Because the district's water source is melt water from the Sierra Mountains, there is no streaking or mineral film buildup. Rain does the job the rest of the year.

The district is experimenting with sprinkler technologies to reduce the time and cost of cleaning the modules, and is purchasing a major new thermal detection security system. The solar farm now has a fence and beam security system that sends alarms to the water treatment plant. Employees have responded to one genuine alert and several false alarms.

San Jose-based Fat Spaniel Technologies Inc., the solar farm's qualified monitoring entity, reports net production to PG&E and the

Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System for green energy certificates. "We have quite a number of green tags and can market them to Oregon, Arizona and the state of Washington," says Battles. "Their economic value is \$7 to \$24 per megawatt-hour."

The district originally projected 14 years to pay off the solar farm, but escalating electricity prices, solar rebates and renewable credits have reduced that to 10 years or less for a project that will generate all necessary electricity for 25 years. "The farm is meeting or exceeding our expectations for production," says Shields. ♦

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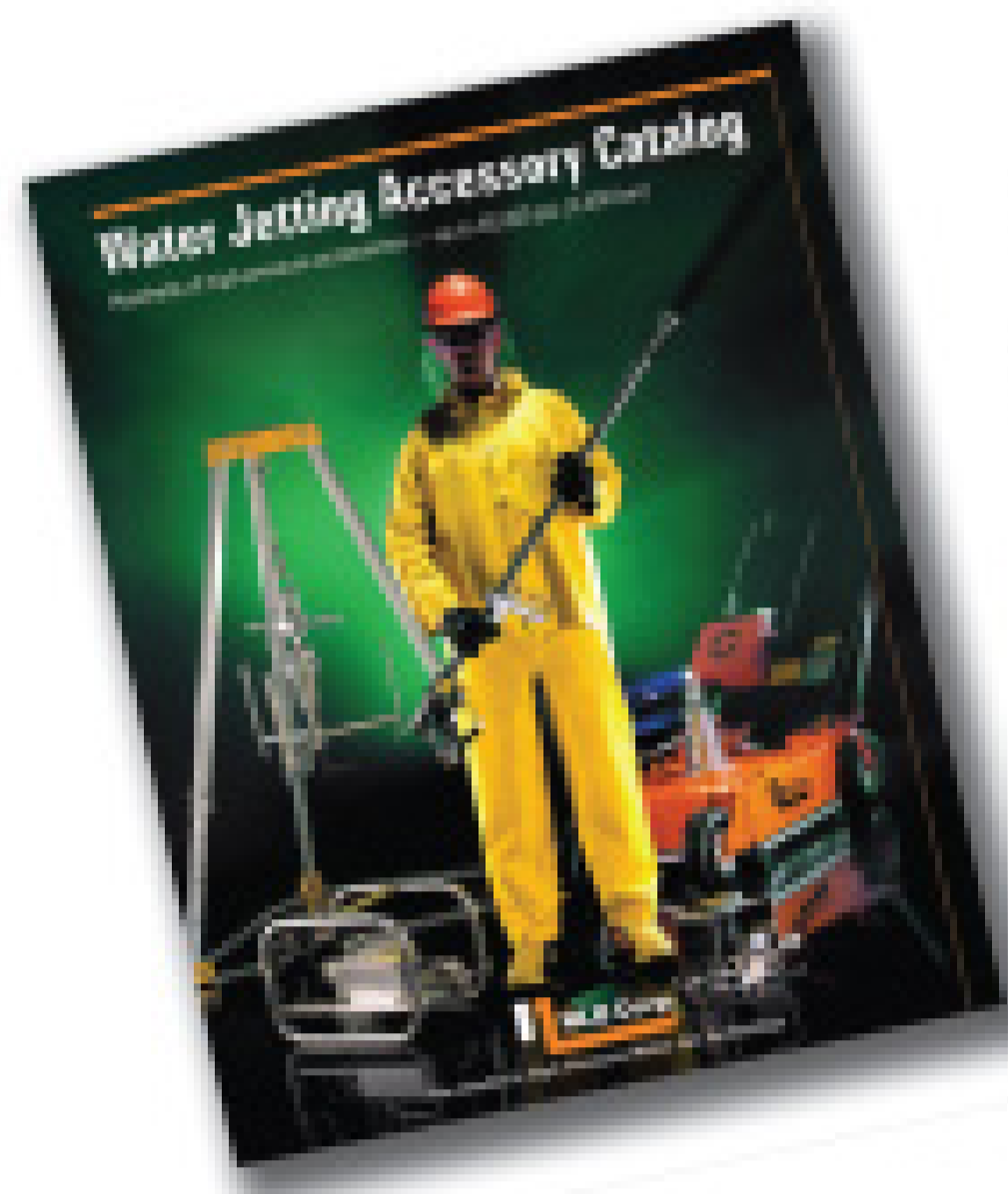
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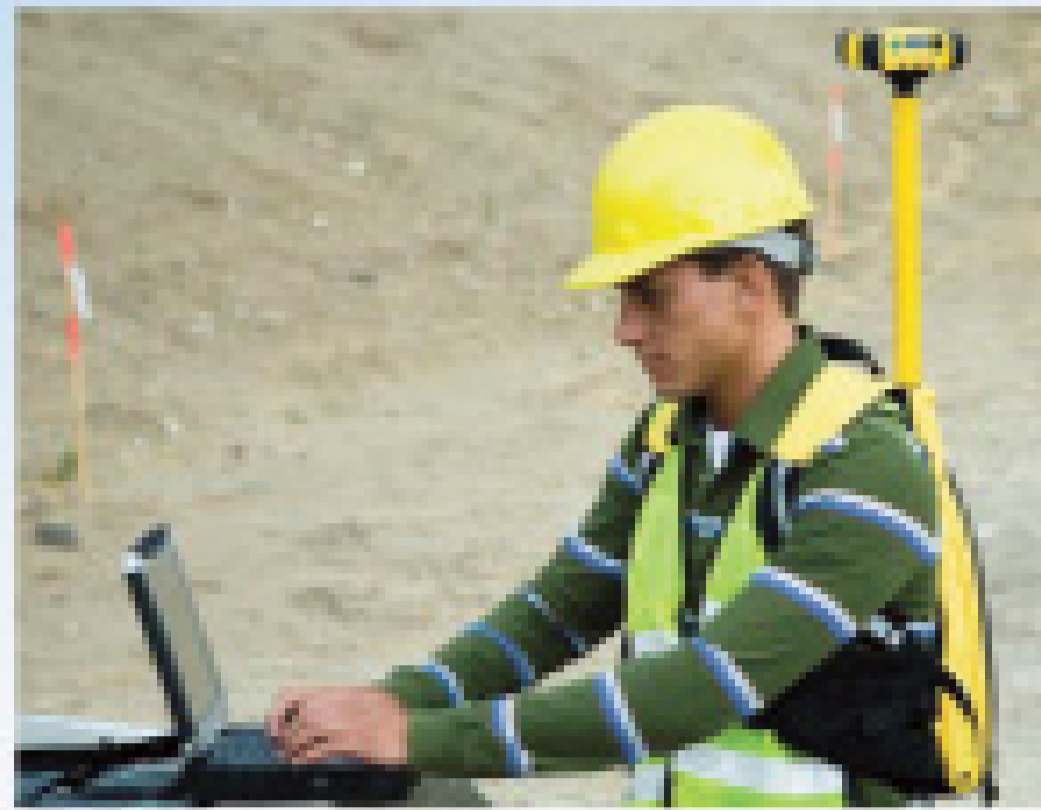
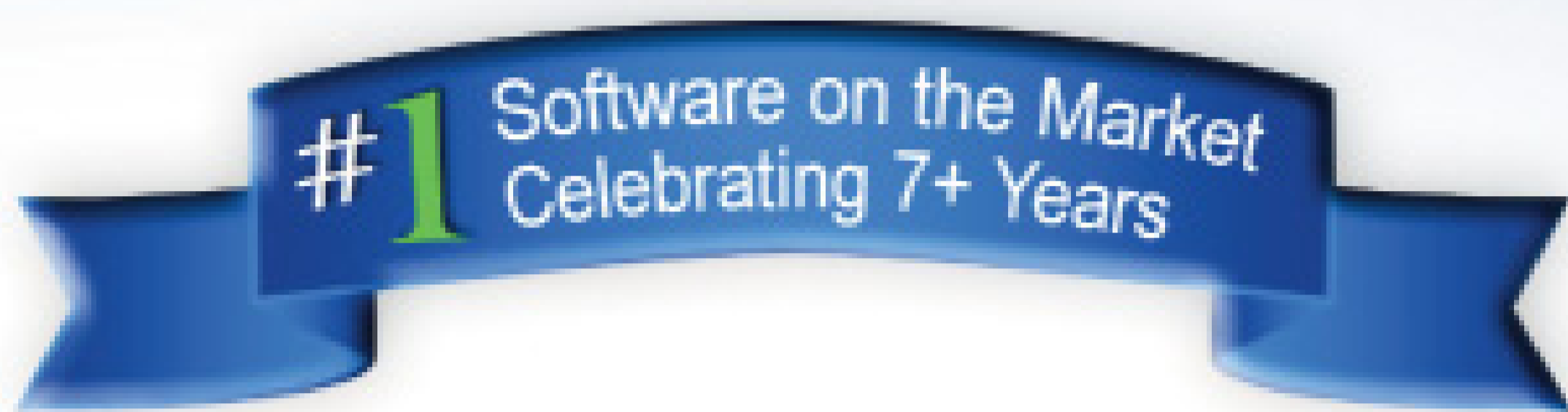
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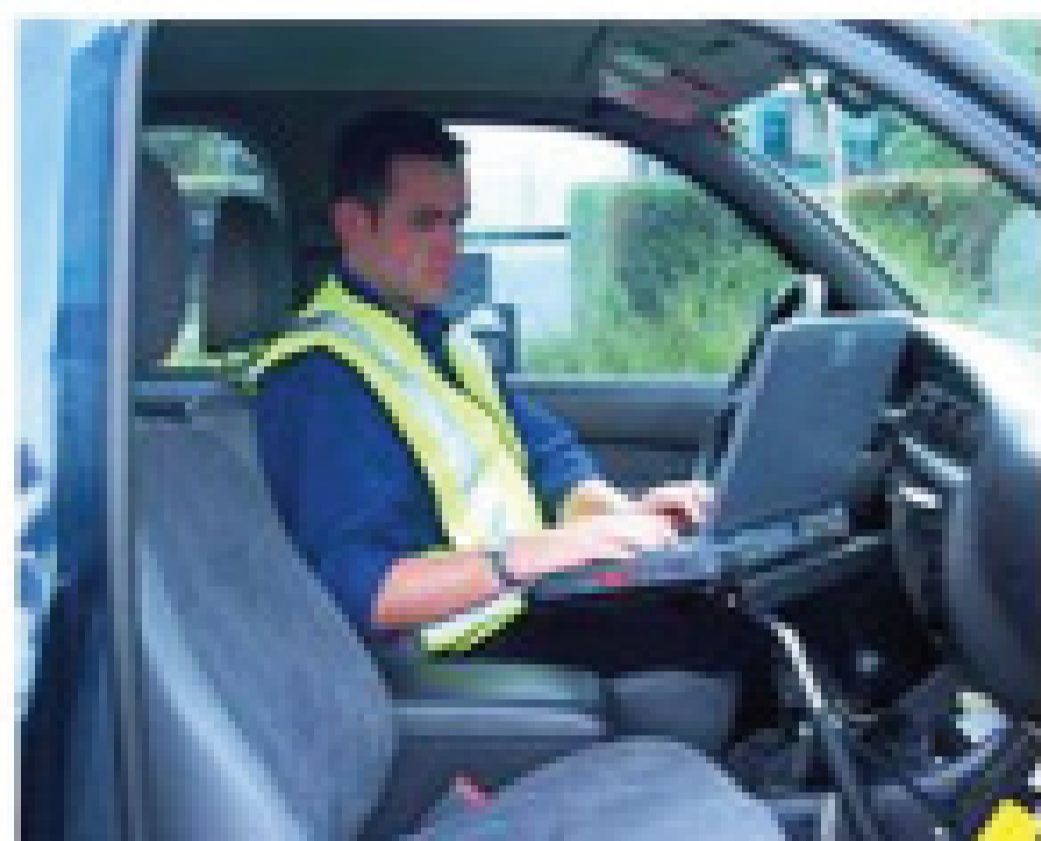
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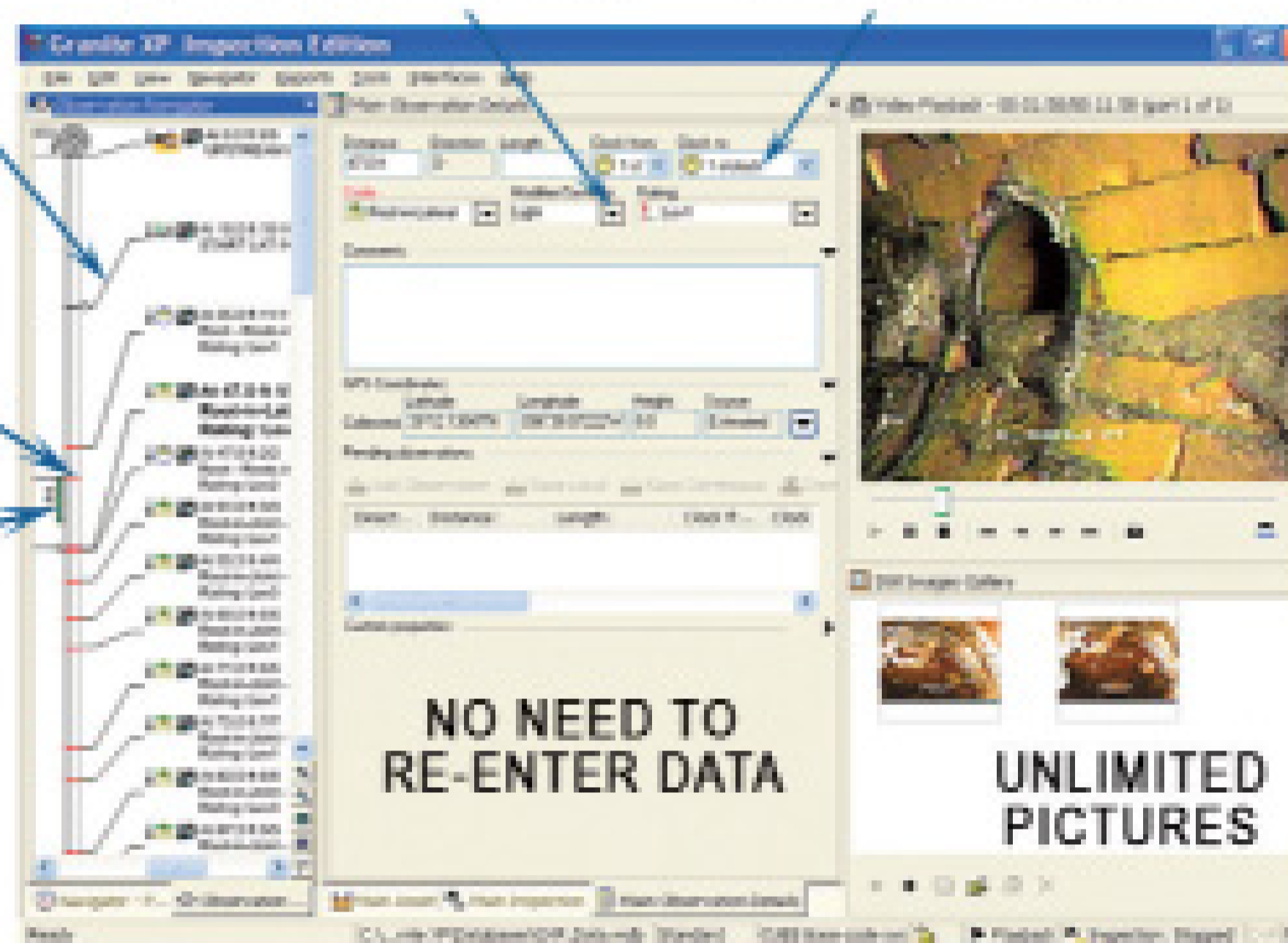
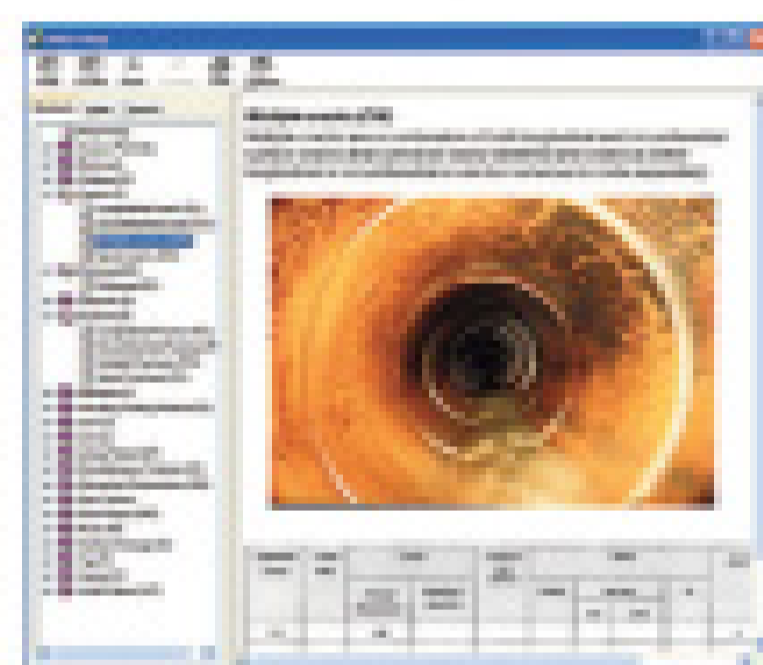


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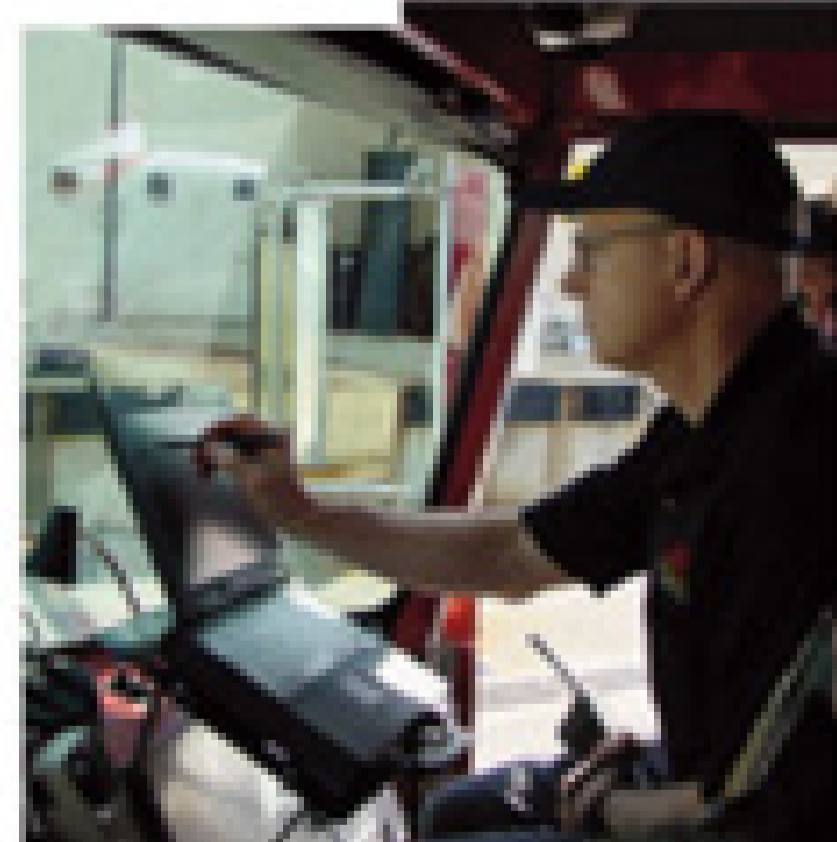


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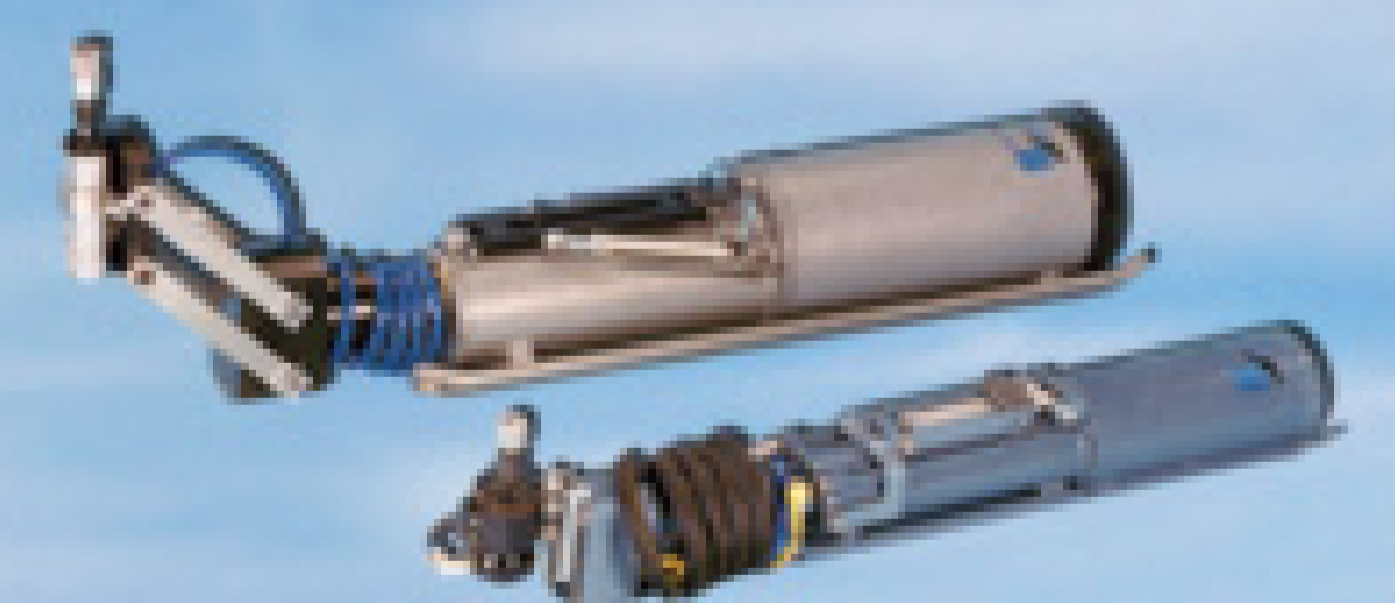
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RESTORING FLOW

The Dominator 430 reinstatement cutter from Bowman Tool provides accuracy, productivity and flexibility for a wide variety of lined pipe diameters

By Gil Longwell

Lateral reinstatement is a critical part of cured-in-place pipe lining. The faster new lateral openings can be cut into the newly installed liner, the sooner the sewer can be put back into service, and the less homeowners and businesses are disrupted.

The Dominator 430 cutter, manufactured by Bowman Tool Co. & Systems, is a recent innovation in reinstatement technology. This sled-mounted unit, operated pneumatically and electrically, cuts through the liner at lateral openings and dresses the restored connection for sealing with a grout material.

The machine's weight, a mere eight moving parts, and an extra-wide sled rail combine to dampen vibration from the cutting process. This virtually eliminates tool chatter and flip-overs. Each attribute is designed to reduce downtime and increase profitability.

Employees of Mr. Rehab Inc., a pipe-lining company based in Mechanicsburg, Pa., demonstrated the device in early April in an 8-inch sewer line in East Pennsboro

Township, near the state capital of Harrisburg.

The demonstration began after the original vitrified clay pipe had been lined and the curing process was complete. Crew leader Brian Seeger, assistant cutter operator Wesley Logan, and crew member Kyle McCarthy put the cutter to work. Bowman Tool founder Tom Bowman and daughter Jessica Bowman represented their company.

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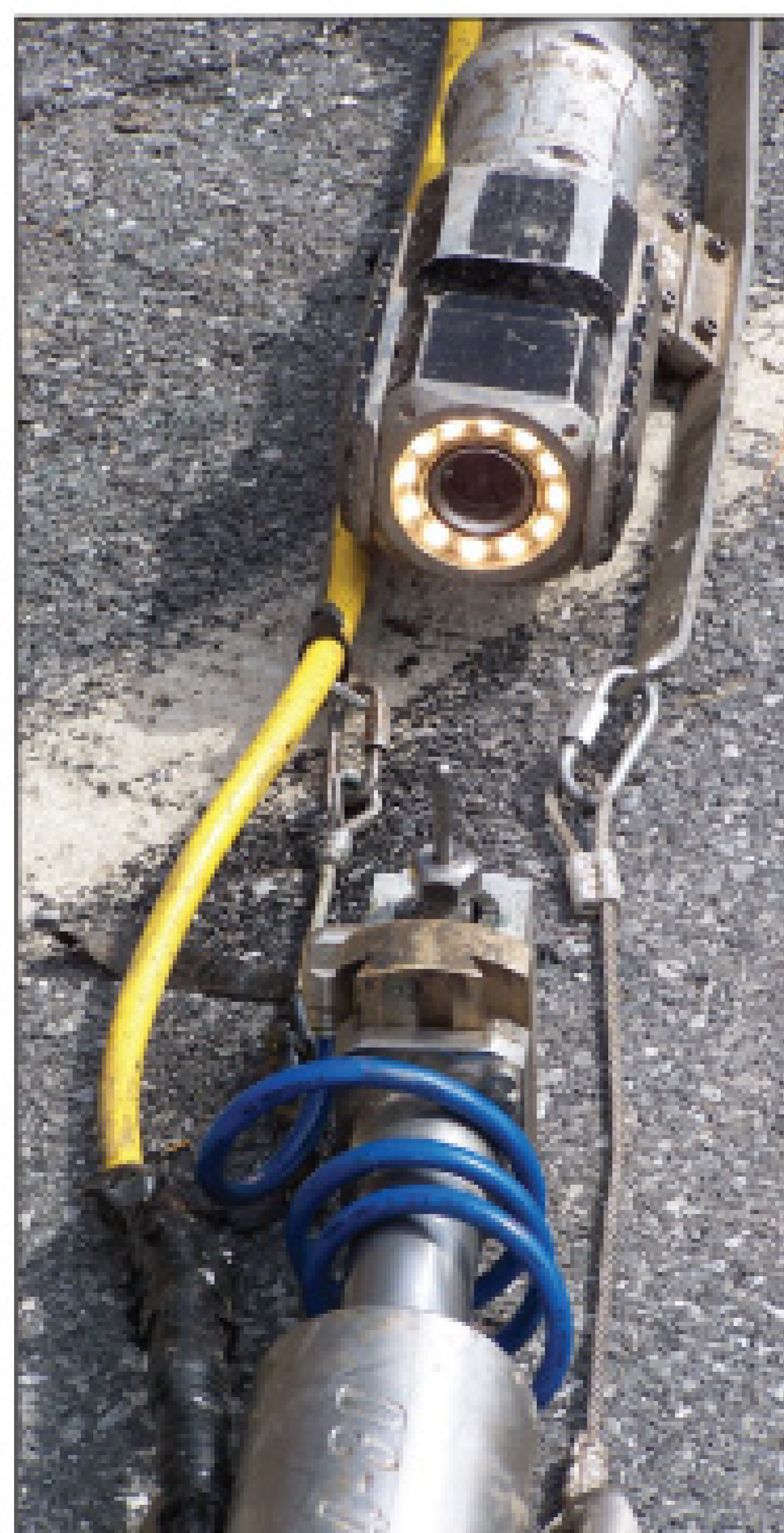
The Dominator cutter resembles a hydraulic cylinder on sled rails. The cylinder's central shaft moves in and out of the larger cylindrical body. The shaft can telescope up to 7.5 inches and can rotate 360 degrees. The cutting bit is secured in the air motor's chuck, which is attached to a sliding shoe. That shoe, in turn, is attached to the shaft.

Near right:The cutter, lights and camera functions are all checked before deployment. The last step is to clean the camera lens and lights. **Far right:**A crew member holds a bit and a brush.



Wesley Logan (left) and Kyle McCarthy connect an air line (blue) and an electrical control cable (yellow) to the Dominator reinstatement cutter. (Photography by Gil Longwell)

The bit is about two inches long, has a cross-hatched tooth pattern, and is of a non-fluted design. The large number of teeth delivers a smoother cutting action, which means less wear and tear on all of the motors.



TECHNOLOGY TEST DRIVE

EQUIPMENT: Dominator 430 reinstatement cutter; Generation II Infinite Control system

MANUFACTURER: Bowman Tool Co. & Systems, East Berlin, Pa. 717/432-1403 www.bowmantool.com

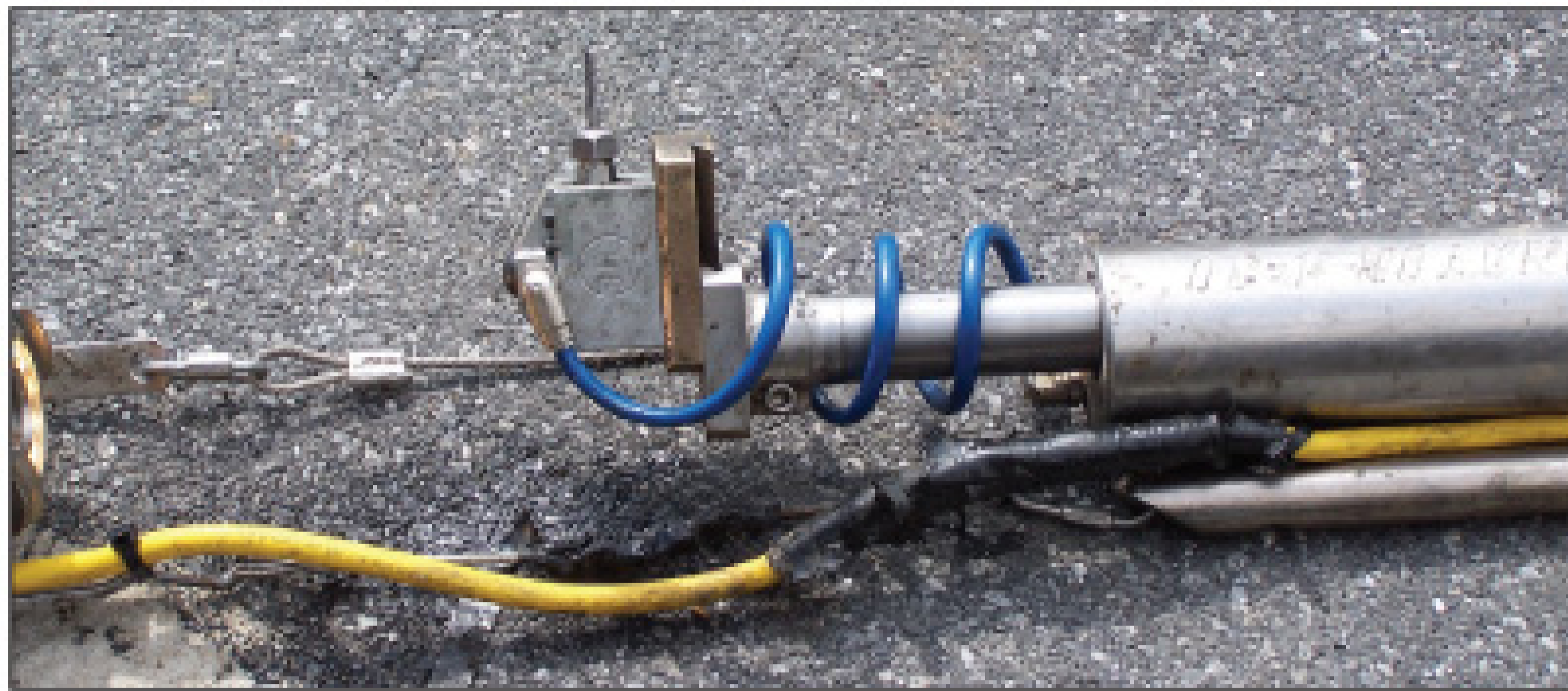
LOCATION OF DEMO: East Pennsboro Township, Enola, Pa.

DEMONSTRATED BY: Crew leader Brian Seeger, assistant cutter operator Wesley Logan, and crew member Kyle McCarthy, all of Mr. Rehab Inc.

LIST PRICE: \$24,100 as demonstrated



The cutting tool resembles a hydraulic cylinder on sled rails.



Bowman specified the geometry of the valleys between the cross-hatched teeth to prevent gaulding that occurs when, on occasion, a bit encounters partially cured liner material. Gaulding is the clogging of the flutes on a bit or of the interstitial area between teeth. When a bit gaulds, it must be changed out, resulting in lost production time.

The cutter is deployed as part of a train, which is pulled through the lined pipe by a remotely controlled cable and winch system positioned at the next upstream manhole. The lead component in the train is a sled equipped with a CCTV camera.

Gaulded bits are generally discarded.

The bit and shoe are mounted perpendicular to the telescoping shaft's centerline and to the surface of the pipe through which the cutter will be pulled. To bring the bit into contact with the work, the shoe and cutting tool slide outward toward the newly installed liner.

By changing the length of the standoffs (or legs) that connect the sled rails to the body, the cylinder is positioned close to the mainline's center axis. To accommodate pipes of different diameters, either of two interchangeable shoes is used. Pairing the standoff's length and shoe size enables the cutter to work in 6- to 30-inch lined pipes.

When the cutting bit is replaced with a 3-inch-diameter stainless steel wire brush, the cutter is configured to dress the rough edges of the newly cut hole before the joint is grouted to seal the new lateral connection.

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The camera's real-time images allow the operator to monitor and refine positioning, cutting and dressing operations. All the cutter's actions are controlled at the operator's station in a CCTV inspection van. Using a dedicated, ergonomic joystick, the operator has infinite control of the tools and can make fine adjustments in position, angle of attack, and depth of penetration.

The Dominator 430 requires 24 V DC current to drive the three DC motors and all control systems. At least 38 cfm of compressed air at 100 psi is required to power the air motor. The electrical components are contained in a watertight chamber, eliminating water damage. The motor chamber is also isolated from the feed and rotation mechanism for ease of assembly and disassembly. Complete tear-down and reassembly can be completed in less than 30 minutes in the field. The Generation II Infinite Control single joystick system operates all the air motors.

The cutter has only eight inter-



The complete equipment train for reinstatement cutting with the Dominator is shown on the street before deployment.

as the crew deployed a CCTV tractor into a freshly lined and cured mainline sewer. Operator Brian Seeger conducted a visual inspection, identifying each lateral connection and checking the locations with measurements recorded before lining.

When the crawler reached the next manhole, a worker implementing confined-space entry protocols entered to attach a wire rope cable. The crew then reversed the crawler to pull the free-wheeling cable of a remote power winch back to the first manhole. Then they retrieved the crawler with the cable still attached.

While the inspection was underway, working on the floor of the CCTV truck's equipment bay, Logan prepared the Dominator 430 cutter. He installed the shoe that corresponded to an 8-inch pipe, then installed the cutting bit in the air motor's chuck. He did not need to change the sled stand-offs. He verified that the air-supply hose to the air-powered cutting motor was installed and properly connected.

Logan then placed the cutter on the ground behind a sled-mounted CCTV camera. Using a pair of 18-inch wire rope coupling cables with quick-connectors, Logan and McCarthy joined the camera sled and cutter to form the equipment train. They connected a chain V-yoke to the rails at the front of the CCTV sled, then connected the remote power winch's wire rope cable. Finally, Logan attached a wire rope yoke, connected to a chain, at the back of cutter's sled rails.

A custom-spliced, Y-shaped electrical control cable connected the CCTV camera and cutter to the Red Maxx control cable that would stretch back to the CCTV vehicle. To prevent strain on the Y-cable connectors, this cable was secured

nal moving parts and has no clutches, keyways or set screws. All gears and feed mechanisms are manufactured from temper-hardened stainless steel and bronze. The cutter is machined from a solid billet of stainless steel and has an insulated internal air channel instead of an outside air tube. The head uses a pinionless, quick-change design, and only one adjustable gib to reduce adjustment time and maintain high accuracy.

The cutter is 33 inches long with the ram in and 40.5 inches long with the ram out. It weighs 72 pounds, and has a body diameter of 3.5 inches. It has a ram travel of 4 to 6.5 inches.

Operation

The demonstration began

to the standoffs of the camera and cutter.

In this configuration, the entire train is connected at the front by a wire rope cable and at the back by the control cable, both strong enough to retrieve the entire train. The final assembly step was to quick-connect the air supply to a fitting on the rear of the cutter.

Before inserting the train into the manhole, as Seeger activated each of the machine's movements, Logan checked for proper operation. He then cleaned the camera lens and LED lights. Seeger, sitting at the inspection truck console, controlled three systems.

The remotely controlled distant winch and the truck-mounted winch system pulled the train forward and backward to position the cutter or camera for optimum efficiency. The second control system operated the CCTV array. The third controlled the cutter. Without getting up, Seeger easily moved from camera to winch to cutter controls, as needed, to advance the work.



The CCTV camera captures the action as the wire brush dresses the recently reinstated lateral opening. This is the image seen by the operator sitting at the control console.

As the train approached the first lateral, the CCTV display showed an irregular circular ridge in the liner. This was the cast iron lateral's jagged end protruding into the mainline. Seeger made a plunge cut into the liner where it covered the lateral connection. After piercing the liner, he moved



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Tom Bowman

the bit toward the lateral's outer perimeter by moving the shoe as it advanced and retracting the bit.

As he saw and heard the bit engaging the cast iron pipe's inner wall, Seeger manipulated the cutter so that the bit followed the curvature of the lateral. The process continued until the obstructing piece of liner material fell away in pieces. The 0.8-hp air motor's exhaust blew the saw debris out of the way and assured a clear view of the work area.

To inspect the work, Seeger engaged the retrieval cable and withdrew the train until the camera enabled him to look into the lateral interior and inspect the newly opened connection. If further cutting is necessary, the distant cable winch can be engaged and the cutter repositioned to finish the job. When the lateral-to-mainline hole is completely cut, the crew pulls the train forward to the next lateral and repeats the

process as needed.

After the holes were cleared, Seeger pulled the train forward to the distant manhole. There, Logan removed the cutting bit and installed the wire brush. The train then returned through the lined pipe to the last lateral that had been cut. With the cutter positioned as before, the wire brush, rotating at 30,000 rpm, dressed the connections. The dressing process eliminates burrs and rough spots on the lateral and on the liner's freshly cut edges. When complete, the dressed cast iron pipe gleamed and the liner was uniformly smooth.

Observer comments

The Dominator cutter performs two tasks and does them well. It is a specialized tool that is part of a team of tools, all essential for successful CIPP lining. Using two winches assures that neither machine can become stranded

Kyle McCarthy (left) and Wesley Logan lower the second part of the inspection train, the cutter, into a manhole. After both components are lowered, Logan will descend to help insert the train into the newly lined sewer.

should one winch or one cable fail.

The inward/outward motion of the cylinder's shaft, and its ability to rotate and to move into the work afforded the operator optimum tool positioning flexibility. All of these motions were controlled by Bowman Tool's Generation II joystick and its infinite control capability.

Manufacturer comments

Minimizing the number of moving parts reduces the “play” between those parts, Tom Bowman observes. This eliminates most vibration and wear. Isolation of the motors from the feed and rotation mechanisms in a watertight housing preserves the dry operating environment. It also eases disassembly and reassembly. The unit can be disassembled and reassembled in about 30 minutes, in part because there are no clutches, keyways or set screws.

These machines can be assembled for four-, five- or six-wire control systems, allowing compatibility with other manufacturers' equipment. “Training at our manufacturing facility is included in the price of the tool,” Bowman says. “If the customer has a complete turnover of personnel, the new employees can come in and be trained without charge as well.”

“We have constructed a machine that requires minimal maintenance, and when maintenance is required, it can be performed by the customer in the field.” ♦

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Product Spotlight

Liner System Includes Data and Verification

By Ken Wysocky



The Blue-Tek CIPP system from Reline America Inc. is designed to offer municipalities a cost-effective, verifiable and environmentally safe method of trenchless pipe rehabilitation.

“This system uses an ultraviolet-wavelength curing system to cure pipes from 4 to 14 feet per minute, depending on the pipe diameter and thickness of the liner,” says Mike Burkhard, president. “A computerized monitoring system tracks every critical step in the curing process and provides customers with a database print-out that proves the liner was properly installed and cured.”

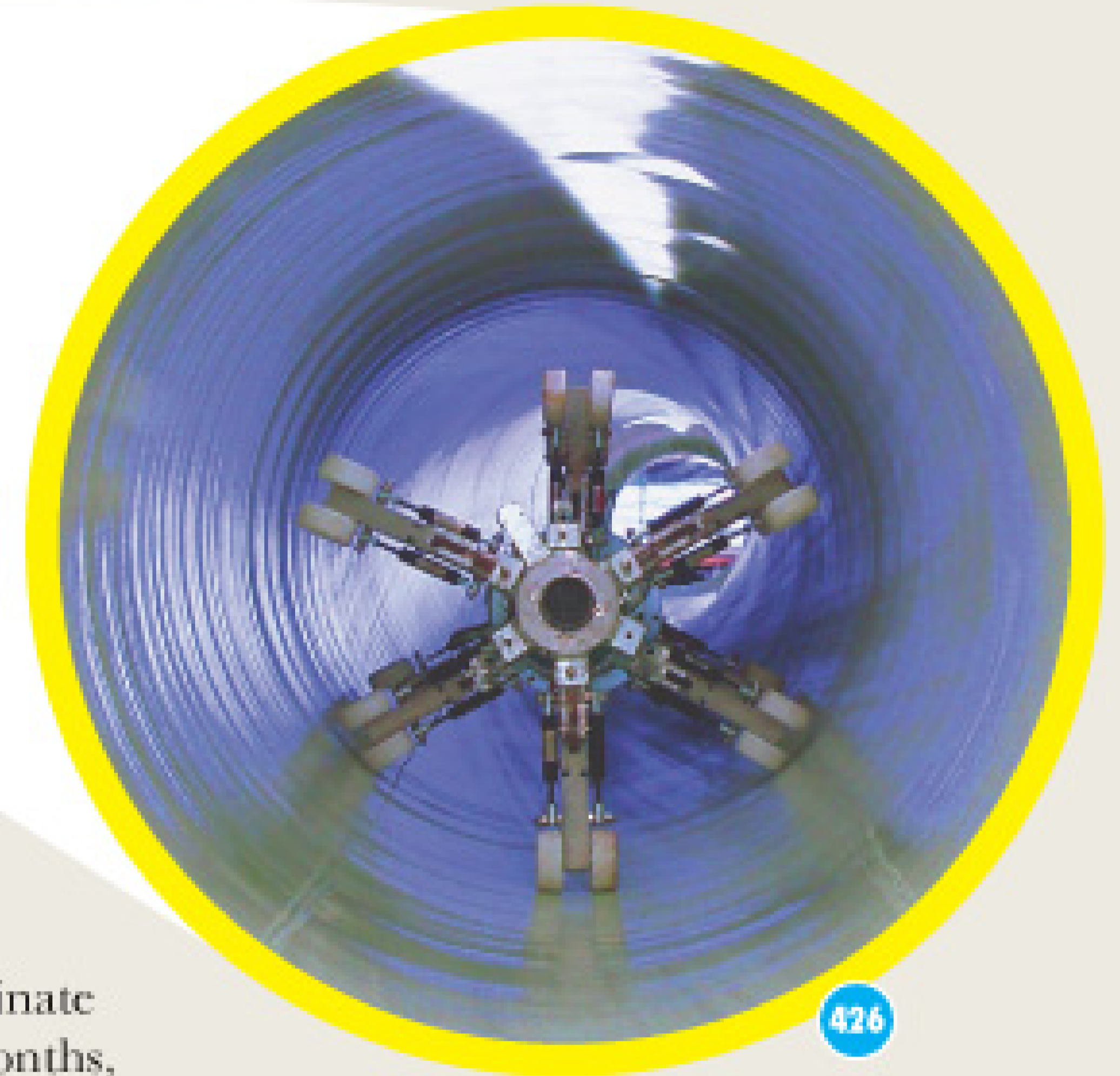
The glass-reinforced liner is manufactured to each customer’s dimensions and specifications. It requires no resins, accelerators or refrigeration, reducing installation time. It is spirally wound to eliminate seams. In its uncured state, the liner has a shelf life of at least six months, providing flexibility in case of project delays.

After the liner is pulled into a pipe, it is inflated with a blower, not an air compressor. That enables customers to use it in larger pipes. The system can accommodate pipes from 4 to 48 inches.

Once the liner is in place, it is cured by a mobile ultraviolet-wavelength system. The light train is composed of three small, wheeled cars, each carrying three UV lights. As the chain moves through the pipe, the light cures the liner.

“The light train travels on a clear inner film that allows heat to penetrate and prevents the wheels from touching the uncured liner,” Burkhard says. As the liner cures, a computerized monitoring system logs all critical data, such as the liner’s initial calibration, the time curing begins and ends, the lamps’ intensity and the number of lighted lamps, the air pressure inside the liner, and the curing speed per minute.

When installation is complete, camera-equipped robotic cutters reinstate all connections, leaving a structurally secure pipe lining. The liner completely contains any styrene in its thermoset resin, making it environmentally safe. **For information, call 866/998-0808 or visit www.relineamerica.com.**



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Blue-Tek CIPP system from Reline America Inc.



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Electric Eel Offers EC-5 Economy Camera

The EC-5 Economy Cam Camera Drain Line Inspection System from Electric Eel is designed for 2- to 8-inch lines and weighs 25 pounds. It features a black-and-white monitor with 1.2-inch black-and-white

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CUES Introduces WTR Transporter

The WTR wheeled-tracked transformer transporter from CUES Inc. can be set up with wheels or tracks to accommodate varying pipe conditions. The transporter is designed to inspect 6-inch relined through 30-

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Cobra Introduces Universal Portable Control Console

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NEW WAYS OF SEEING

Laser and sonar technologies give the King County Wastewater Treatment Division two more effective tools for assessing sewer pipe condition

By Erik Gunn

A few years ago, a sewer inspection contractor approached the King County Wastewater Treatment Division in Seattle, Wash., with an offer. The contractor had expanded its capabilities to include sonar inspection in tough situations and wanted to show off its new technology.

"They wanted to do a demonstration for us," recalls Lee Miller,

lead facilities inspector for the division, part of the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks. Officials knew just the place: a century-old siphon.

Sonar made the difference. That first inspection uncovered a debris blockage that was the source of the problem in the siphon, and that led to a sonar contract for King County. And it didn't stop there. Having learned about sonar,



Bryce James of Pipe Experts Inc. monitors progress as CCTV and sonar check out a 96-inch interceptor in King County, Wash. (Photography by Ned Ahrens, King County)

the division has tried out another high-tech inspection tool — laser profiling — with comparable success.

It's all part of a strong, proactive inspection program. While sonar and laser are the two most advanced technologies the division uses, its practices reflect a progressive outlook in other ways. The division was an early adopter of CCTV inspection and in the last decade has brought much of that inspection in-house.

Attacking pollution

The King County Wastewater Treatment Division (METRO) was created after a citizen vote in 1958 to create a regional wastewater conveyance and treatment system. The move responded to worsening pollution in Lake Washington and the Puget Sound.

Small wastewater treatment plants throughout the county were shut down, and two large ones were built, with trunk lines and interceptors to convey waste to them. The county's 34 wholesale customers are the cities and water

and sewer districts within the county — a population of about 1.6 million.



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King County (Wash.) Wastewater Treatment Division

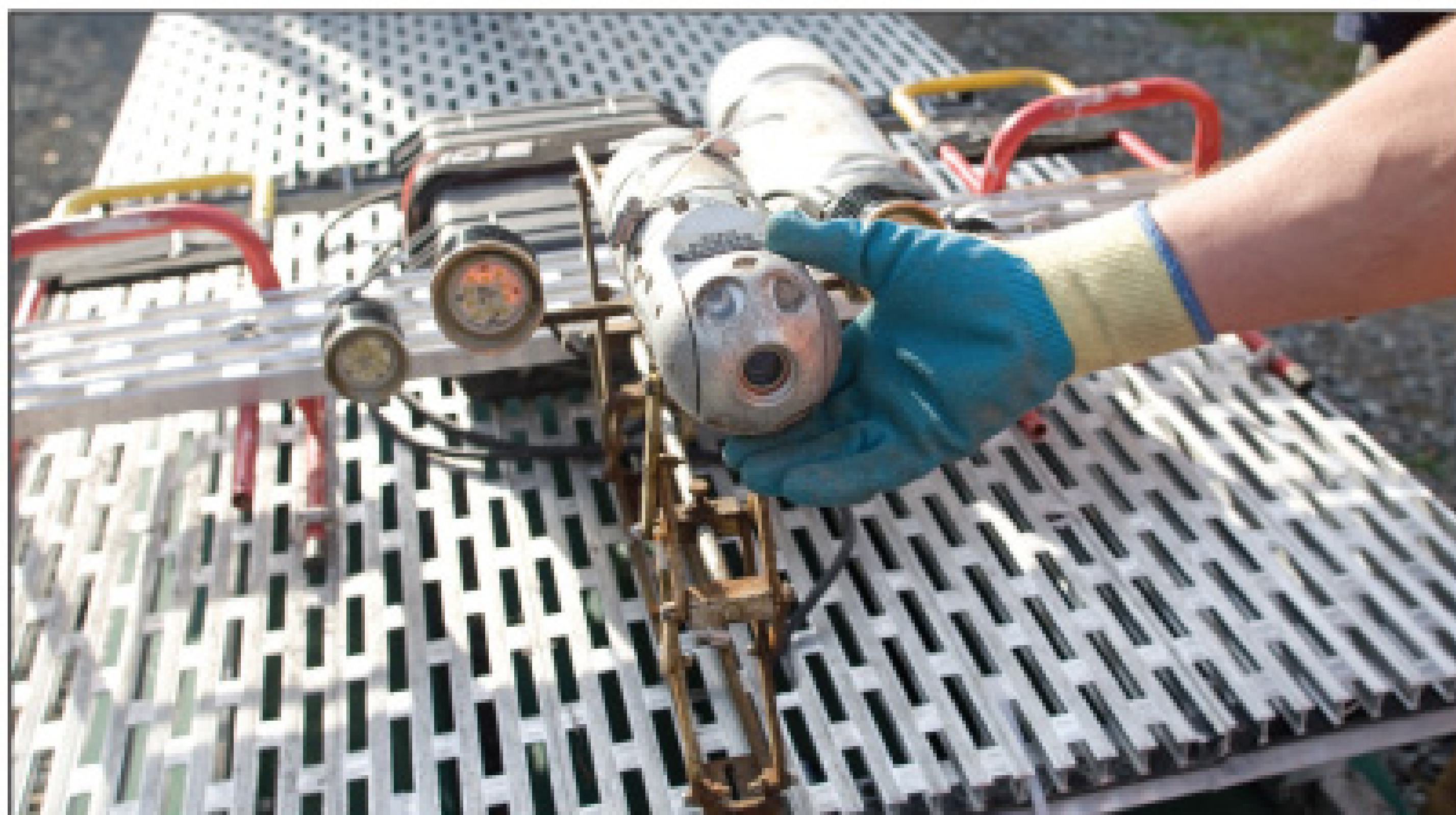
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350 miles of sewer mains

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A crew member adjusts a CCTV camera rig. To the left are the LED lights, which are powered by the cylindrical battery pack seen behind the camera.



WOODEN PIPE

One of the more unusual sonar inspections the King County Wastewater Treatment Division has conducted involved the Ballard Siphon, says Lee Miller, lead facilities inspector. What made the siphon so unusual was its composition. Installed in 1935, it consists of wood stave pipe.

"Seattle has a lot of wood stave water pipes," Miller explains, "and this system belonged to the City of Seattle, which we took over" when METRO was formed in 1961. The county hired a contractor to conduct a sonar inspection of the Ballard Siphon in 2005, and it raised concern. "We put that on a list to sonar every couple of years just to make sure, because we did find what we thought were problems with it."

Because sonar can't give a complete visual image, it wasn't clear exactly what the problems were. The sonar information appeared to indicate that the pipe had collapsed. For a closer look, the county shut down the pipe and dewatered for a CCTV inspection. It turned out the diagnosis of a collapse wasn't quite right. "What we found it to be was grease," Miller says.

Still, numerous other problems with the pipe have led the county to schedule it for eventual replacement with an 8-foot-diameter tunnel that will run parallel to it. The wood stave pipes in the system are slated for renovation as well. HDPE lining will take their diameters to 30 inches, down from 36 inches.

"We started video-inspecting our lines in 1974," Miller says. At the beginning and until 2002, the CCTV work was contracted. "In 2002, we purchased our own CCTV truck, and we started doing our own CCTV work in 2003."

Today the county owns an inspection van with three OZ III



Old wooden pipes are a unique feature of the King County sewer system.

cameras from CUES Inc., mounted on various crawlers, the largest a Mud Master. "We also use this same camera equipment on boats we float through our bigger sewers," Miller says.

The county has an established inspection schedule to ensure that all 350 miles of lines for which it is

responsible get inspected on a seven- to 10-year cycle. The vast majority of lines, from 18 inches to 144 inches, are concrete pipes, but about 10 percent are newer materials, such as HDPE, glass fiber-reinforced polymer mortar, and PVC.

Trying out sonar

When Sonar Solutions International Inc. (now Pipe Experts LLC) offered King County WTD a chance to see what sonar inspection could do, the Montlake Siphon was an obvious demonstration site.

The siphon, built in 1909 and running under the Lake Washington Ship Canal, had become the site of recurring combined sewer overflows. "Generally it would overflow two or three times a year," Miller says. "Between 2002 and 2003 it had overflowed 11 times."

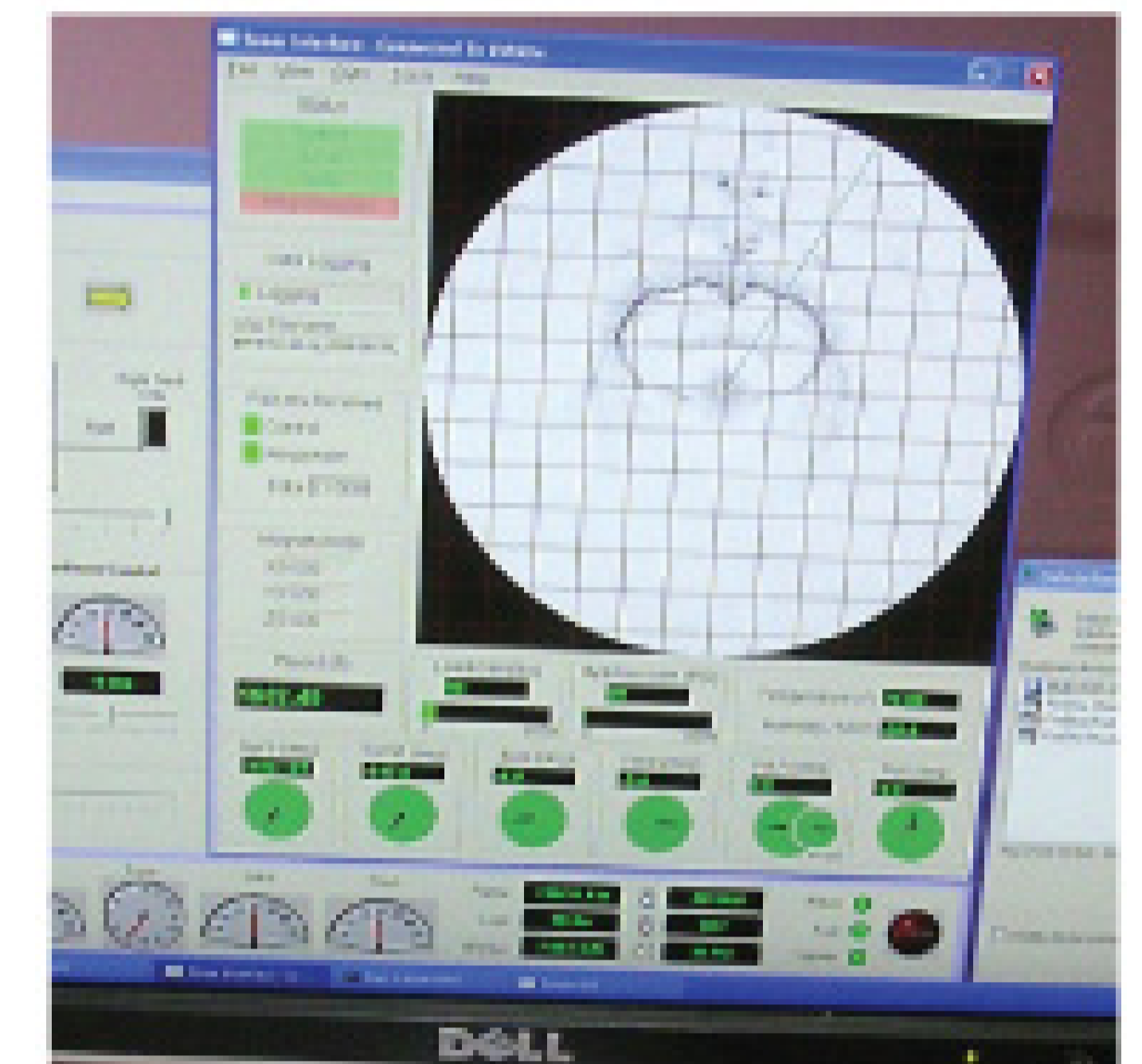
The problem was obvious, but the cause was not, and conventional CCTV inspection wasn't much help. The siphon is 500 feet long

duce a variety of images. None of them look like a conventional video or photograph, but all can be useful once operators are trained to read them properly.

Immediate results

In real-time inspection, personnel can see a silhouette-like outline of the pipe's cross section showing obstructions where they are pres-

An example of a sonar image of a pipe interior.



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Lee Miller

with two shafts 100 feet deep. "It's completely full of sewage all the time," says Miller. "We could get a CCTV camera in there, but we couldn't see anything."

An initial sonar inspection of one shaft found a blockage at the bottom. A crew cleaned it out, and Sonar Solutions then did a thorough sonar inspection of the whole siphon. The inspection used a 2.2-MHz rotating-head sonar system, accompanied by a low-light underwater CCTV camera.

Both transmitted their information via a fiber-optic cable as they were pulled through the siphon by a tag line attached to a winch at the downstream end. For the vertical shafts, the sonar head's cable was directed from the top downward using a mounted sheave wheel.

The sonar, positioned underwater, sends out an acoustic pulse in a narrow cone. Software then interprets the sound's echo, and the data is converted into X-Y-Z coordinates. The result can pro-

ent. Software can also create three-dimensional images looking ahead into the pipe, with a grid imposed on the image to help more clearly show even small irregularities in the pipe surface. Data can even be used to construct angle or side view drawings that might include color coding for various pipe conditions and contour lines to show sediment buildup.

In one segment of the horizontal siphon tunnel, the inspection found an obstruction measured at 32.1 percent of the pipe. After the contractor cleaned and reinspected the siphon, the obstruction was reduced to less than 8 percent.

"The pipe was cleaned as well as possible," Miller reports. "There was still some debris that we were unable to remove. We felt that what was left in the pipe would not cause us any more problems."

CSOs returned to their usual frequency of two or three per year. Additionally, the rock box at the siphon's entrance was put on a



A crew from Pipe Experts Inc. of Tumwater, Wash., prepares a CCTV camera and sonar platform for the inspection of a 96-inch interceptor.

“Like everybody else in the U.S., we’re dealing with an aging infrastructure. This helps us keep on top of that before we have one of those catastrophic failures.”

Lee Miller

cleaning schedule of every two years.

The county was sold on sonar. “We figured this would be a good technology to expand our inspection toolbox,” says Miller. “We have a list of 85 sites that we haven’t been able to inspect. It’s a really big to-do list.” It includes 20 siphons, five pressure sewers, and 51 force mains.

The county is working down the list at about three sites per year. Sometimes the findings are good news, as with some recent pressure-sewer inspections that found the lines to be in good shape. “We wouldn’t have known that because we wouldn’t have been able to do it with our regular CCTV inspection,” Miller says.

Laser profiling

The county’s use of laser inspection tools grew out of another project that at first was a standard TV job, but was too big for the in-house CCTV team. “Our TV truck has only a limited length — 2,200 feet of cable,” Miller says. “The tunnels we needed to inspect were all 4,000 feet or longer, up to a little bit over 16,000 feet.”

The county’s CCTV equipment

still uses wire cable, which further limits how far the camera transporter can go. For the longer runs, fiber optics was the way to go, and that meant the county had to issue an RFP for the work.

“Two proposals came back,” says Miller. “The proposal we took had an interesting twist to it. They said they could do CCTV, sonar, and laser profiling of our pipes at the same time. It ended up being a much lower cost than the other proposal for just doing CCTV.”

The county accepted the proposal and in 2006 conducted a laser inspection on sewage tunnels with significant pipe deterioration from hydrogen sulfide exposure. The laser view allowed a detailed view of the pipe profiles. “You could see all the defects,” Miller says. “It gave more of a 3-D depiction of the pipe.”

The vendor, RedZone Robotics Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pa., used a sonar unit first to give a reading below the surface of the liquid flowing in

The Pipe Experts performs a confined-space entry to place a CCTV camera and sonar float into a King County interceptor.



the pipe. "We were able to see if there was any sediment in the pipe," Miller says. Laser and CCTV inspections followed. The CCTV camera was mounted on a tracked transporter backed by 6,000 feet of cable.

Cutting edge

As with sonar, the laser inspection doesn't produce a photo-like image, but more of an abstract diagram that indicates the shape of the pipe and the condition of the inside surface. Some of the images almost look like a photo that has been subjected to special effects to change the coloration.

The laser inspection is useful in two ways, Miller says. First, it can uncover eccentricity in the pipe that changes its profile from perfectly circular to slightly egg-shaped. The district uses it in that way to inspect new lines to make sure they are true and don't have bellies.

Second, it can report pipe conditions in far more detail than a simple visual inspection via CCTV. Of specific interest, laser profiling uncovers the pitting in concrete

characteristic of hydrogen sulfide exposure.

The district used laser inspection again in 2007, when it inspected two tunnels totaling about 30,000 feet, and in 2008, when another 12,000 feet was up for profiling. Certain lines where there has been chronic hydrogen sulfide erosion are designated for inspection every three years to monitor their condition.

As technologically advanced as sonar and laser may be, in the end it's not about just having the latest gadgetry. "I'd like to think we're on the cutting edge with our inspection," Miller says. But there's a bigger reason for that: "Like everybody else in the U.S., we're dealing with an aging infrastructure. This helps us keep on top of that before we have one of those catastrophic failures." ♦

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AFTER FURTHER REVIEW

Employee performance reviews are nothing to fear. Effective reviews are regular, frequent, well-organized, and focused on specific behaviors.

By Ken Wysocky

Few things make supervisors and managers as squeamish as performance reviews. But like them or not, organizations that don't take them seriously miss out on a valuable tool that can enhance employee development, achieve organizational goals and boost morale, not to mention avoid lawsuits.

"Organizations that don't do performance reviews are overlooking the cheapest and most effective way to develop employees," says Linda Henman, consultant in strategic planning, talent development and succession planning. "Boss-to-direct-report mentoring is the steadiest and most effective

that raises and promotions are based on merit, not favoritism. "Reviews build in a sense of fair play," Henman notes.

Organizations that provide reviews also reduce their legal exposure: It's hard for an employee to sue for wrongful termination if a paper trail clearly shows how an employee's performance dropped off or lagged behind that of other team members.

What not to do

After years of consulting and observing how organizations handle reviews, Henman cites four common mistakes:

1. Doing no reviews at all. "I'm always astonished at the number of

manager charged with reviewing each of 10 direct reports, for example, finds it daunting. Badly designed forms are "instruments of the devil," Henman says.

"If it's 10 pages long and you have 10 reviews to do, that's 100 pages to fill out and write comments on," she says. "The forms should never be more than two pages long. Filling out forms doesn't change performance or behavior; it just tests whether managers can fill out forms. It's not a constructive use of their time."

3. Once-a-year mentality. Too many organizations do reviews only once per year, and so the review is nothing more than a post-mortem on mistakes an employee may have made six months ago. "If an employee's productivity fell off in August, it should have been dealt with at that time, not at the end of the year," Henman says. "Ideally, performance reviews should contain no surprises."

4. Lack of planning. In many organizations, managers aren't trained to perform effective reviews. Knowing the process makes reviews much less intimidating.

Constructing a good review

So you realize your department doesn't place much value on reviews, and you want to change that. Where do you start? By developing job descriptions for every position. "You need to determine

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each position's behavioral competencies," Henman says. "In other words, what does it take to succeed at this particular job?"

To figure it out, break down each job into four categories. First, determine how to measure the job's critical tasks. Then examine what kind of relationship building the position requires — either external with vendors or internal with colleagues, or both.

Next, develop a way to measure the employee's decision-making skills. "At the most basic level, this could include things such as learning from mistakes or learning skills quickly," Henman says. "For a department head, it might be how he or she sets strategy for the team."

Last, examine the job's leadership requirements. That's not necessary for entry-level positions with no direct reports, but those jobs still require skills such as self-regulation and meeting deadlines, Henman.

Establish criteria

The next move is setting criteria for grading performance. Some organizations use just three ratings: doesn't meet expectations, meets expectations, and exceeds expectations. Henman prefers five more specific rankings:

1. At risk of losing job.
2. Often doesn't meet expectations.
3. Meets expectations.

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Linda Henman

method of employee development."

By mapping out achievable and measurable goals with employees that dovetail with bigger-picture goals, managers can get all their team members on the same page, and achieve better results. In addition, giving everyone thorough evaluations boosts morale, because employees have the sense

people, even at the upper echelons of organizations, who say they haven't had a performance review for years," Henman notes. "This happens at all levels. Most people don't like to do them, or no one makes them do it."

2. Making reviews too complicated. Too many job review forms are so long and complex that a

4. Frequently exceeds expectations.
5. Consistently exceeds expectations.

"A more finite measurement gives a supervisor more opportunities to show adjustments in improvement or deterioration of performance," Henman says.

It's essential for supervisors to provide honest, objective feedback. "One problem in many organizations is inflated reviews," Henman says. "If everyone is great, how can you ever justify firing someone? Someone's lawyer is going to eat your lunch in court."

Organizations also must decide how often to review employees. Henman recommends four reviews per year, providing ample opportunities to correct problems. At the beginning of the year, supervisors

should sit down with each employee and set out expectations and goals. The next two reviews should focus on performance and how the employee is meeting those goals.

"Then the fourth meeting becomes a job review, and a money discussion linked to whether or not the employee met expectations," Henman says. "But by the third review, the employee should know what's coming."

Goals are critical

After a review system is established, managers must hold that all-important first meeting and set goals with each employee. "This becomes your working document that you'll use for each of the next three discussions," Henman says. "It's a fluid document that you can adjust with each subsequent

conversation. Managers need to ask themselves what's important to them."

To make constructive suggestions for improving an employee's performance, supervisors should stick to observable behavior. They should be very specific about what they observe and should remain calm and unemotional.

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Motivating employees to make even small changes can yield big improvements. "It's the rule of 70: If you improve just 1 percent every

day, you'll be twice as good in 70 days," Henman says. "In an organizational sense, small, incremental changes can yield big results."

By following these basic steps, managers will find reviews are not to be feared. "It's not science, exactly, but it's pretty predictable," Henman says. "If you follow all of these steps, it's the closest guarantee there is to improving employees' performance and the performance appraisals." ♦

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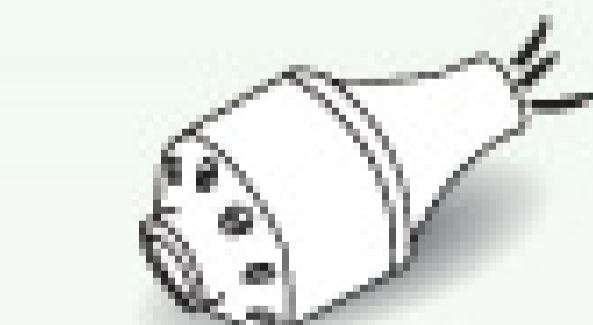


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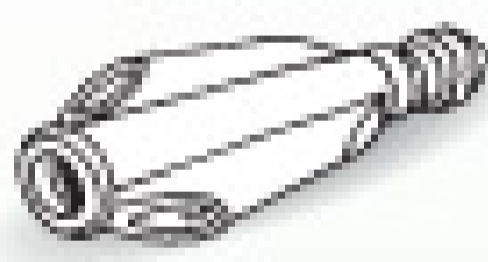
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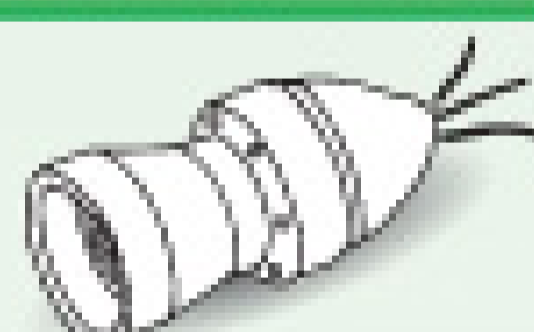
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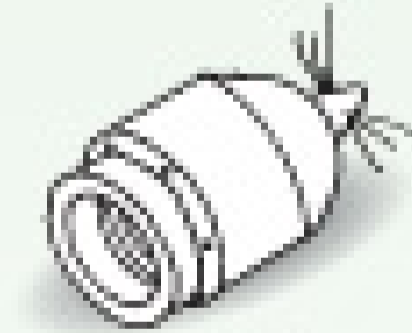
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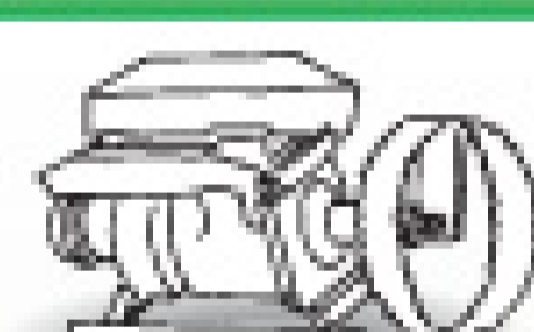
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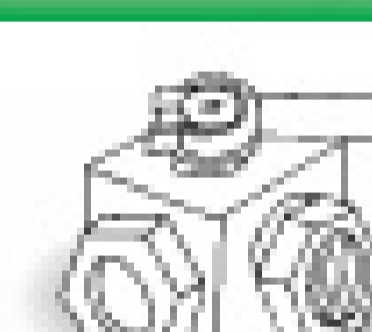
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By Irvin Gemora

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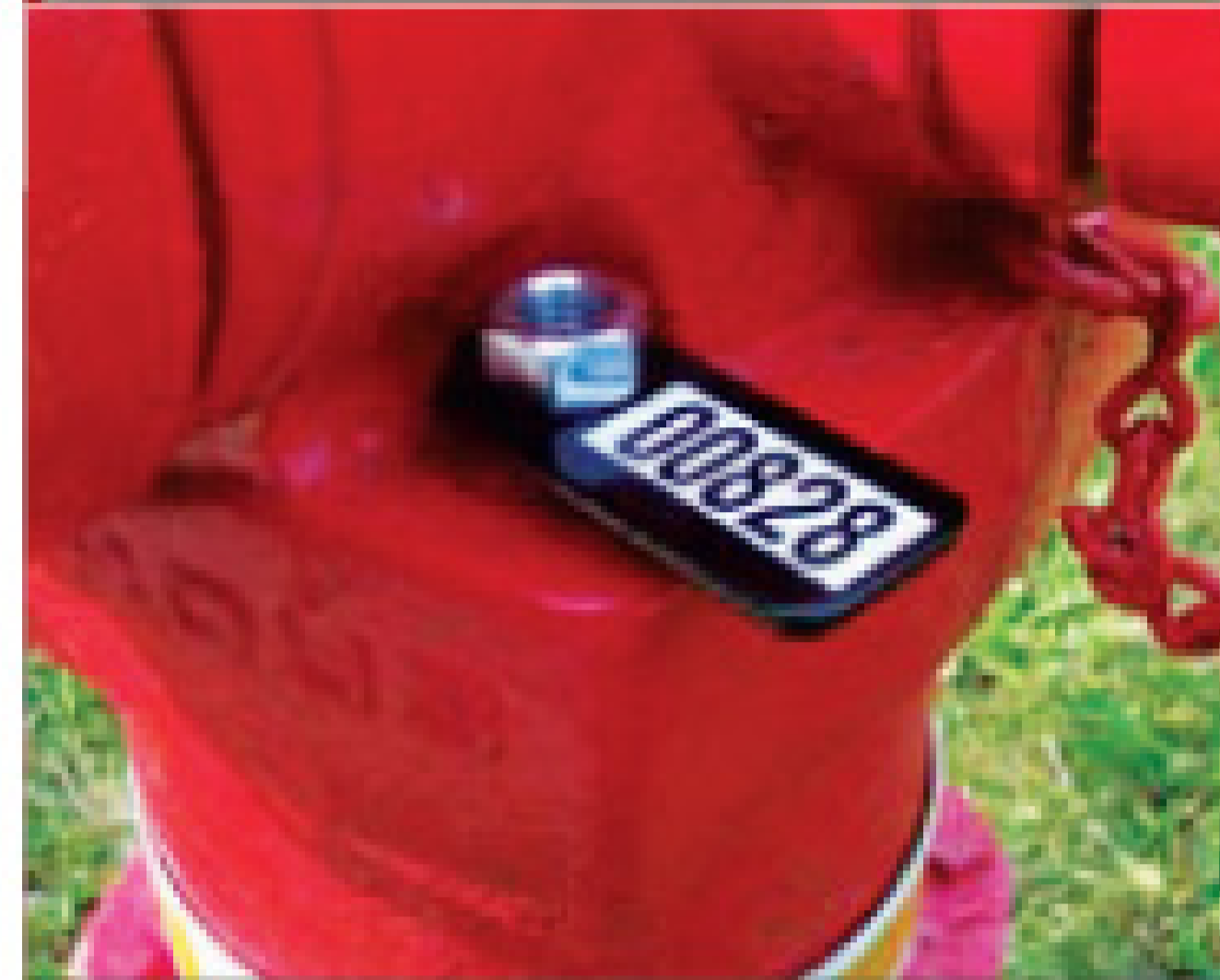
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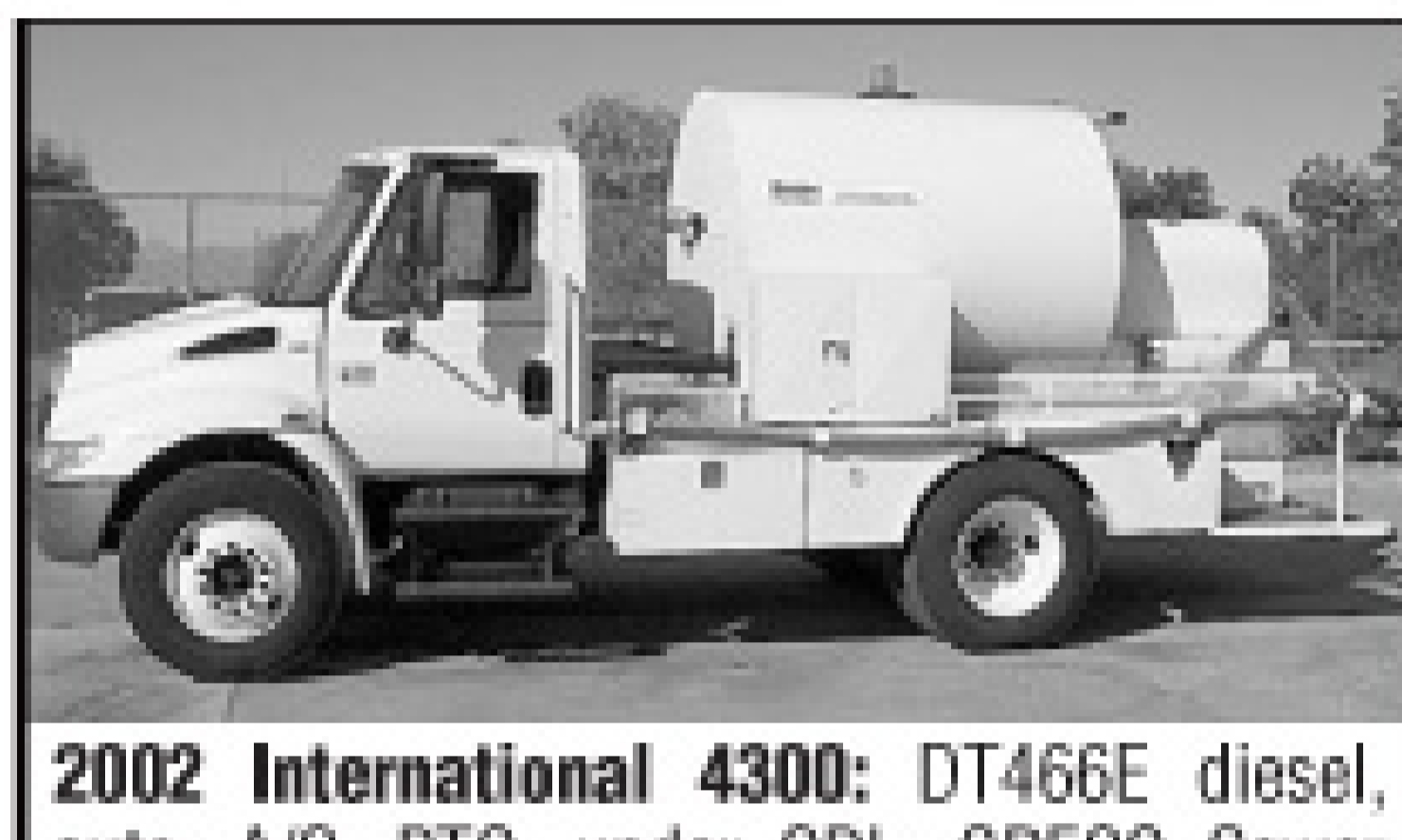
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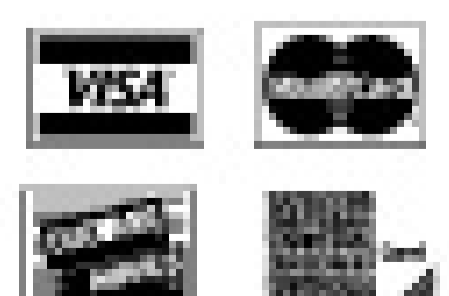
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New officers for the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers are **Ronald L. McAllister**, vice president-elect, and board members **Shannon R. Brockmann**, **John R. Fisher**, **Carolyn M. Jones** and **Maury Salz**.

Frederic Shmurak was named water resources engineering department manager for Dewberry, a professional services firm in Fairfax, Va.

Mark Soucy, superintendent of the Water and Wastewater departments in Fort Kent, Maine, was named Maine Operator of the Year by the New England Water Environment Association.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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Call 608/262-2061 or visit <http://epdweb.engr.wisc.edu>.

American Public Works Association

APWA is offering a July 23 course on Greening the Fleet: It's More Than a Color Change. Call Carrie Merker at 800/848-2792, ext. 5213, or visit www.apwa.net.

American Society of Civil Engineers

ASCE is offering these courses:

- July 9-10 – Pumping Systems Design for Civil Engineers, Radisson Hotel Sacramento, Sacramento, Calif. Call 916/922-2020.
- July 16-17 – Introduction to Detention Pond Design: Parking Lots and Urban Drainage, Doubletree Guest Suites Nashville, Nashville, Tenn. Call 615/324-3410.
- July 30-31 – Low-Impact Development Applications for Water Resource Management, Doubletree Hotel San Diego Downtown, San Diego, Calif. Call 619/239-6800.

CALENDAR

July 13-16

American Membrane Technology Association/American Water Works Association 2009 Conference and Exposition: Membranes – Kickin' It Up Texas Style!, Austin, Texas. Call 772/463-0820 or visit www.amta.org.

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Association of Water Technologies Annual Convention and Exposition, Hollywood, Fla. Visit www.awt.org.

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- Aug. 4-5 – Pumping Systems Design for Civil Engineers, Radisson Hotel Hyannis, Hyannis, Mass. Call 508/771-1700.
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- For information, visit www.asce.org

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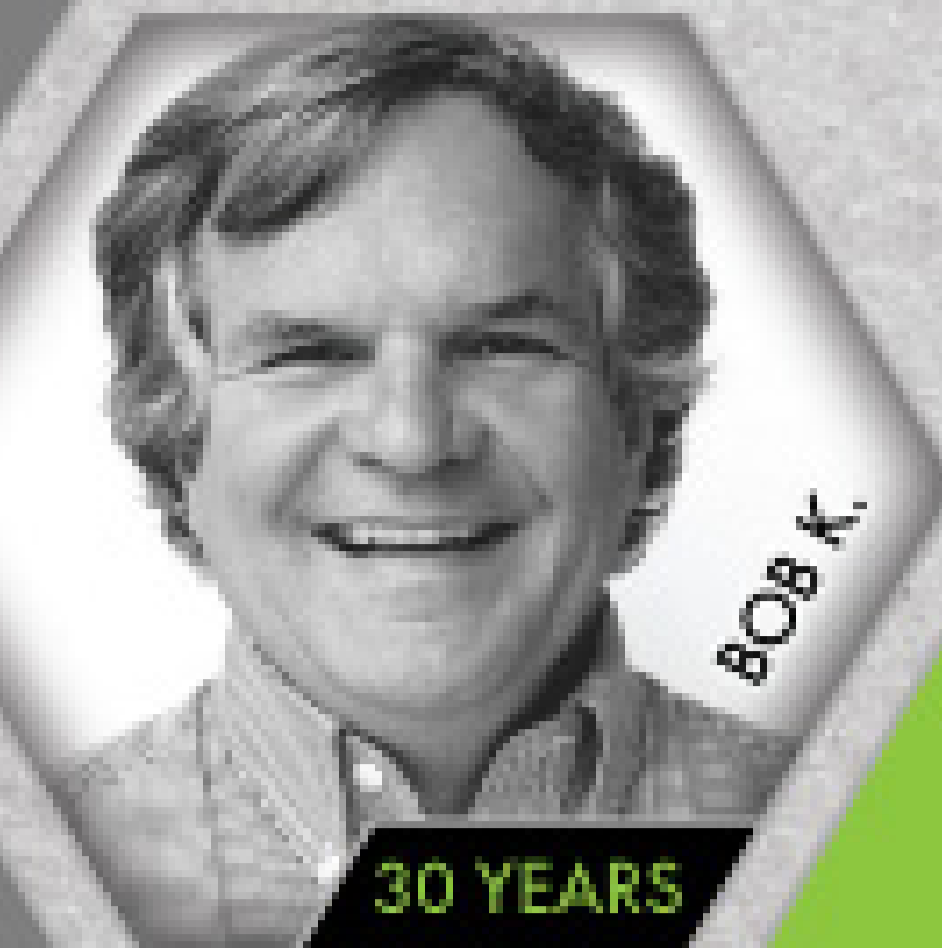
MRWA is offering a Maine Water Agency Response Network exercise in Augusta on July 22. For information, call 207/729-6569 or visit www.mainerwa.org.

Water Environment Federation

The Water Environment Federation announced the launch of an online library of papers presented at WEFTEC and WEF specialty conferences. The papers, accessible on the WEF Web site, are not peer-reviewed and range from the year 2000 to present. ♦

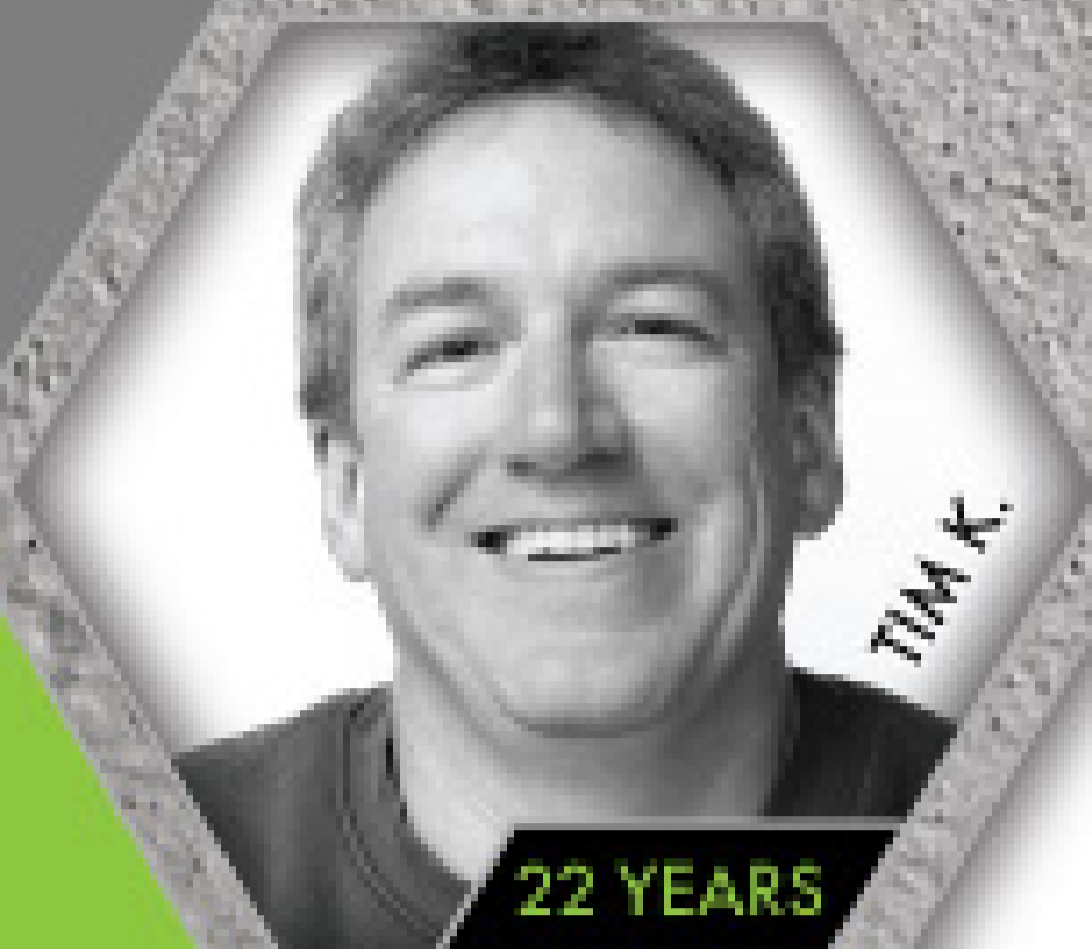
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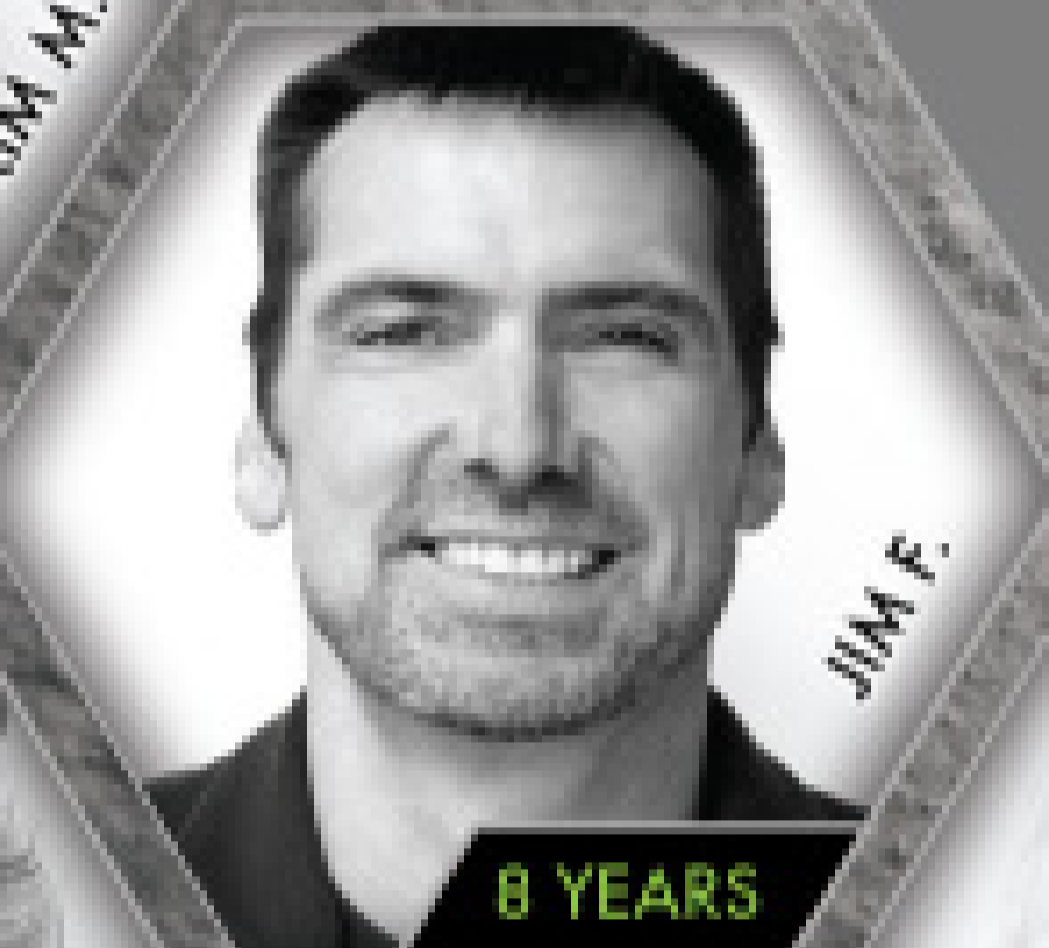
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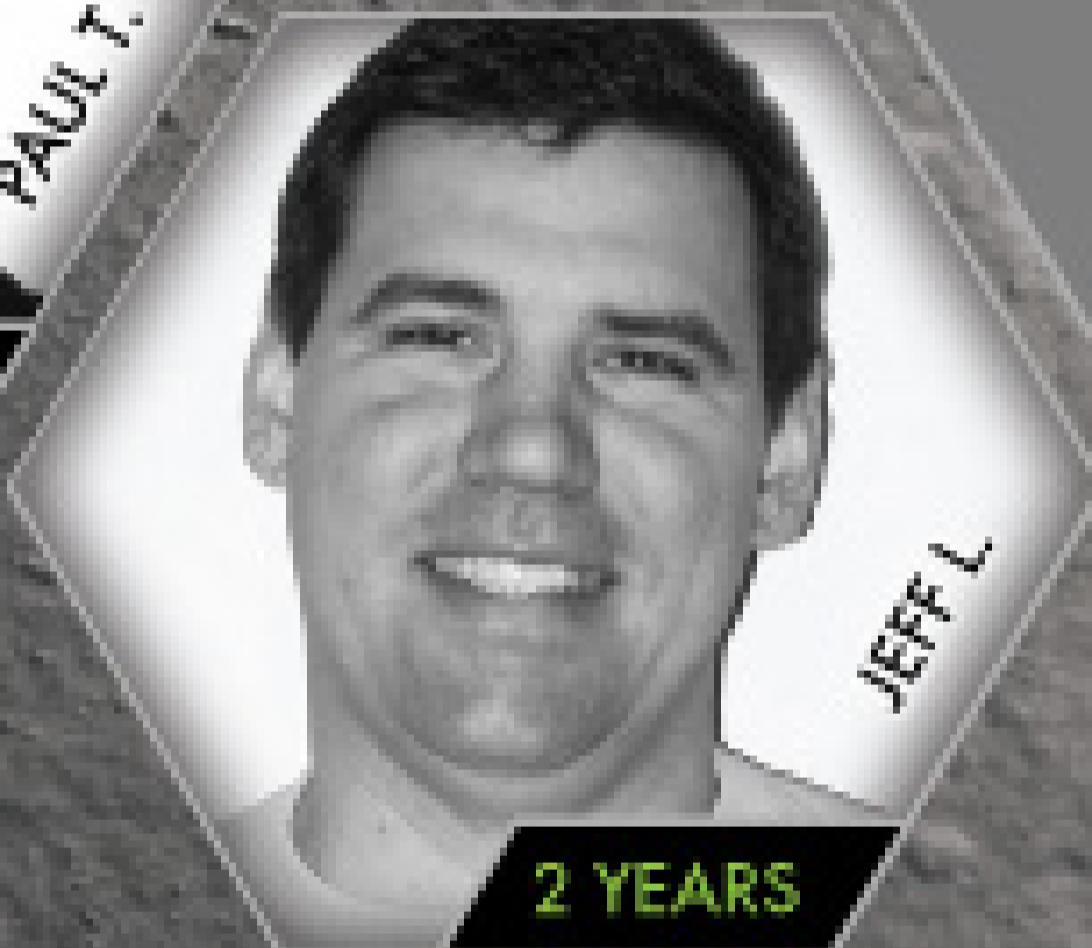
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