


Corrosion and Its Control, Polyethylene Encasement (V-Bio®)

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ANSI/AWWA C105/A21.5-10
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AWWA Standard

**Polyethylene
Encasement for
Ductile-Iron
Pipe Systems**



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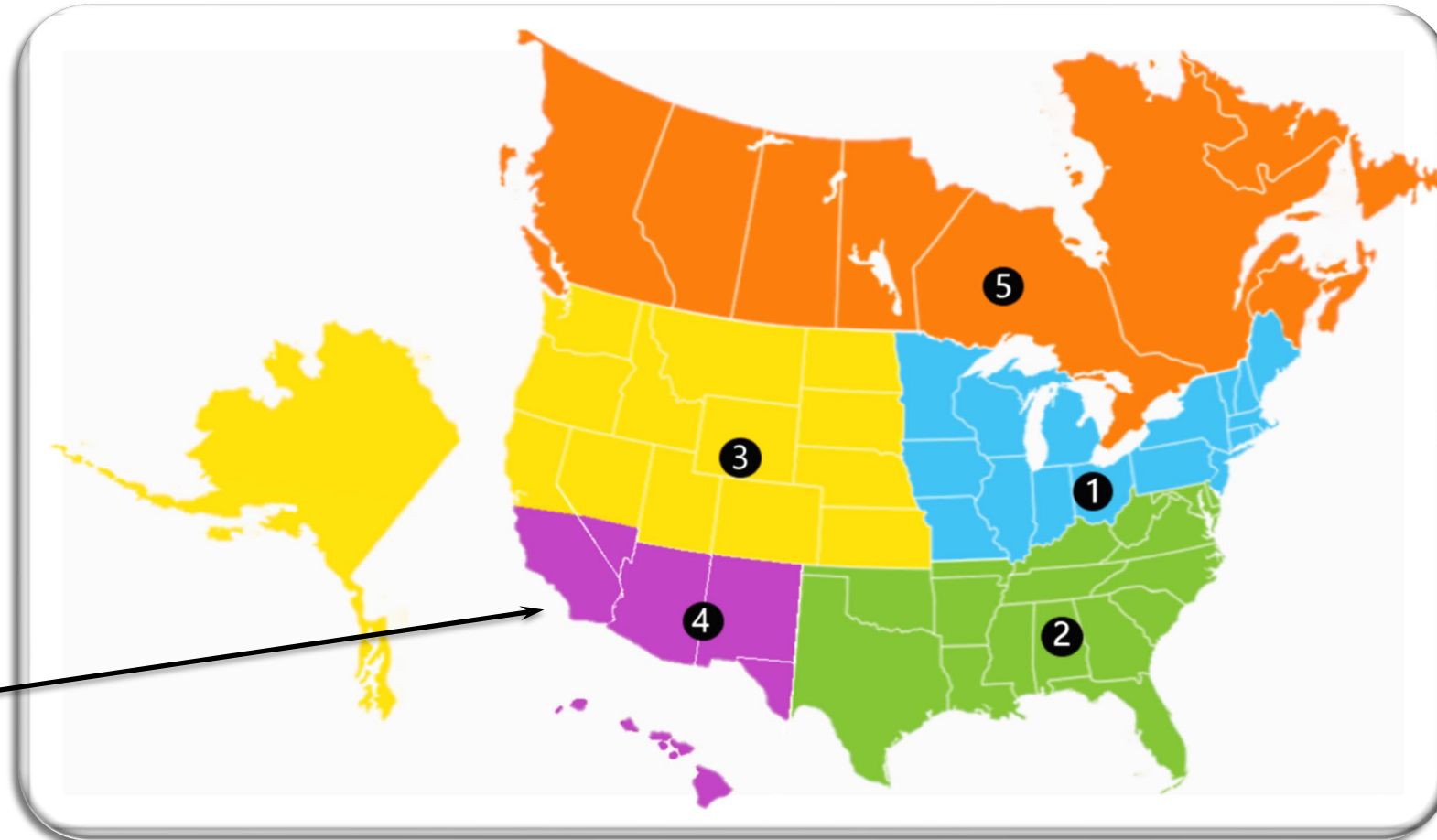
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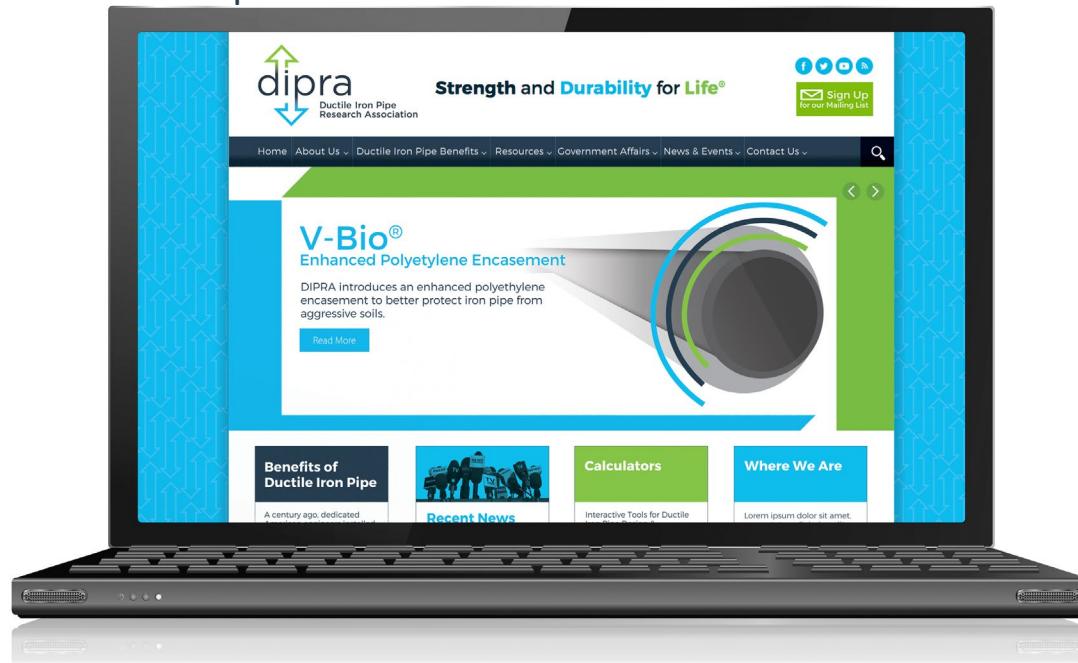
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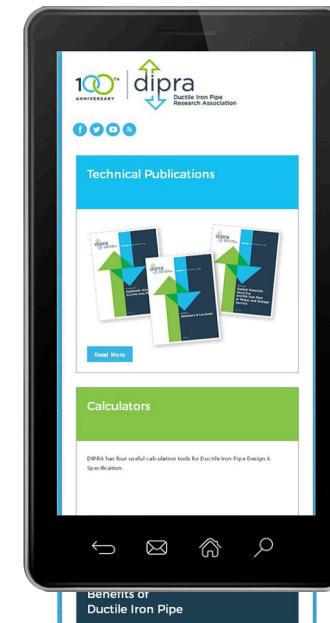


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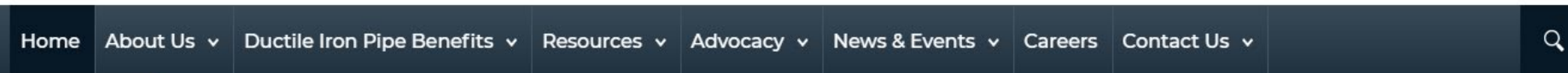


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DIPRA Technical Publications

Corrosion Control

-  [The Design Decision Model™ for Corrosion Control of Ductile Iron Pipe](#)
-  [Cast Iron Pipe Century Club](#)
-  [Cement-Mortar Linings for Ductile Iron Pipe](#)
-  [Linings Available for Ductile Iron Pipe](#)
-  [Polyethylene Encasement: Effective, Economical Protection for Ductile Iron Pipe in Corrosive Environments](#)
-  [Stray Current Effects on Ductile Iron Pipe](#)
-  [The Effect of Overhead AC Power Lines Paralleling Ductile Iron Pipelines](#)



DIPRA Publications



Versailles, France

(Installed 1664)



Century Club

- The Cast Iron Pipe Century Club recognizes water utilities with Cast Iron mains that have provided service for 100 years or more. 530 in US.



Neihart, Montana – 12-Inch Cast Iron Pipe
Installed: 1892 – Inspected: 1992
Member: Cast Iron Pipe Century Club



Resistivity: 2,520 ohm-cm

**Princeton, Kentucky – 16-Inch Ductile Iron Pipe
Installed: 1963-1964 – Inspected: 1998 (2003) (2013)**

Resistivity: 3,600 – 7,600 ohm-cm

Century Club

(California)



Location	Utility	Year Inducted	Oldest Pipe
Benicia	City of Benicia	1991	1887
Imperial Beach	California-American Water Company, Coronado District	1991	1888
Los Angeles	L. A. Department of Water & Power	1985	1885
Merced	The City of Merced	1989	1889
Monrovia	City of Monrovia	2008	1908
Monterey	California-American Water Company	1988	1885
Oakland	East Bay Municipal Utility District	1982	1876
Pasadena	Pasadena Water & Power Department, Water Division	1987	1887
Sacramento	Sacramento Water Department	1954	1854
San Bernardino	City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department	2017	1909
San Francisco	San Francisco Water Department	1958	1859
San Jose	San Jose Water Works	1981	1878
San Luis Obispo	City of San Luis Obispo	2007	1888
Santa Barbara	The City of Santa Barbara	1991	1886
Santa Cruz	City of Santa Cruz Water Department	1997	1890
Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa Utilities Department	1994	1893
Sonora	Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Water Systems Department	1965	1852
Stanford	Stanford University	1989	1888



Sesquicentennial Club

- The Cast Iron Pipe Sesquicentennial Club recognizes water utilities with Cast Iron mains that have provided continuous service for 150 years or more. 21 In US.



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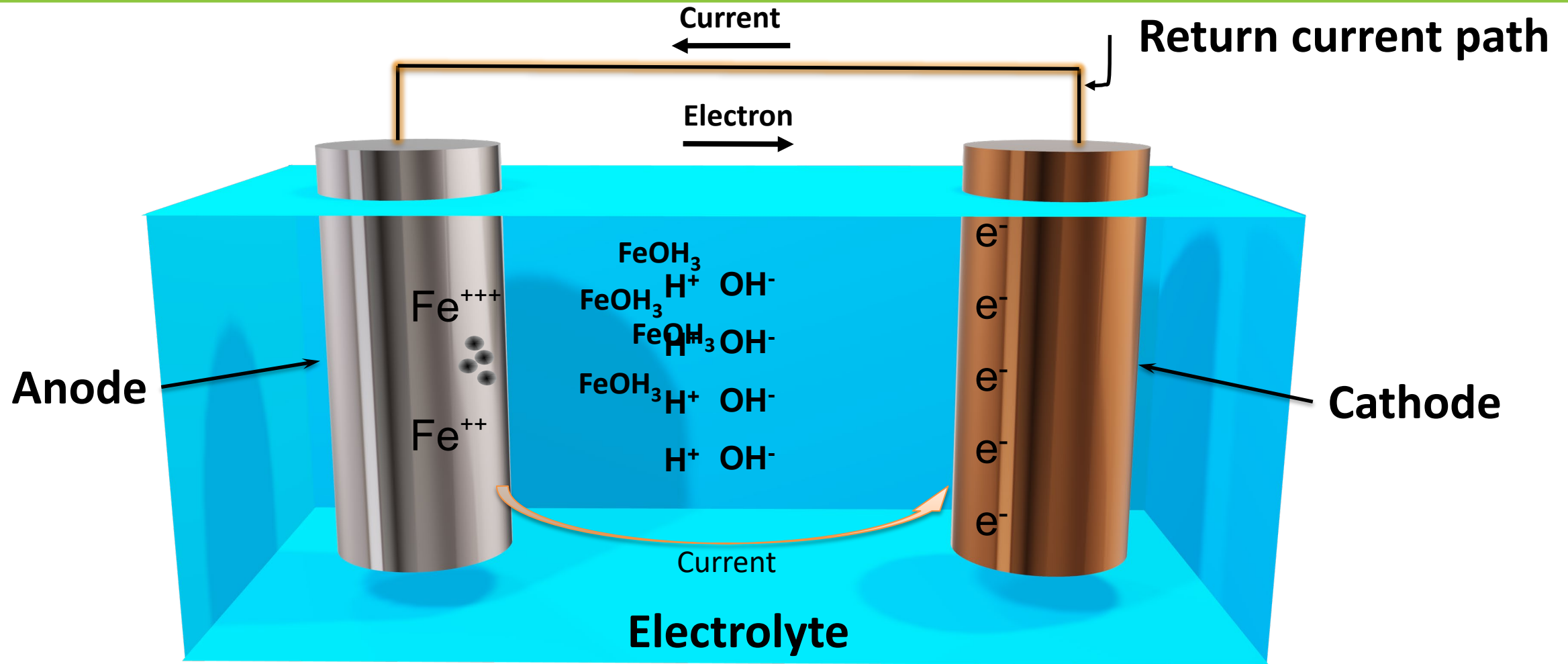


Louisville, KY - October 2010

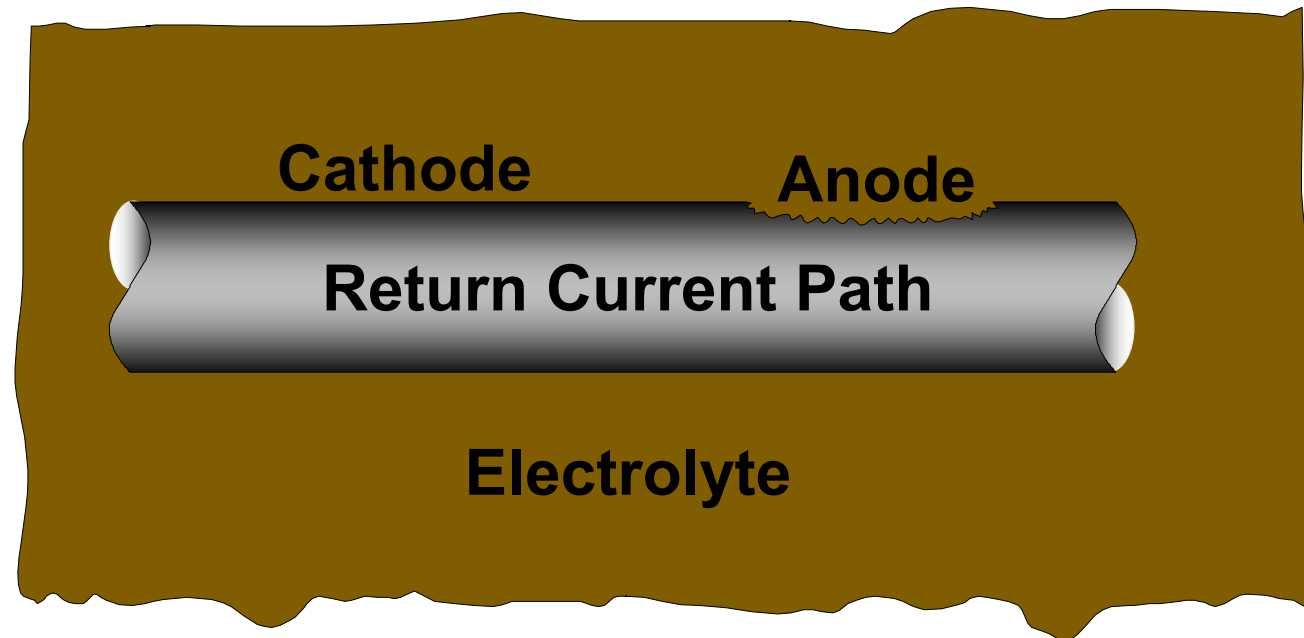
External Soil Corrosion



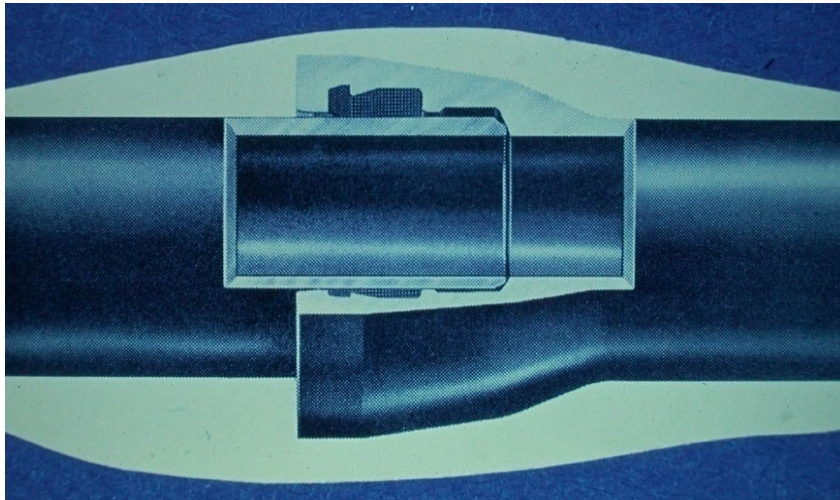
Galvanic Corrosion Cell



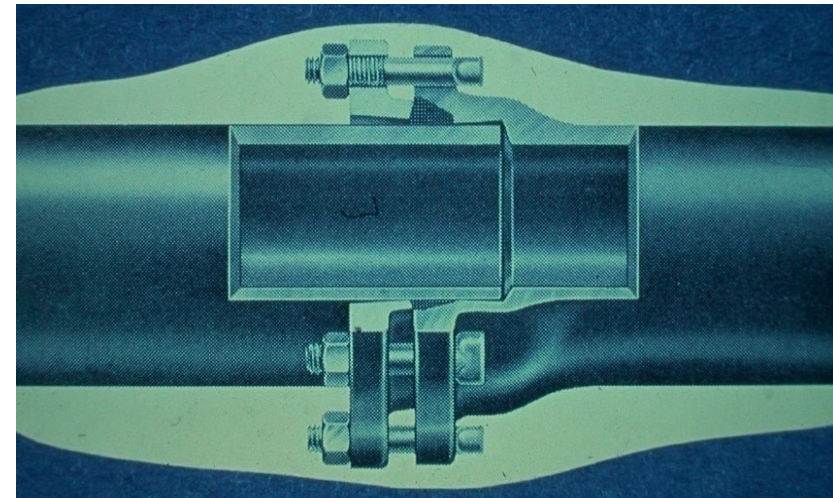
The underground pipe corrosion cell . . .



Ductile Iron Pipelines are Electrically Discontinuous



Push-on Joint

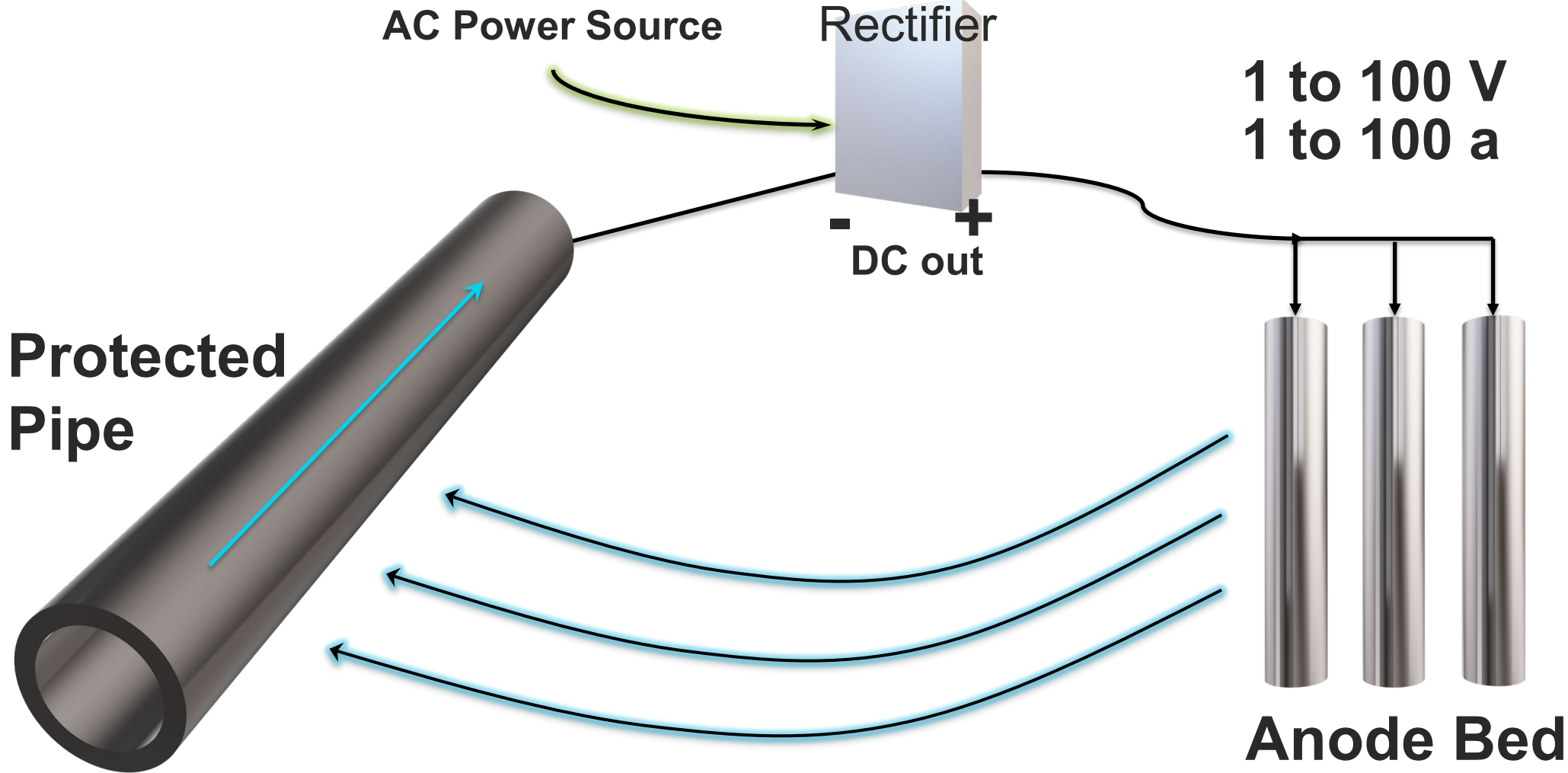


Mechanical Joint

Sources of Stray Current

- Impressed current cathodic protection systems
- Electric transit systems
- Arc-welding equipment
- Direct current transmission systems
- Grounding electrical systems to pipe

Impressed Current Cathodic Protection

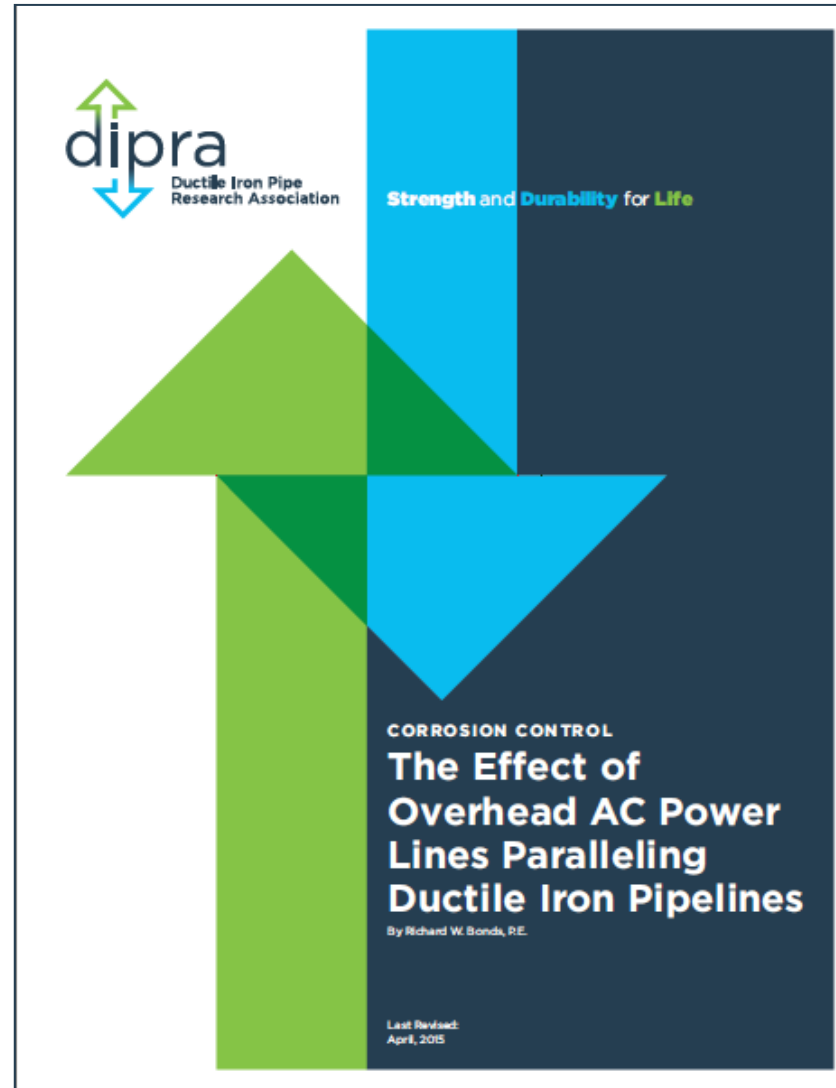




AC Overhead Power Line Right-of-Ways



Effect of Overhead AC Power Lines





10-Point System

Soil Evaluation Parameters

- **Resistivity**
- **Redox**
- **pH**
- **Sulfides**
- **Moisture**

10-Point Soil Evaluation

Resistivity - ohm-cm (based on water-saturated soil box):

< 1,500	10
≥ 1,500 - 1,800	8
> 1,800 - 2,100	5
> 2,100 - 2,500	2
> 2,500 - 3,000	1
> 3,000	0

pH:

0 - 2	5
2 - 4	3
4 - 6.5	0
6.5 - 7.5	0*
7.5 - 8.5	0
> 8.5	3

*3 points should be added if
low or negative redox and
sulfides are present

Redox potential:

> +100 mV	0
+50 to +100 mV	3.5
0 to +50 mV	4
Negative	5

Sulfides:

Positive	3.5
Trace	2
Negative	0

Moisture:

Poor drainage, continuously wet	2
Fair drainage, generally moist	1
Good drainage, generally dry	0

Corrosive Environments

- **Coal**
- **Cinders**
- **Swamps**
- **Expansive Clays**
- **Peat Bogs**
- **Mine Wastes**
- **Landfill Areas**
- **Alkali Soils**

DIPRA Corrosion Research



- **1928 – Strength of Corrosion Products**
- **1940 – Coatings**
- **1949 – Bolt Corrosion**
- **1952 – Coatings and Loose Polyethylene**
- **1963 – Field Investigations (on-going)**
- **1971 – Stray Current**
- **1989 – Copper Service**
- **1999 – Elevated Temperature**
- **2000 – Effect of Chloramines on Gasket Materials**
- **2002 – Rate of Corrosion**

DIPRA Test Sites



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DIPRA Test Site Data

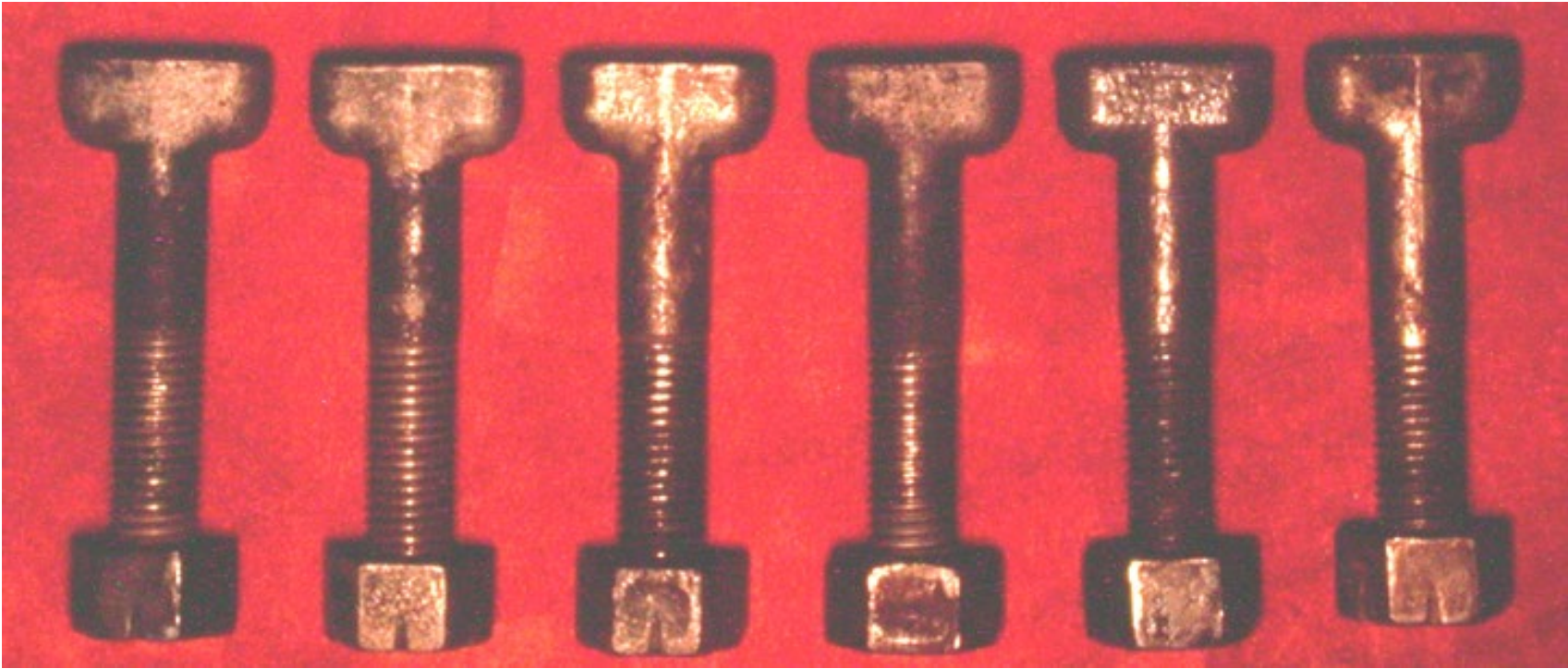
<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>RESISTIVITY</u>	<u>pH</u>	<u>SULFIDES</u>	<u>REDOX</u>
Atlantic City, NJ	66	7.0	positive	-240
Birmingham, AL	400	7.0	-----	-----
Casper, WY	350	8.0	negative	+96
Everglades City, FL	150	7.2	positive	-150
Herrin, IL	4,440	4.7	negative	+205
Lombard, IL	2,500	7.3	trace	+90
Overton, NV	188	7.9	negative	+200
Raceland, LA	1,000	7.2	trace	+140
Spanish Fork, UT	720	7.5	negative	+140
Watsonville, CA	1,040	6.2	trace	+180
Wisconsin Rapids, WI	6,000	3.5	positive	+210



DIPRA Research



DIPRA – Bolt Study



Everglades Test Site



CIPRA - 1952

Polyethylene Protection Study

Everglades City, FL - 6" Gray Cast iron
18 years exposure



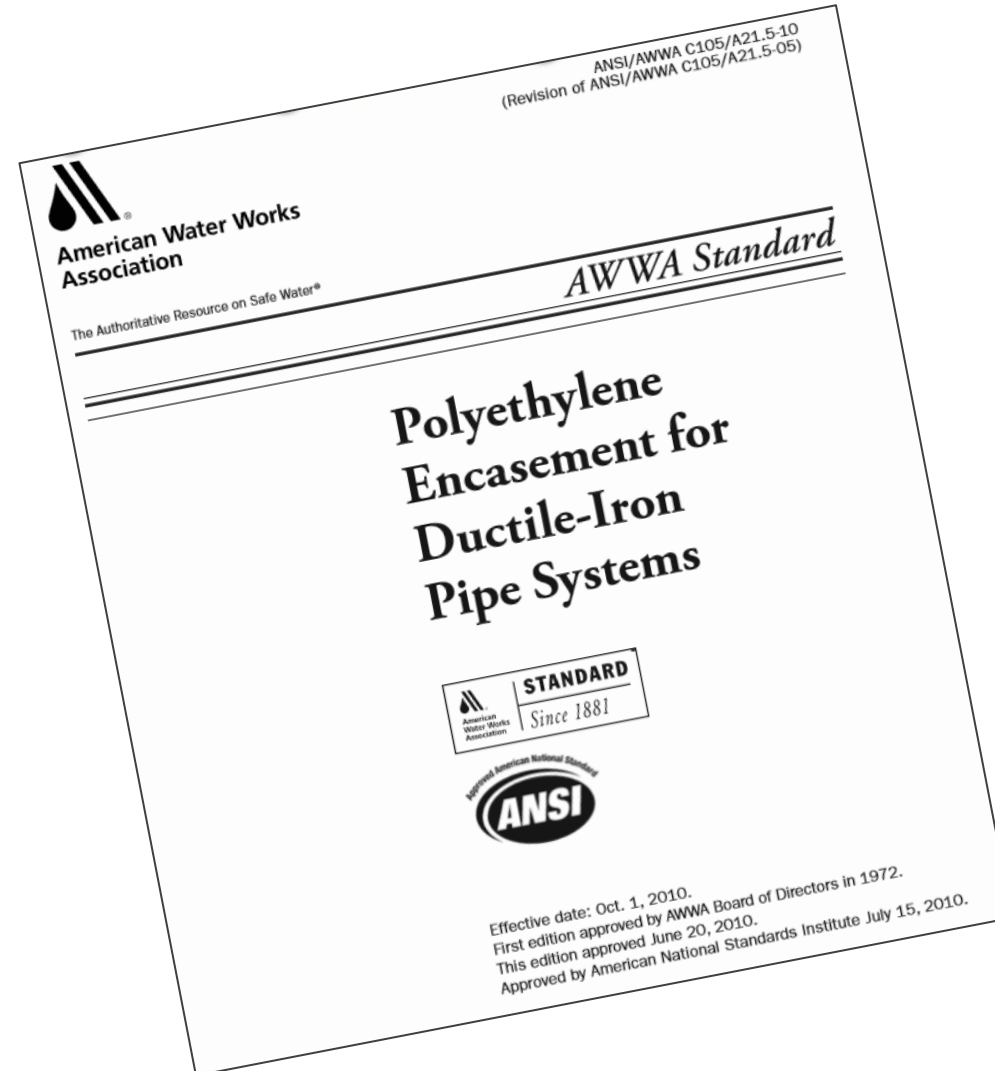
4-mil polyethylene encased

Resistivity: 400 ohm-cm
Redox: - 35 mV
pH: 7.1
Sulfides: Positive
Soil Moisture: Saturated

A Solution – Both Economical and Effective



ANSI/AWWA C105/A21.5



Polyethylene Encasement



Polyethylene Encasement

History of Development

1952 - Research initiated

1958 - First installation

1972 - First standard issued



20 years
of research

Polyethylene Encasement Installation

Method A



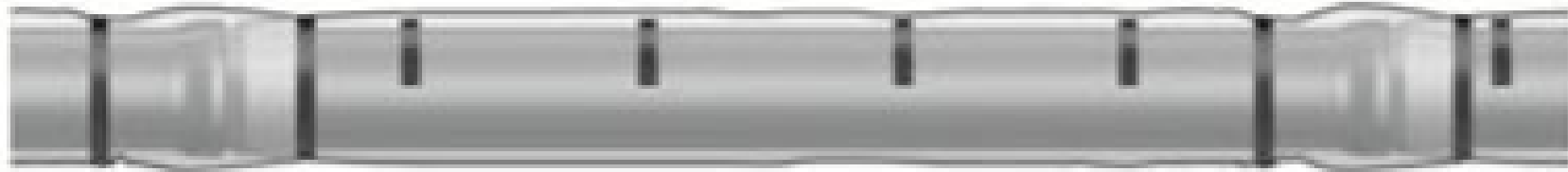
Method B

Method C



Modified Method A

Polyethylene Encasement Installation



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Polyethylene Encasement Installation



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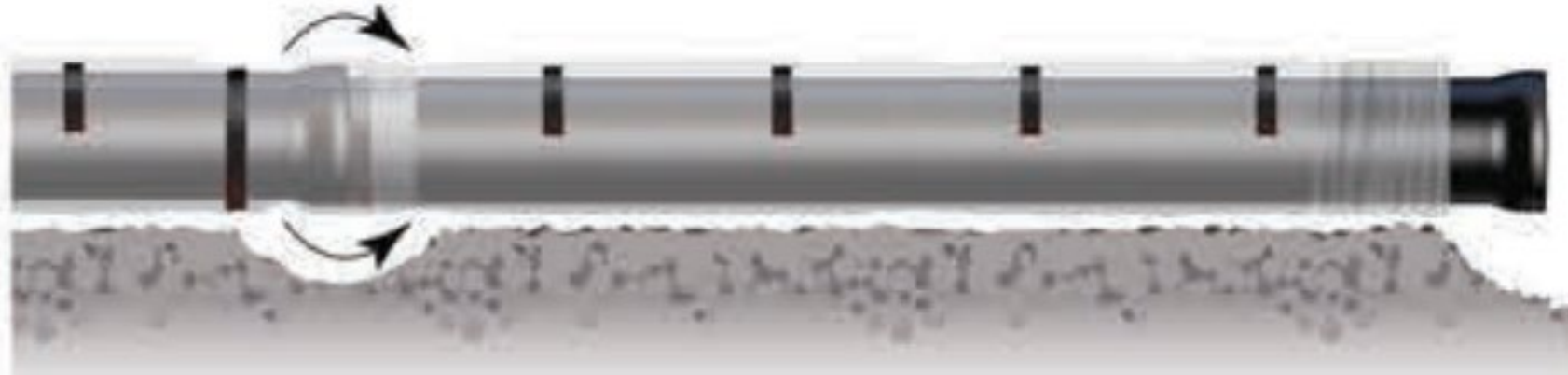
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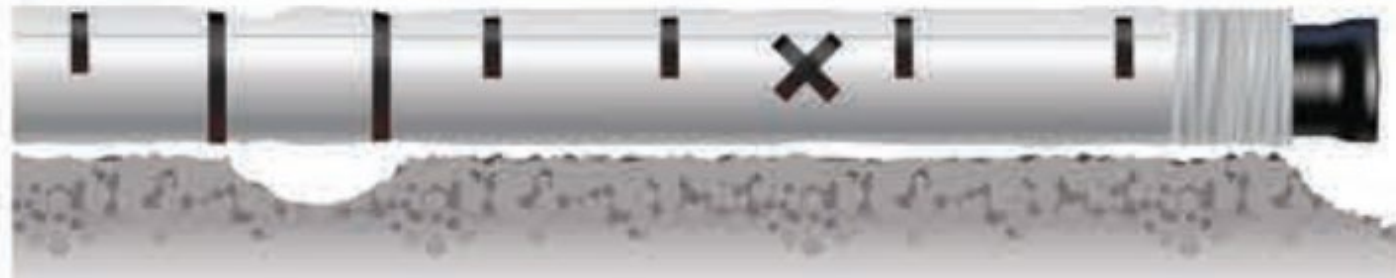
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Polyethylene Encasement (Wet Trench) Installation



Encasement of Appurtenances



Casings



Polyethylene Encasement

(V-Bio[®] Enhanced with Additional Colored Layer)



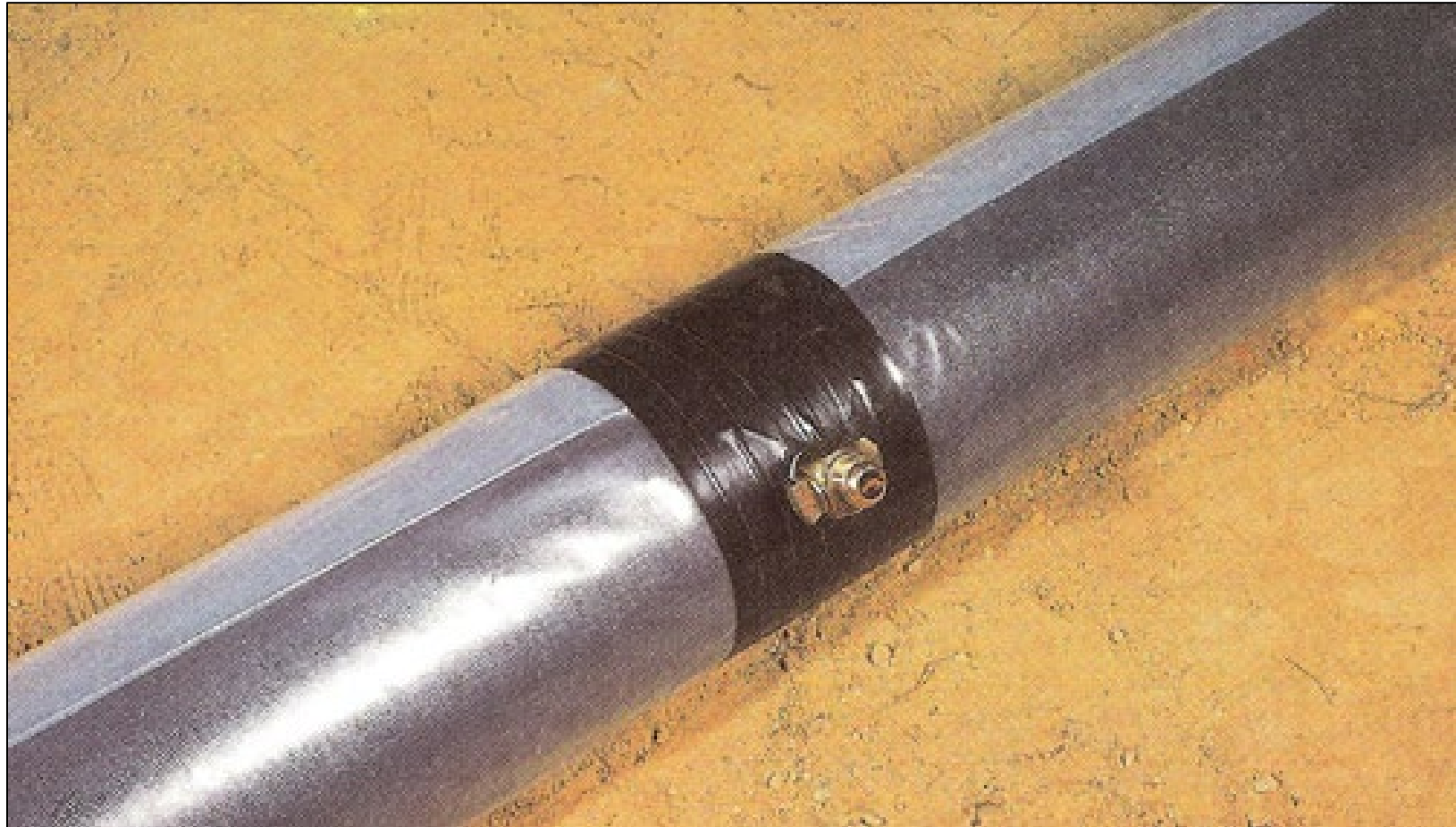
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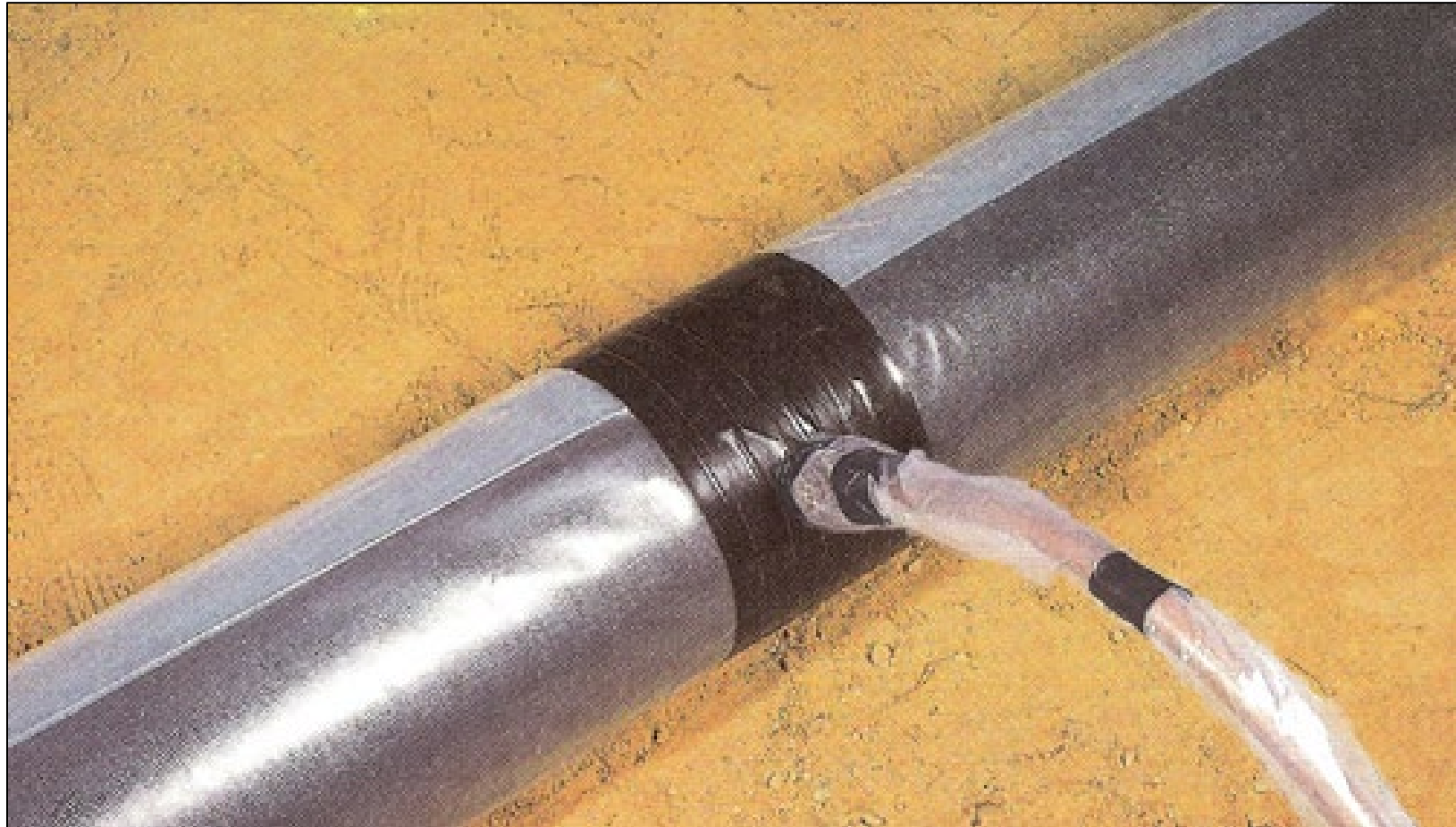
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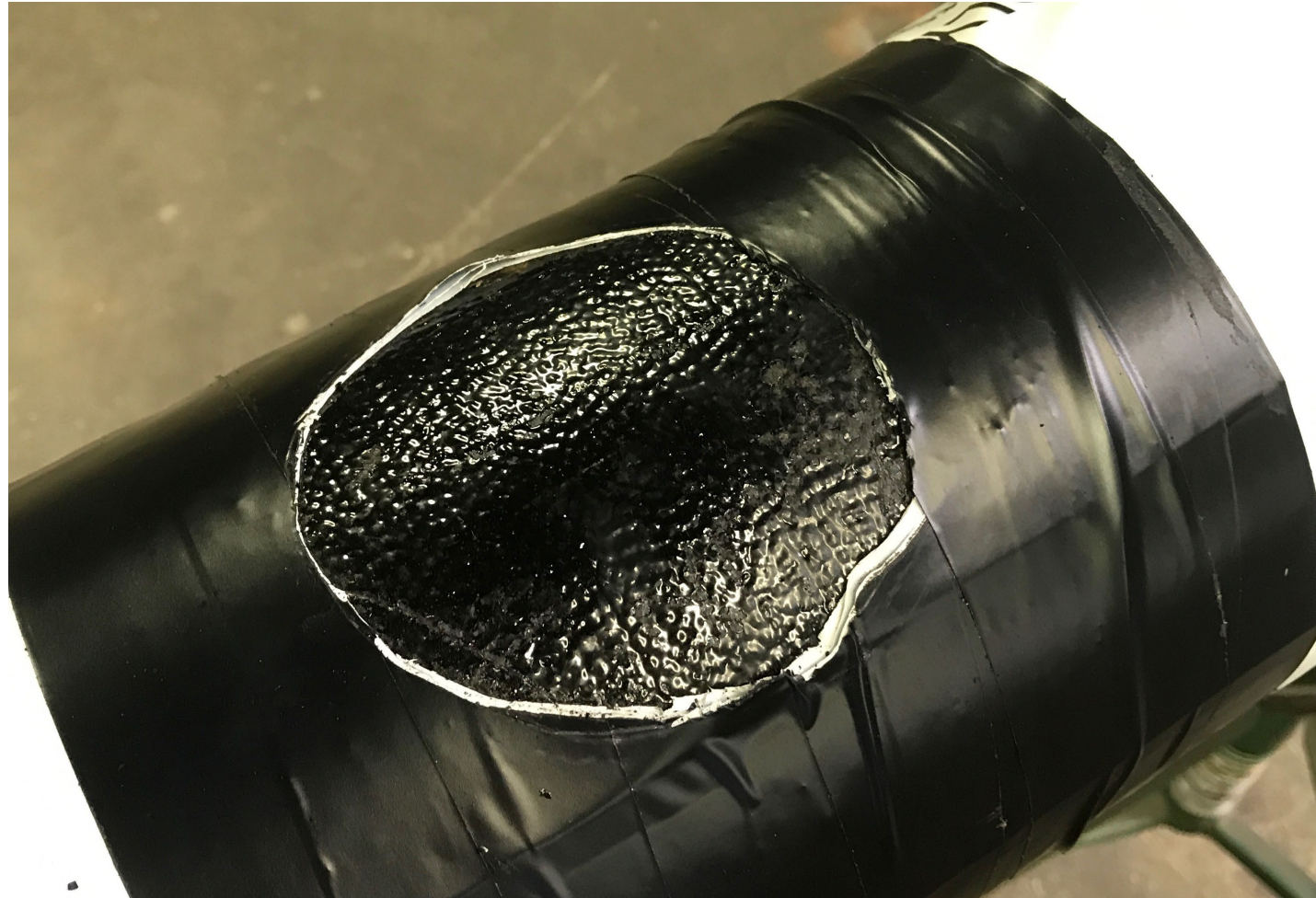
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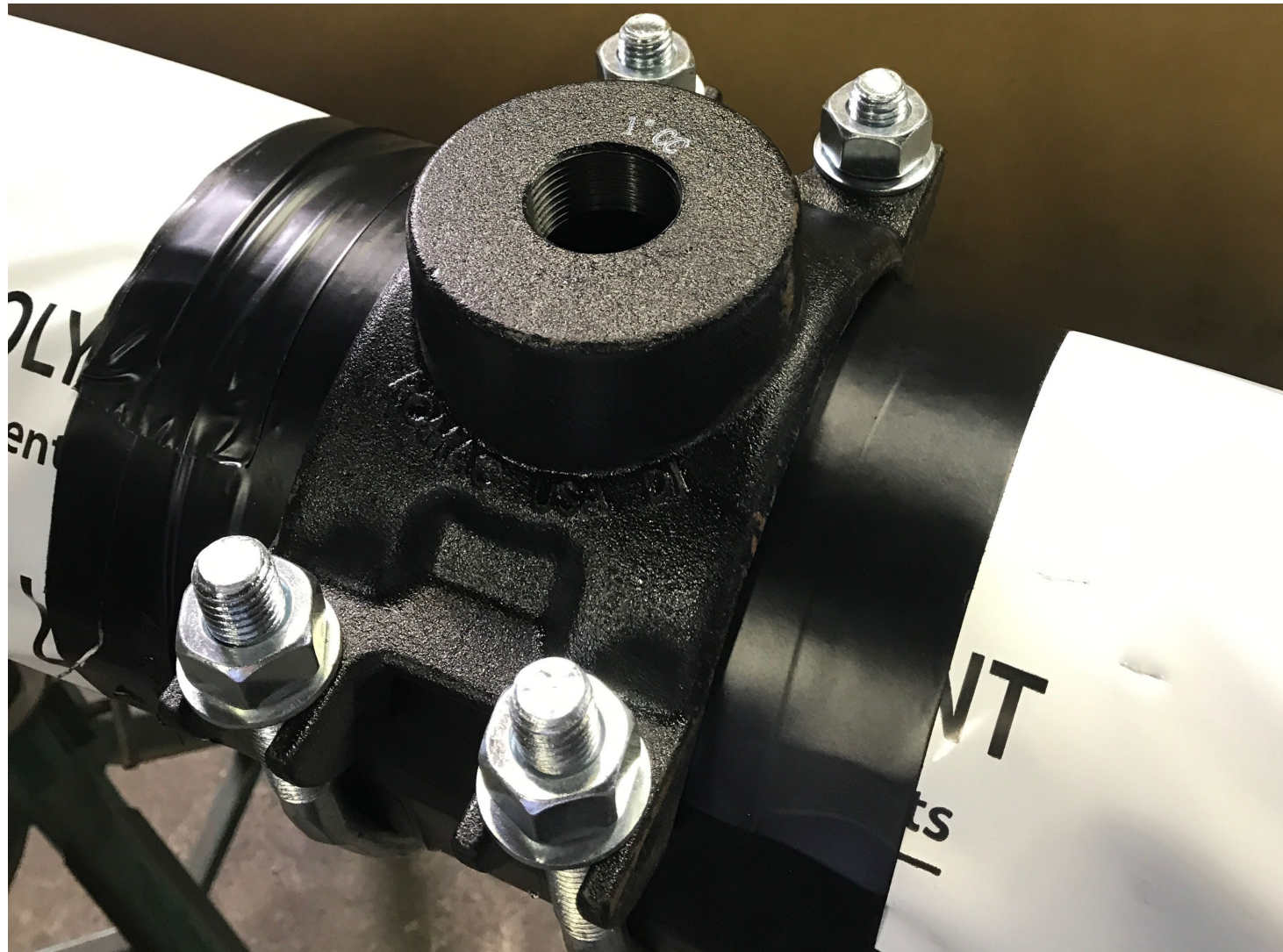
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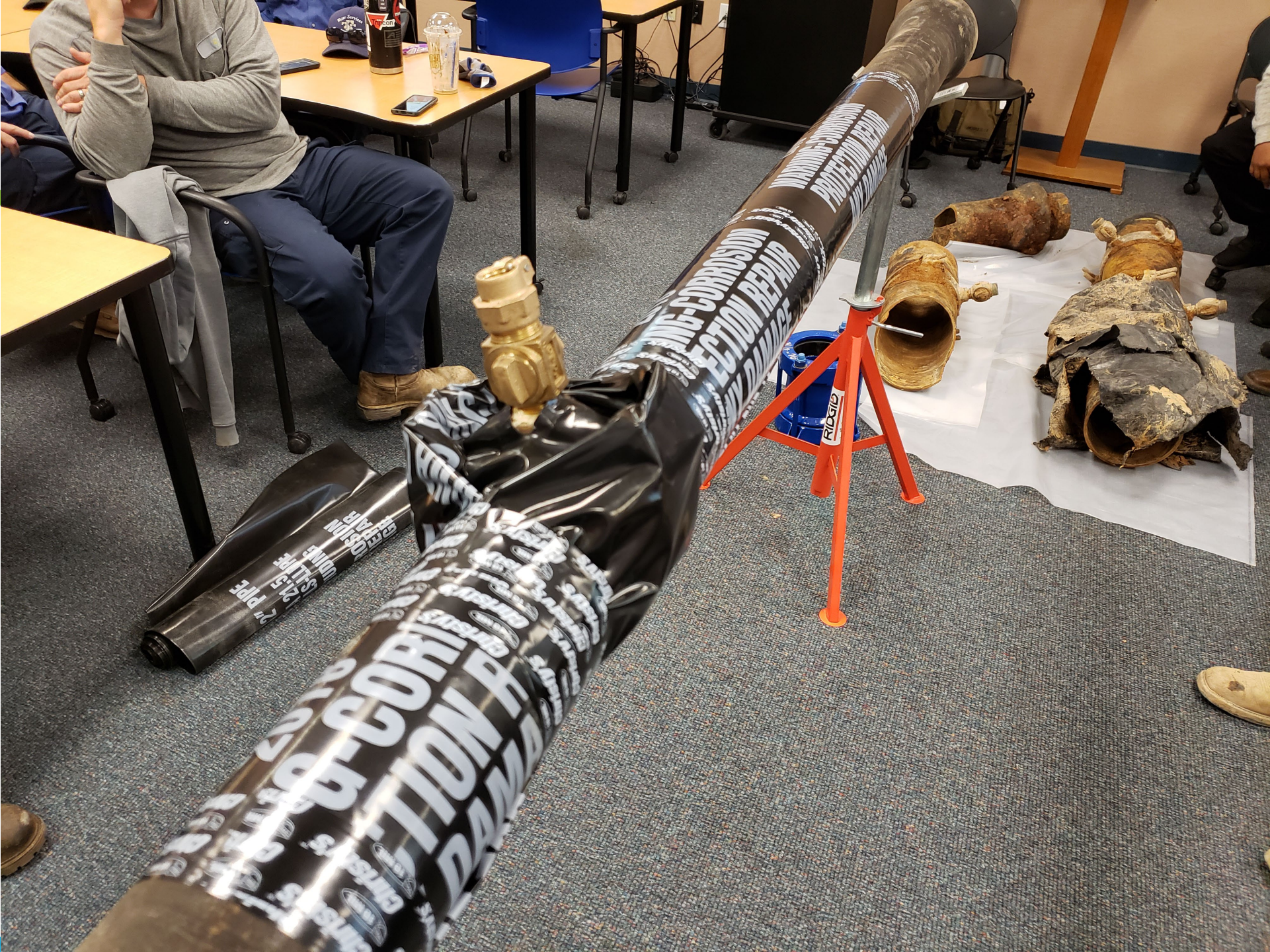


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Polyethylene Encasement Investigations





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Installed: 1958 – Inspected: 2013**

**Resistivity: 480 ohm-cm
pH: 6.8
Redox: - 30 mV
Sulfides: Positive
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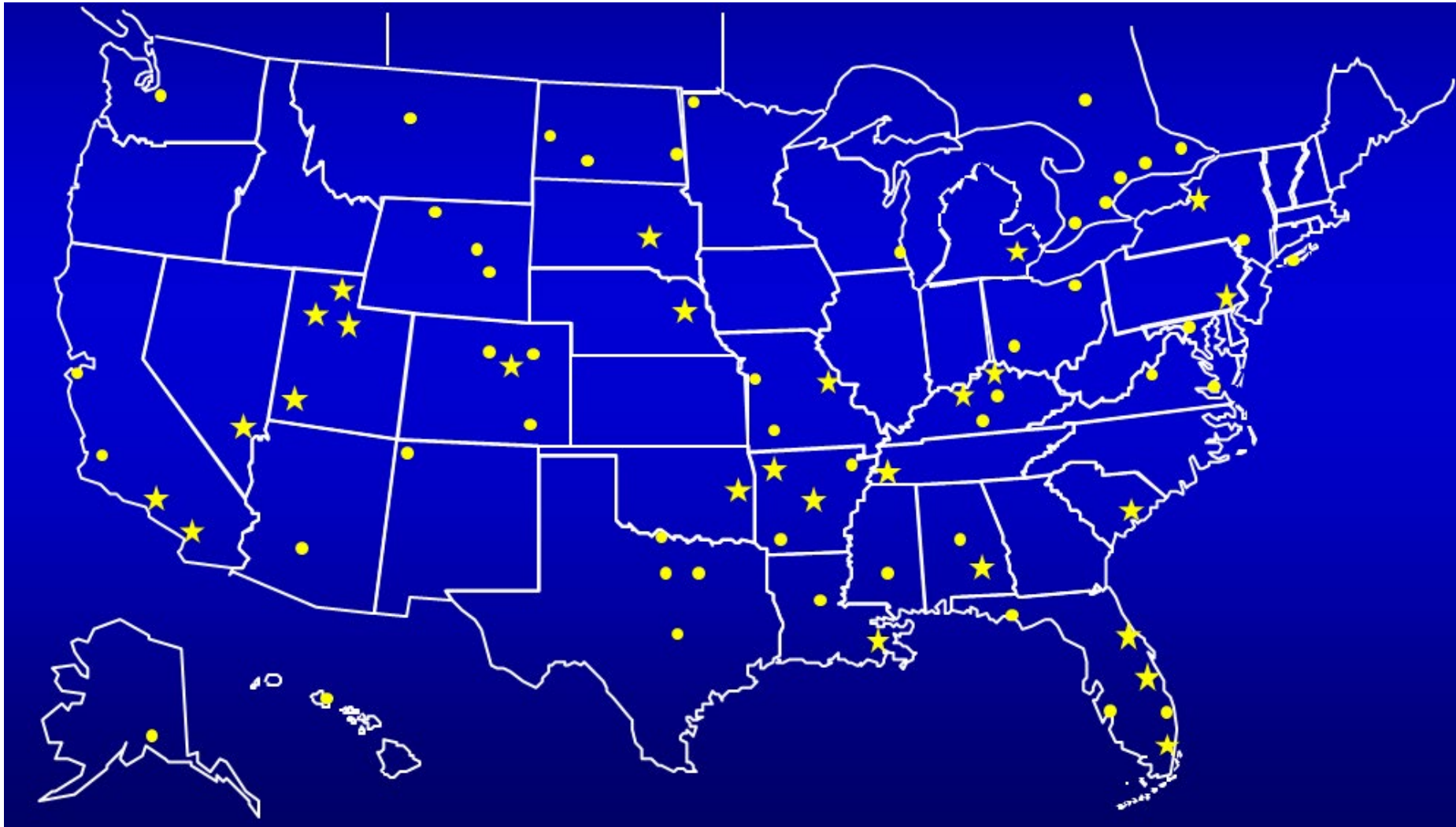
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Parameter	Tested	Min.*
Tensile Strength at Break (psi)	2,104	1,200
Elongation at Break (%)	518	300

* Minimum values as set forth in AWWA C105-72

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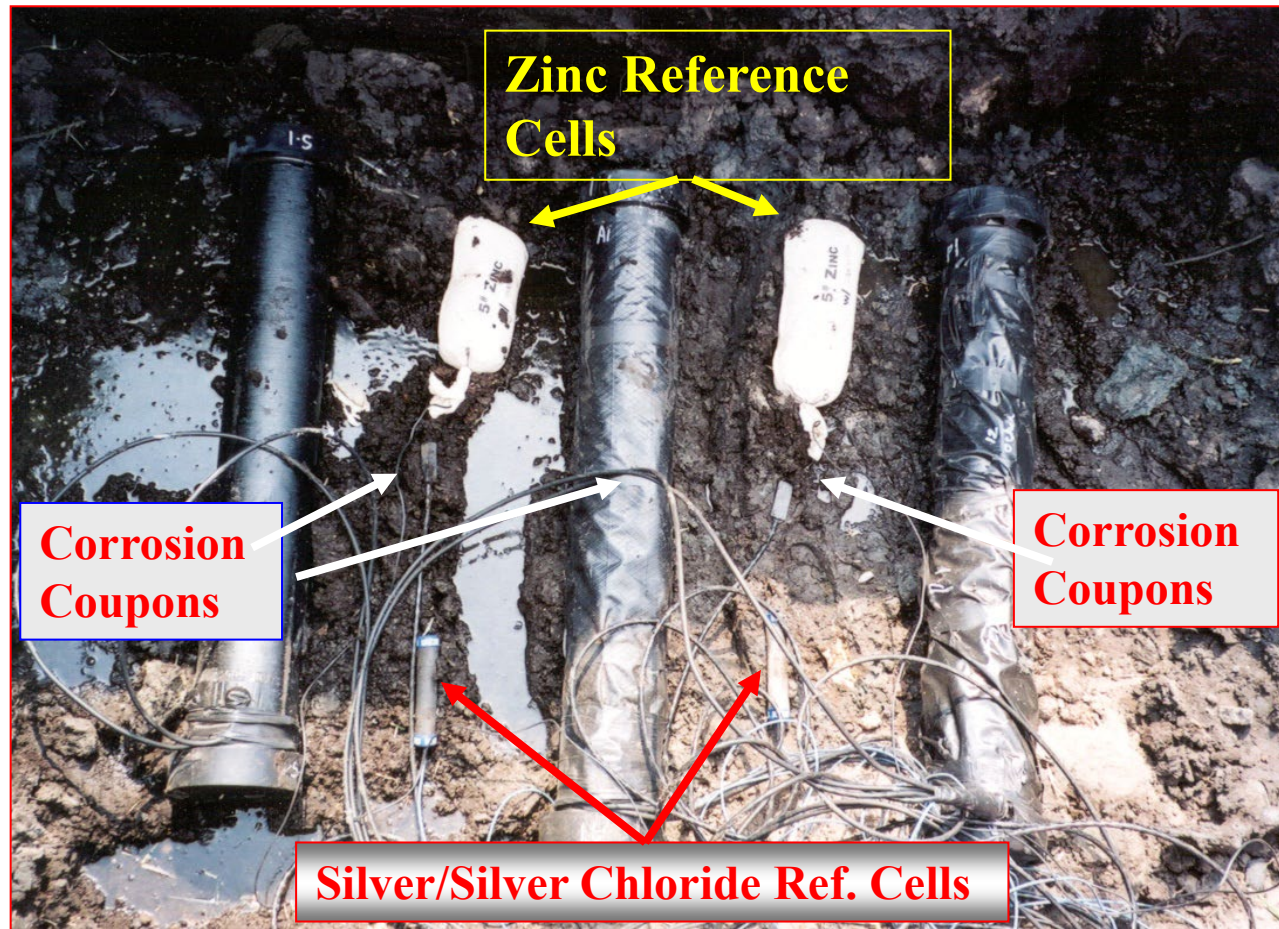
Polyethylene Film Comparison

	<u>Linear Low-Density</u>	<u>HDCL</u>
Minimum Thickness (mil)	8	4
Dielectric Strength (V/mil)	800	800
Tensile Strength (psi)	3,600	6,300
Elongation (%)	800	100
Impact Resistance (g)	600	800
Tear Resistance (gf)	2,550	250

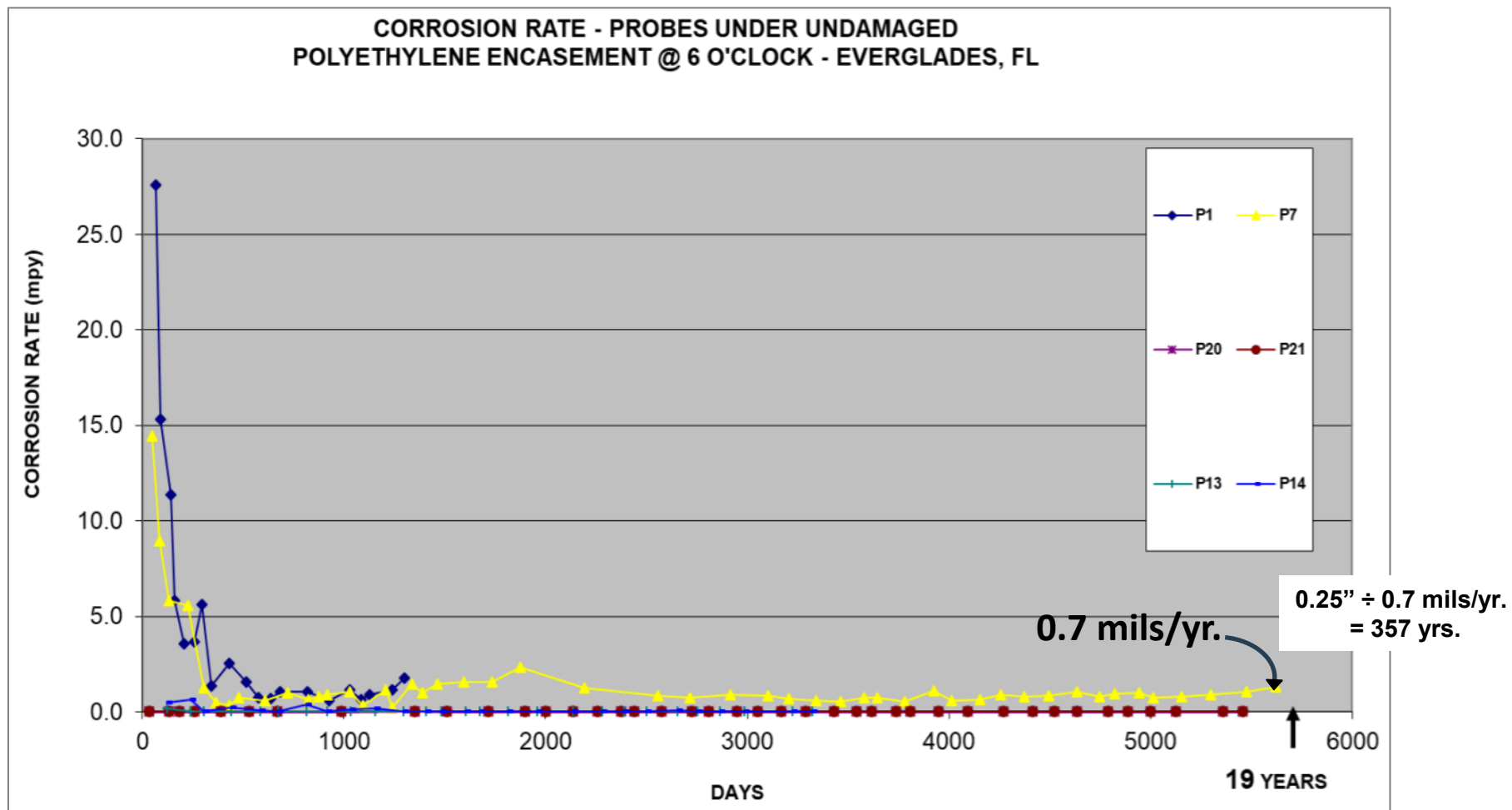
Corrosion Probes



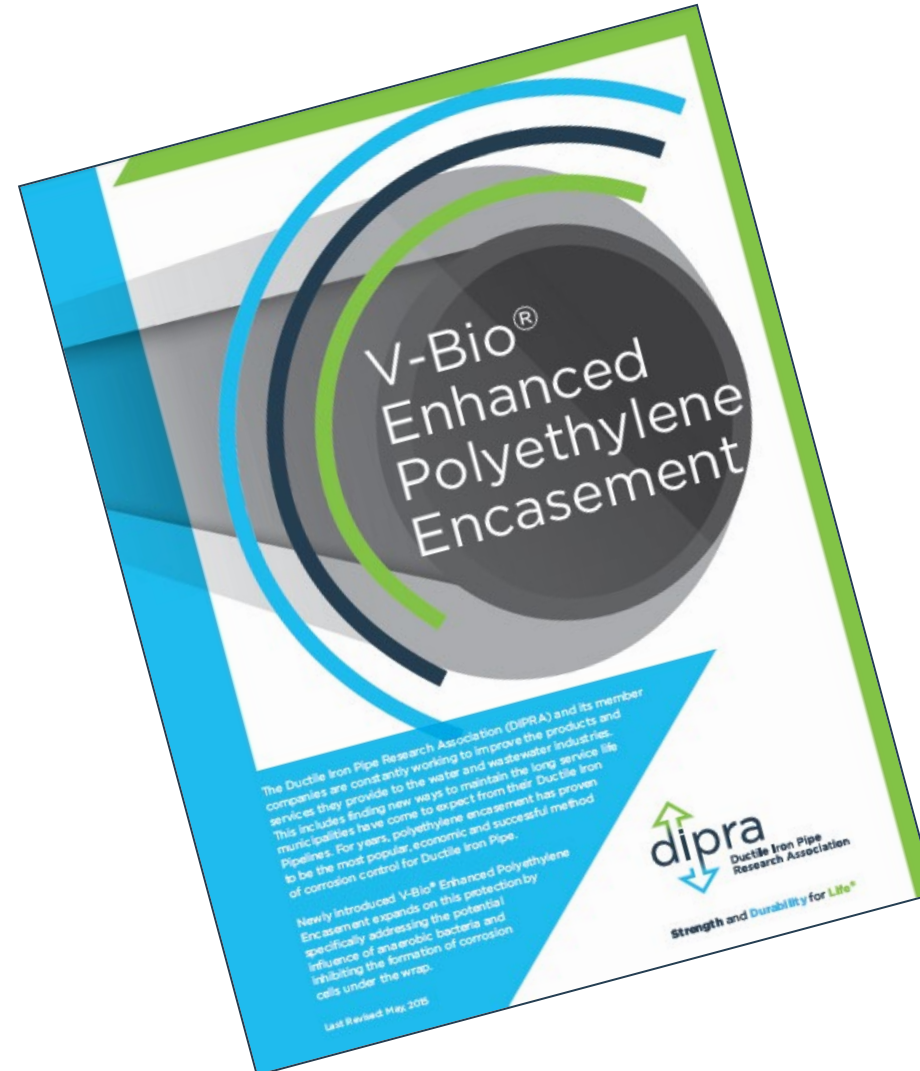
Florida Everglades Corrosion Testing (above ground monitoring)



Corrosion Probes under Polyethylene Encasement



V-Bio[®] Polyethylene Encasement



RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL RESEARCH

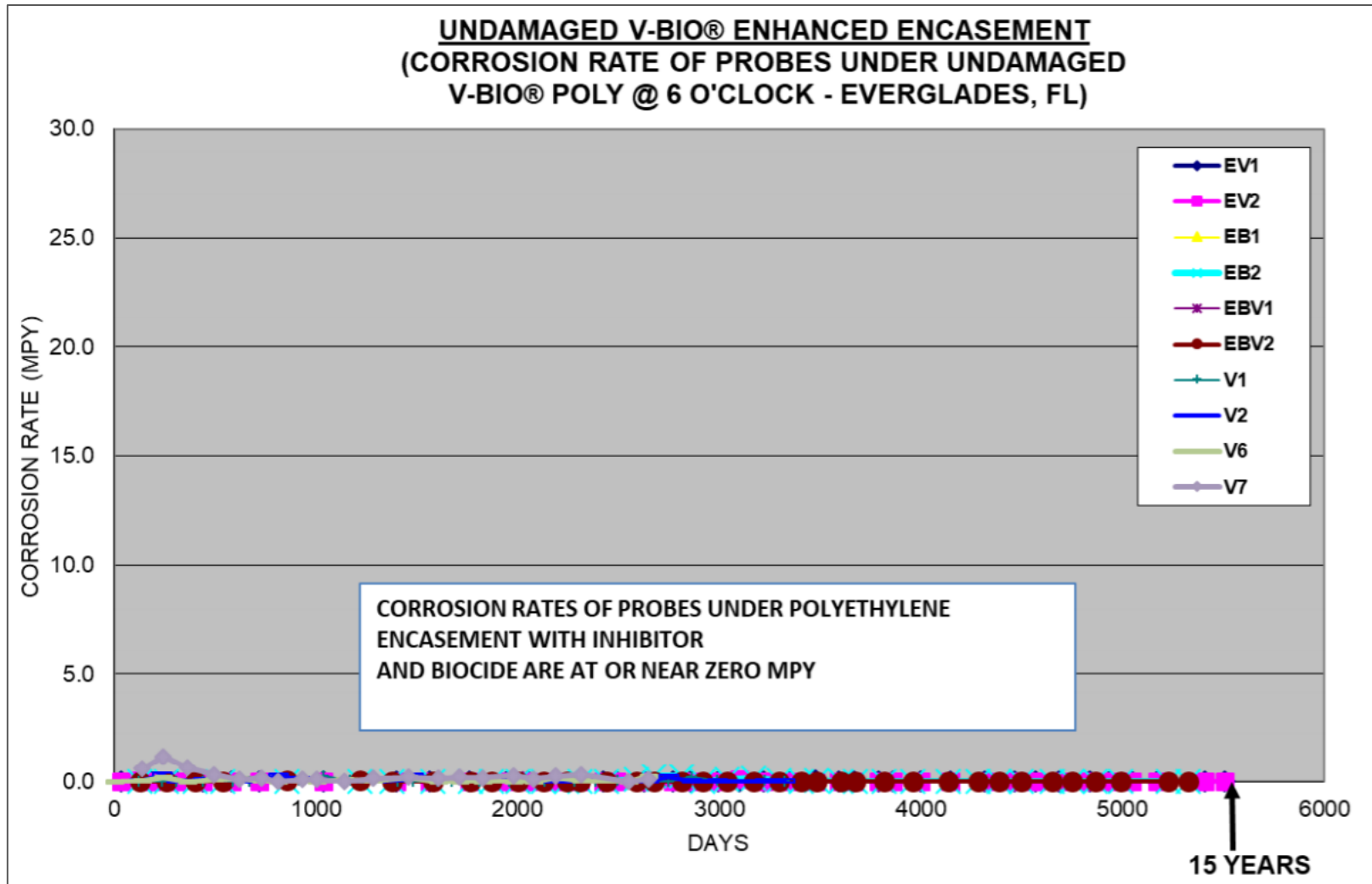
(Polyethylene Encasement with an Anti-microbial & Corrosion Inhibitor in film - V-BIO™)



V-Bio[®] Polyethylene Encasement



Corrosion Probes under V-Bio™ Polyethylene Encasement





Design Decision Model (DDM[®])

The Design Decision Model[®] (DDM[®])



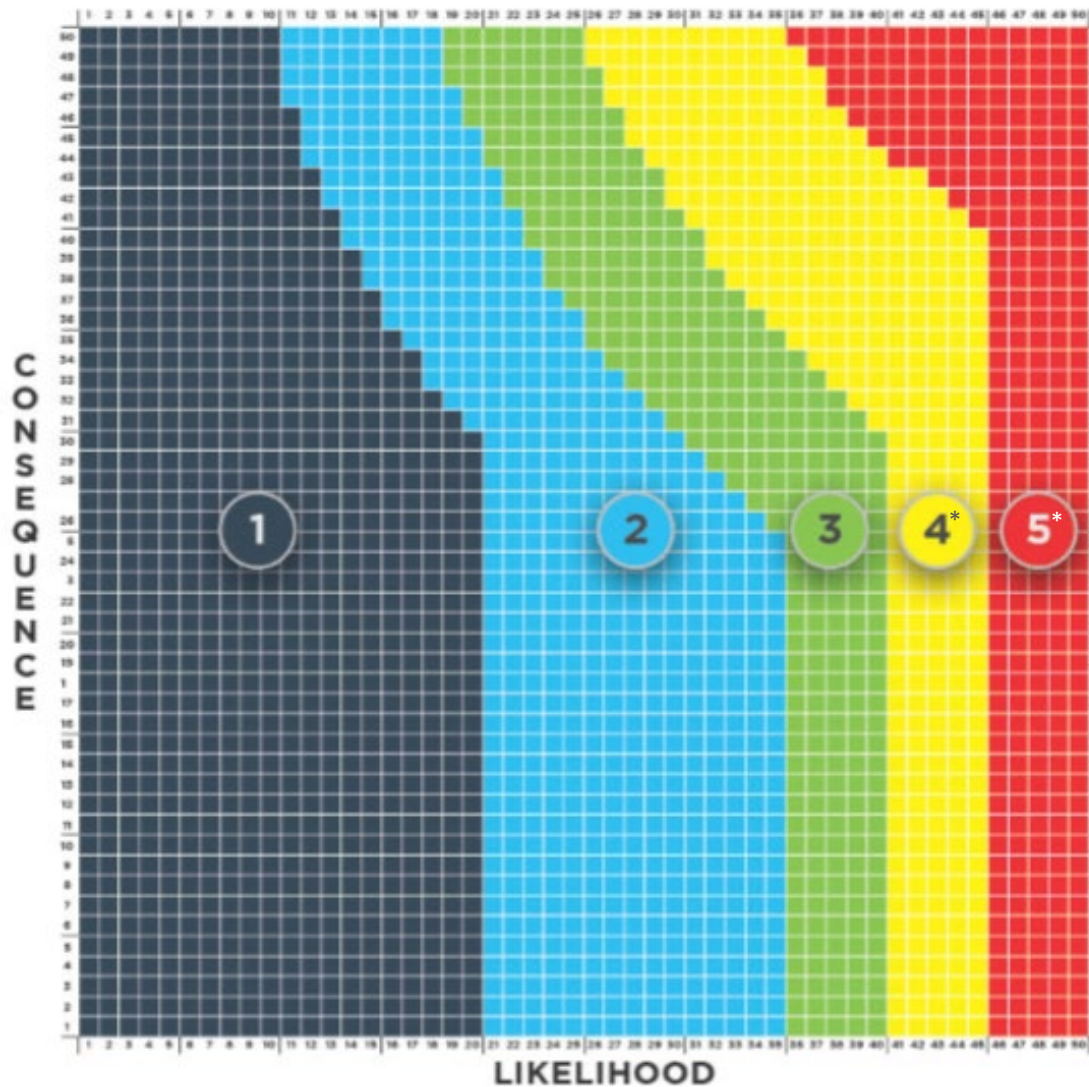
Likelihood Factors

- Resistivity
- Redox
- pH
- Sulfides
- Moisture Content
- Known corrosive environs
- Chlorides
- Bi-metallic connections
- Ground water influence

Consequence Factors

- Pipe Size
- Pipe Location
- Depth of Cover
- Alternative Water Supply?

The Design Decision Model[®] (DDM[®])



Recommendations	
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Damaged Polyethylene

vs.

Damaged Bonded Coatings

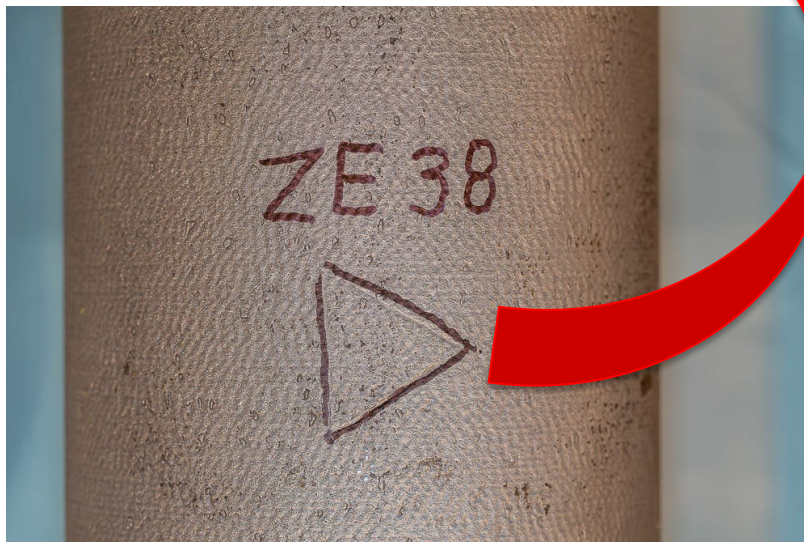
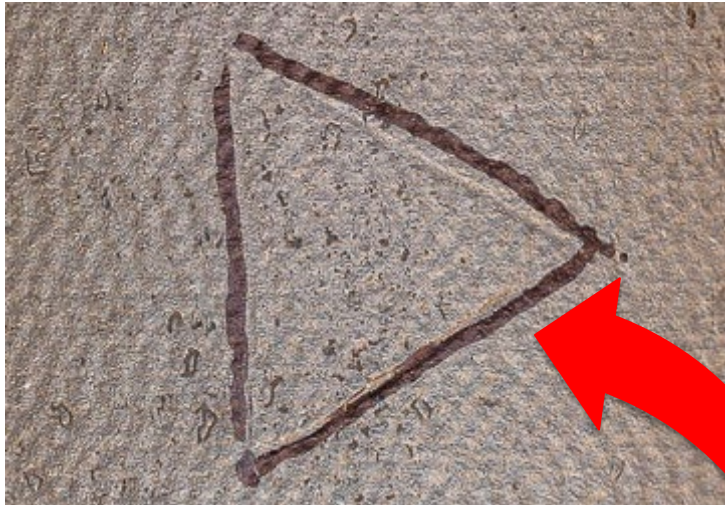
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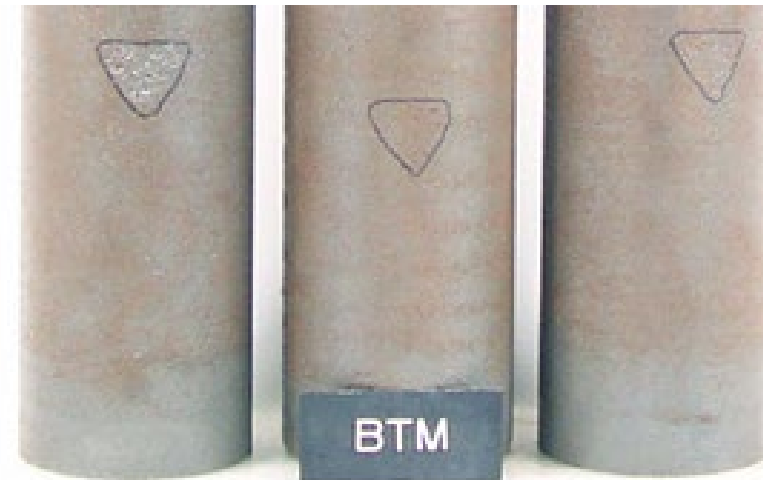
- **3 test sites (Everglades, Nevada & Hughes)**
- **6 year results**
 - **Accelerated pitting on bonded coatings**
 - **Not accelerated for polyethylene encasement**

Everglades Test Site

(Zinc-coated Pipe with Damage & Damaged V-Bio®)

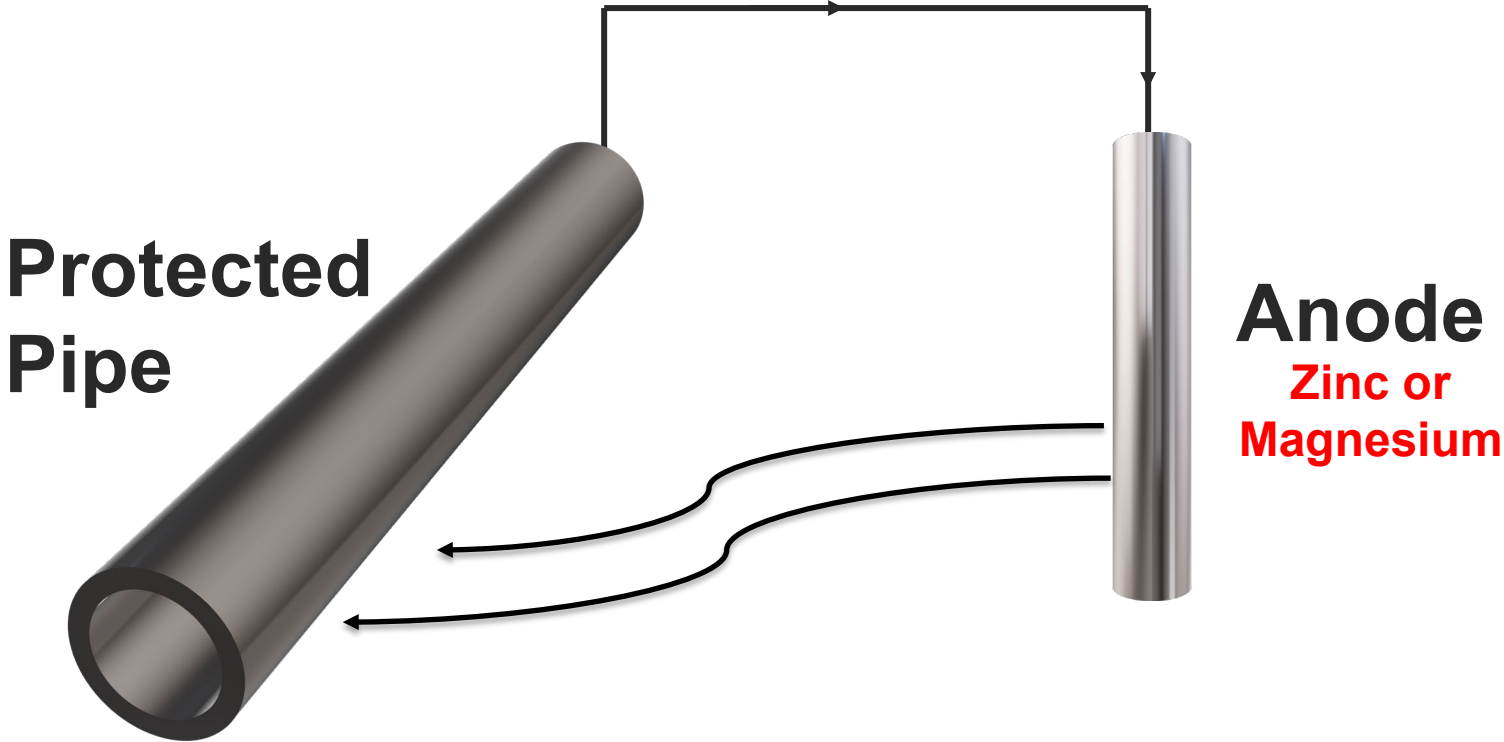


Polyurethane Coating



Polyethylene Encased

Sacrificial Anode Cathodic Protection



In-Place Cathodic Protection

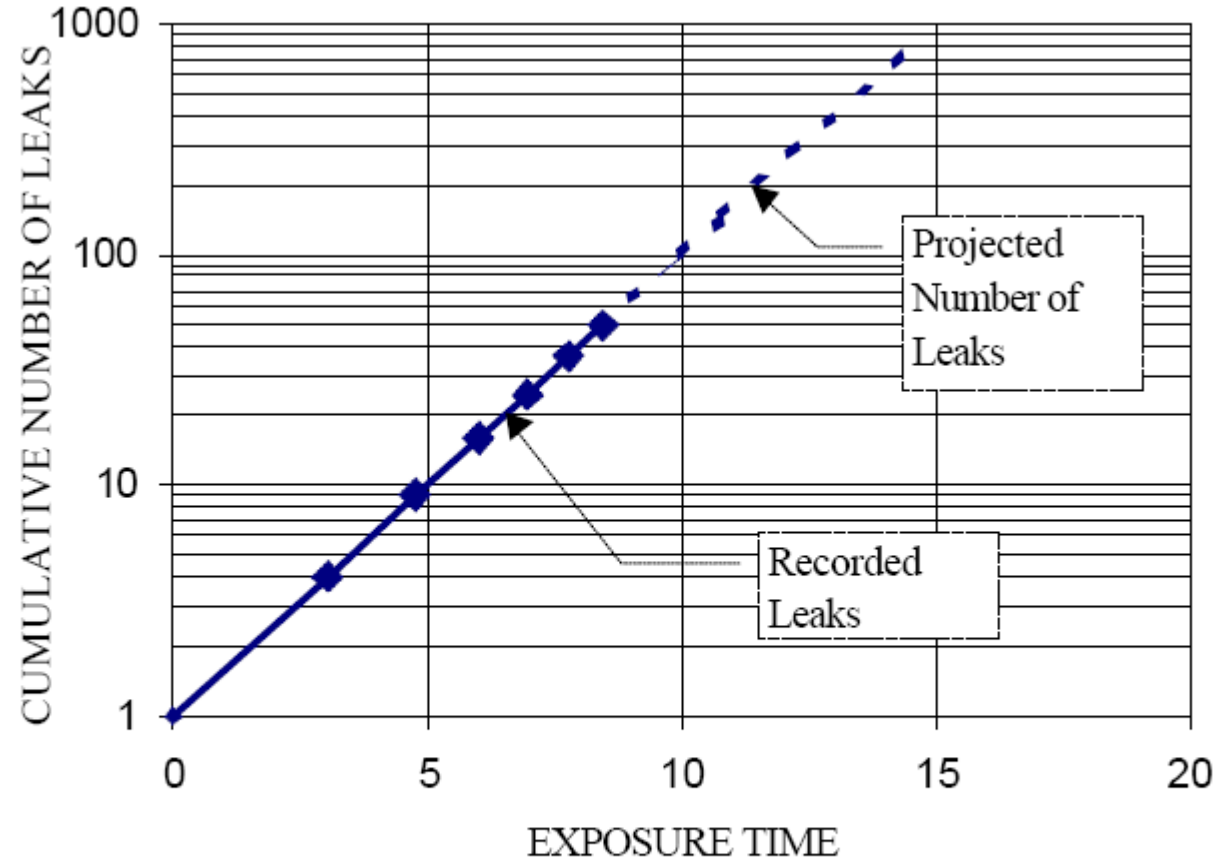


Figure 3. Typical cumulative leak frequency vs. time curve. The exponential leak rate is typical of corrosion processes.

In-Place Cathodic Protection

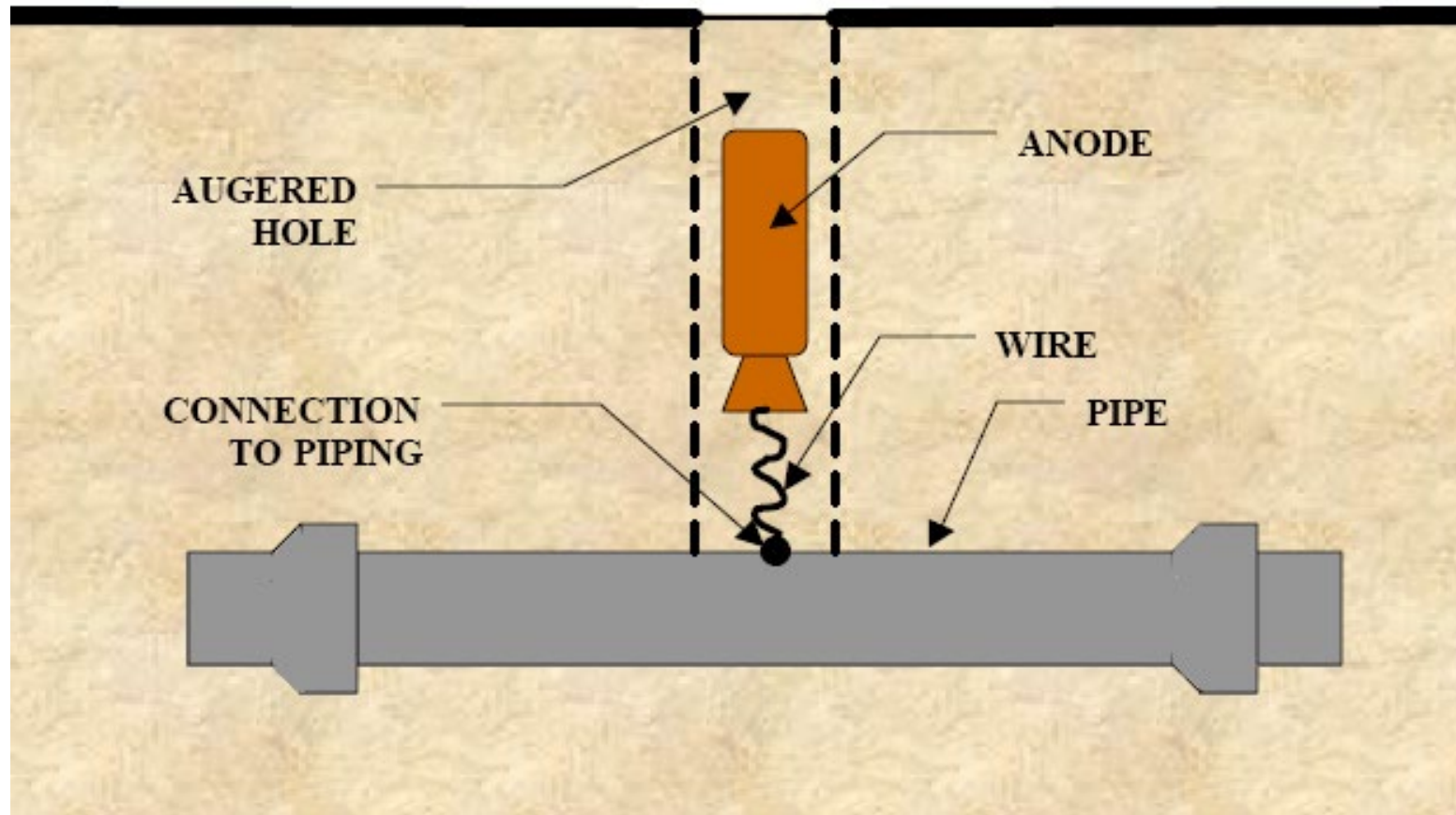


Using auger to drill anode holes



Attaching anode wire to pipe
using electrical resistance welding

In-Place Cathodic Protection



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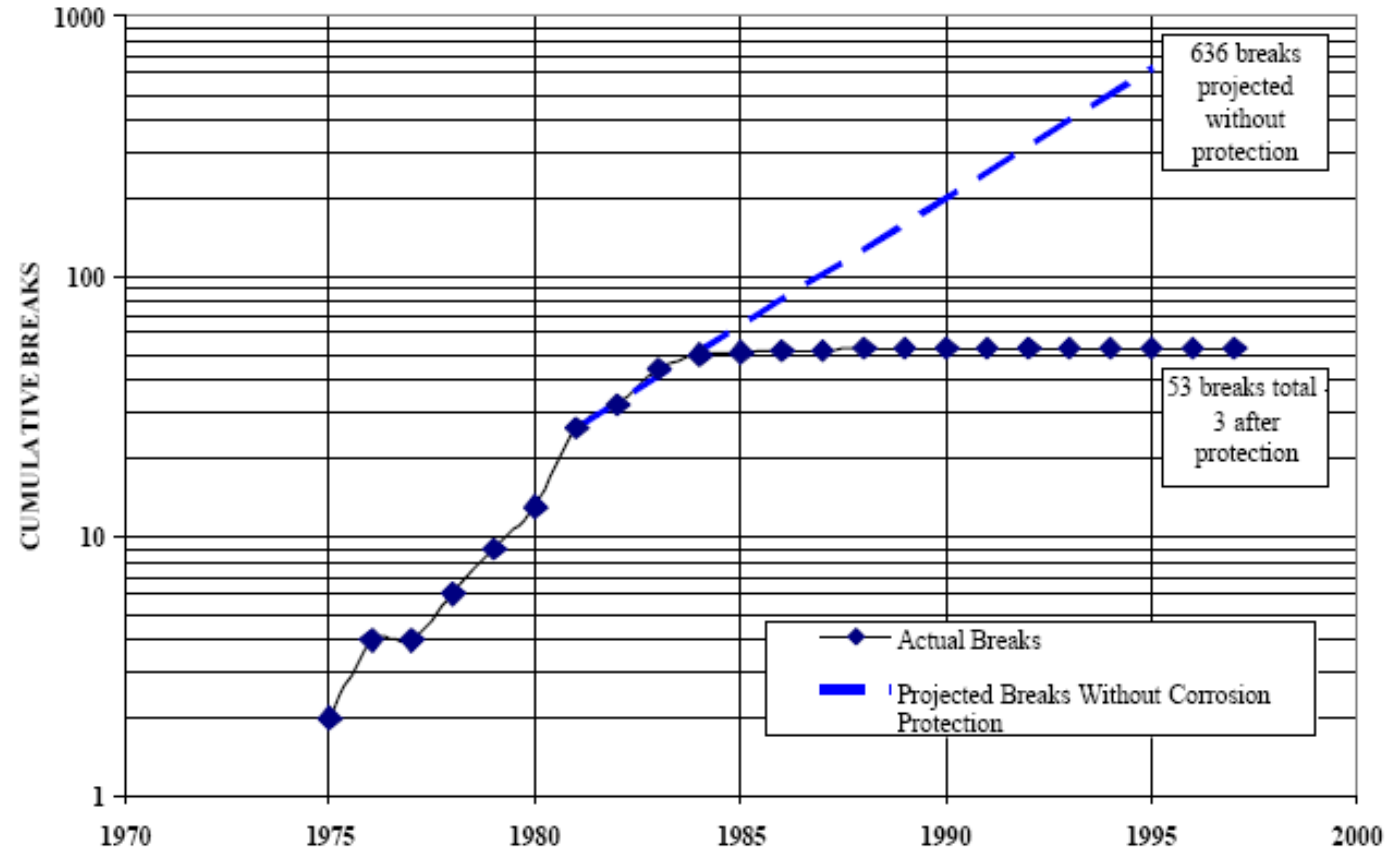


Figure 7. Cumulative number of breaks before and after anodes installed, Durham, Canada. Corrosion protection installed 1984 for a total of 1.1 miles of pipe

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Questions ?



Thank you!



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