

Assessing the Condition of a 30-inch Bar Wrapped Pipe Water Transmission Main

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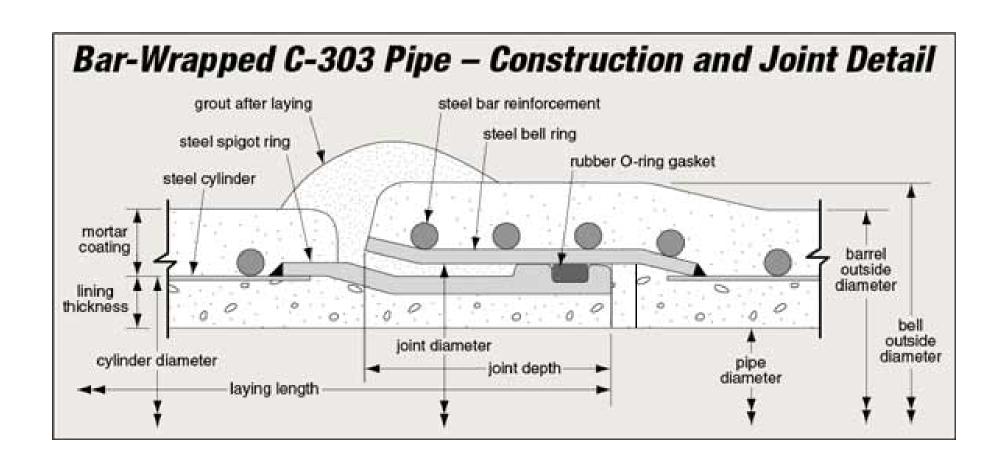








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Methods of Failure

- Potential failure starts with damage or deterioration of cement mortar coating.
- Alkaline environment can be compromised, which leads to corrosion of steel components.
- As corrosion progresses pipes tend to develop leaks that grow over time, potentially leading to failure.
- Because BWP contains mild steel, sudden failures are uncommon. Failures tend to occur over time, often preceded by leakage.

GOALS

- 1. Use "enhanced" electromagnetic inspection technology to identify broken reinforcing bars and significant areas of wall loss on steel cylinder.
- 2. Use visual inspections to evaluate interior cement mortar lining condition.
- 3. Use findings to optimize repairs without compromising the pipeline performance.
- 4. Protect the investment by extending life of the pipeline.



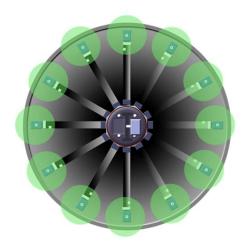
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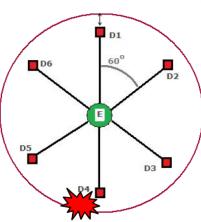
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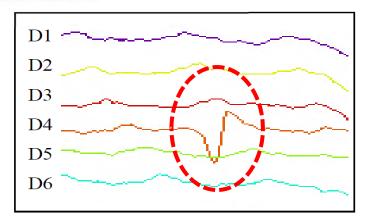
- Electromagnetic (EM) Technology
 - Multiple detectors configured circumferentially
 - Identifies Broken reinforcing bars and large areas of corrosion with at least 50% wall loss on metallic pipe



24D Array
used for Inspection
of Denton 30-inch BWP

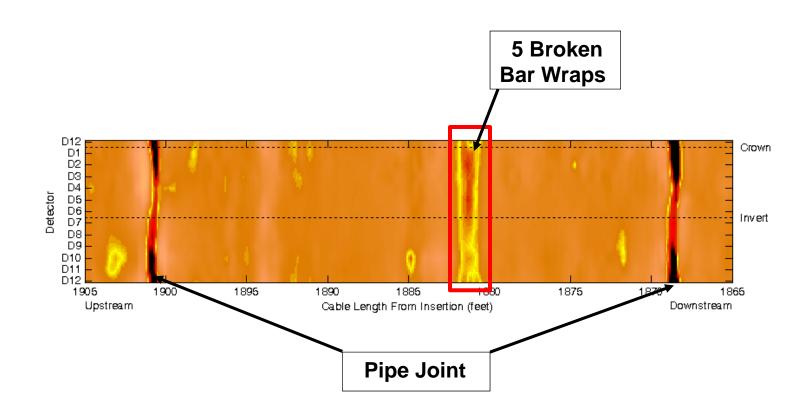


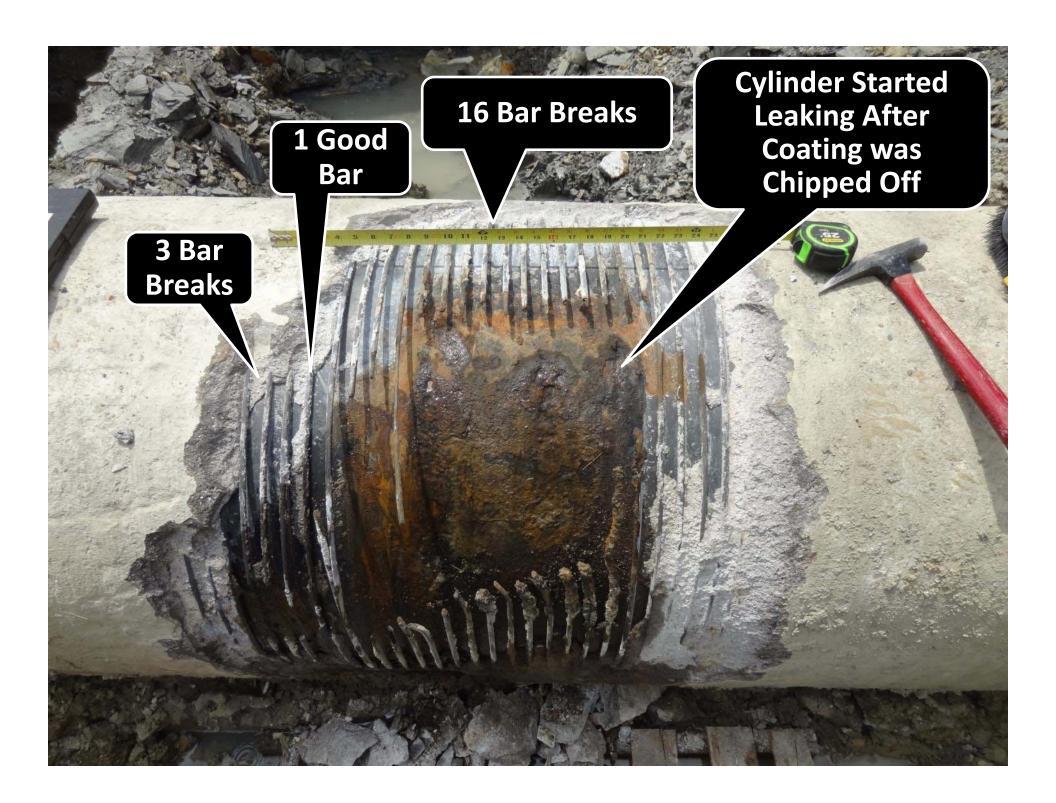




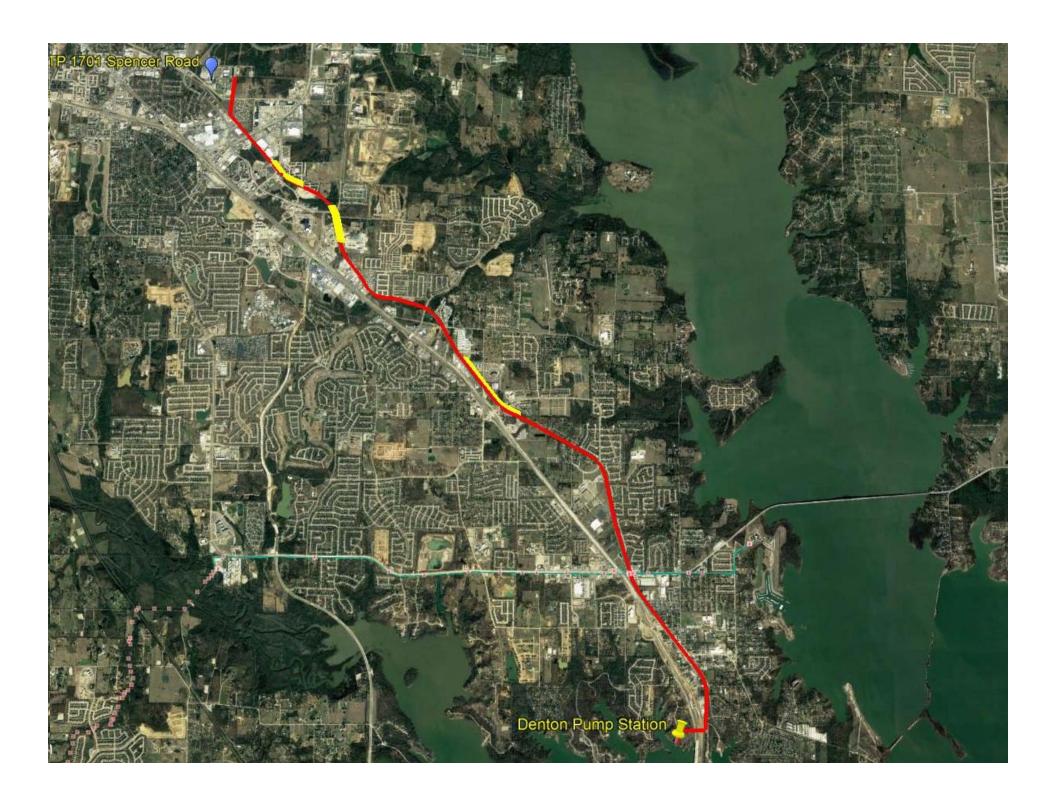
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8.62 Miles Inspected (1,319 Pipes)



Questions?

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