



**CORRTECH**

*CORROSION UNDERSTOOD*

In-Service Above Ground  
Storage Tank Internal and  
External Condition  
Assessment

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# ERPI Buried Pipe Reference Guide

“It is probable that tanks fall under Federal, State, or Local regulatory jurisdiction and currently compliance may be managed by another department at your generation station, but responsibility for compliance and reporting will be required as part of your buried pipe program and may be included in the scope of INPO audits.”

# Comprehensive Inspection

**Check for condition assessment integrity and condition of coating systems:**

- Exterior Coating condition
- Concrete foundations and visible footings
- Structural components (stiffeners and wind rods)
- Ladders, vents, safety devices
- Interior Coating condition
- Wall and Floor Plates
- Cathodic protection system functionality
- Overflow Pipe, weir boxes and bug screens



# ROV Inspection

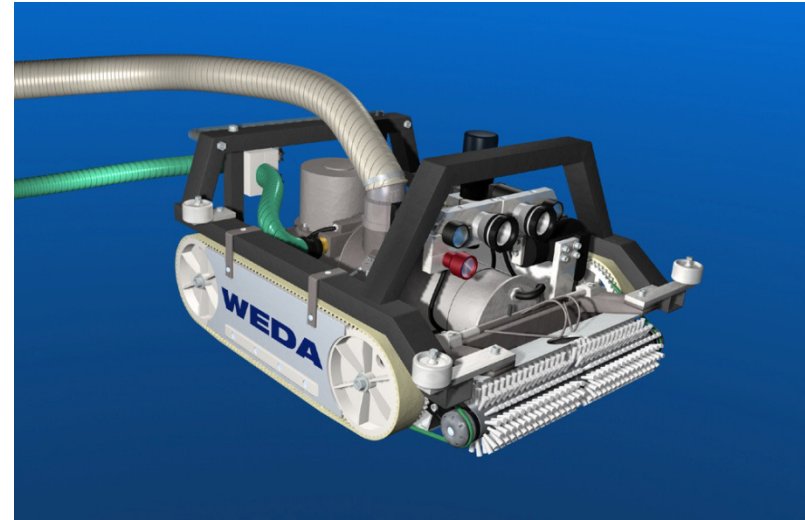
- **No Downtime**
- **Full Inspection**
- **No Confined Space Entry**
- **Better Documentation**
- **Not for Hydro Tanks**





# Cleaning Methods

- **Drain Tank**
- **Chemical Cleaning**
- **Robotic Method – On line**
- **Diver Method – On line**





# Interior Corrosion Environment

- Above Water
- Submerged
- Galvanic
- Couples







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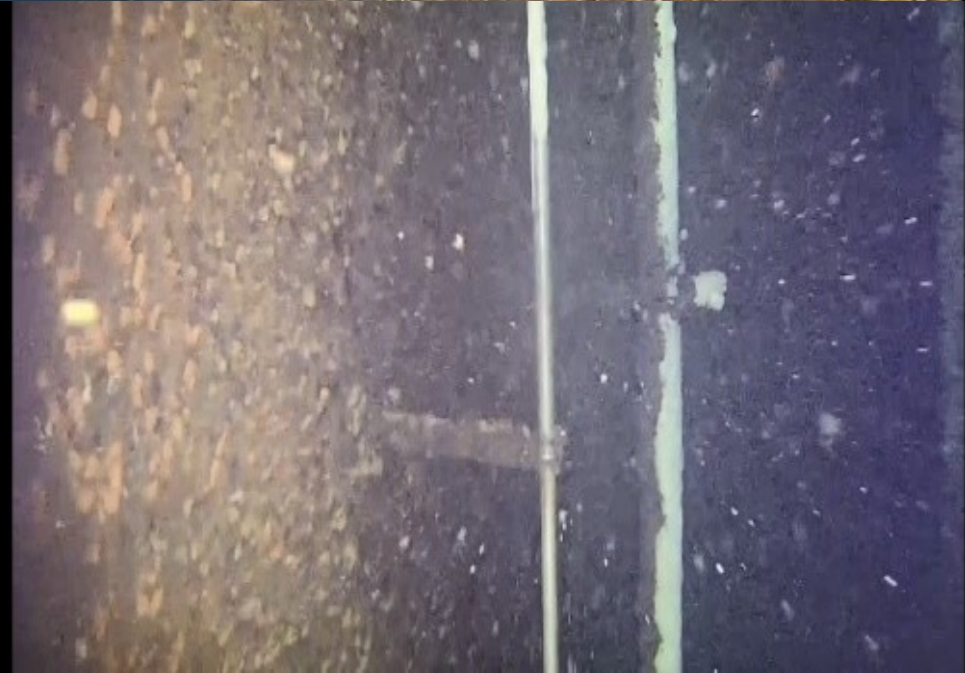








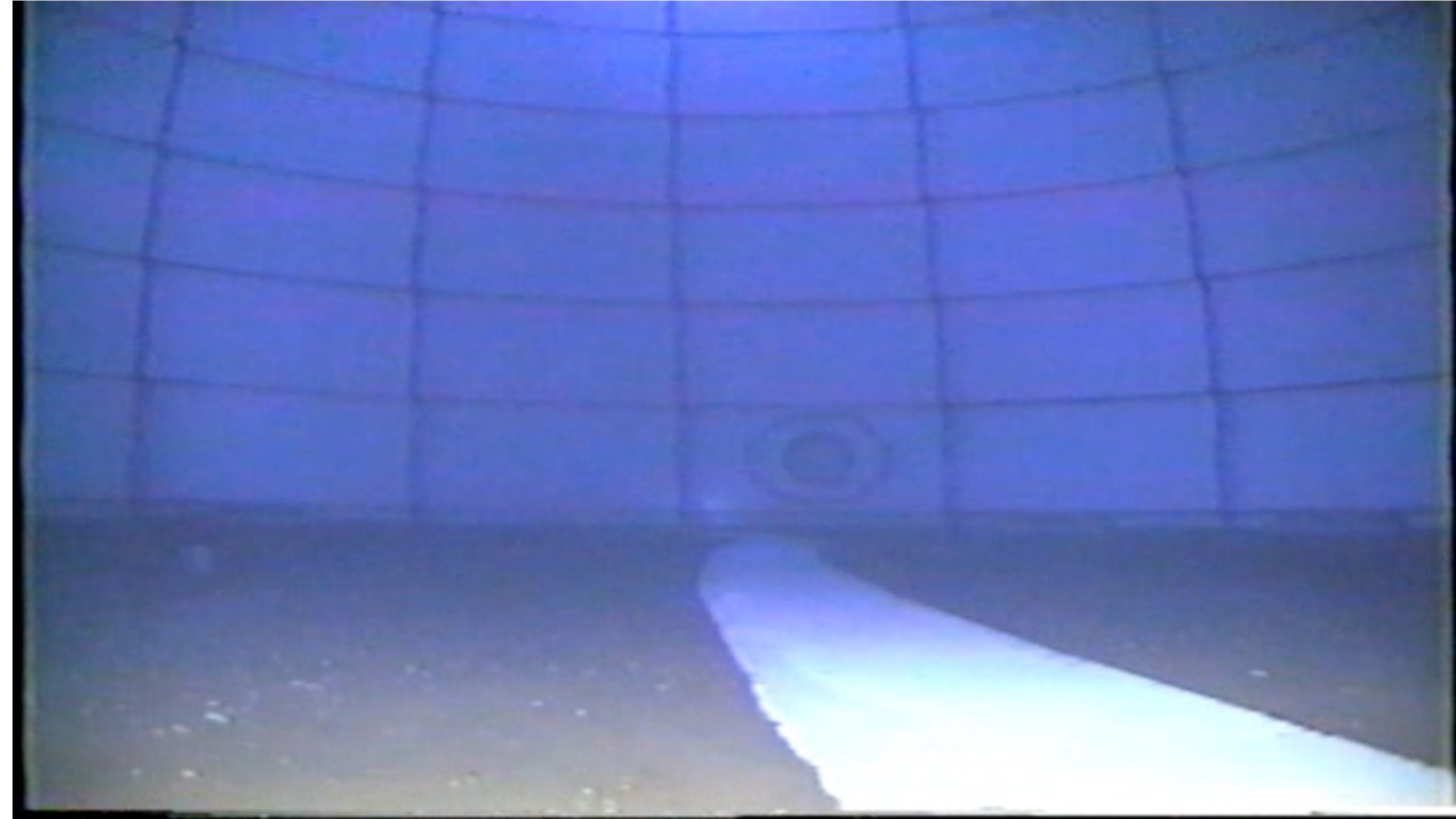




















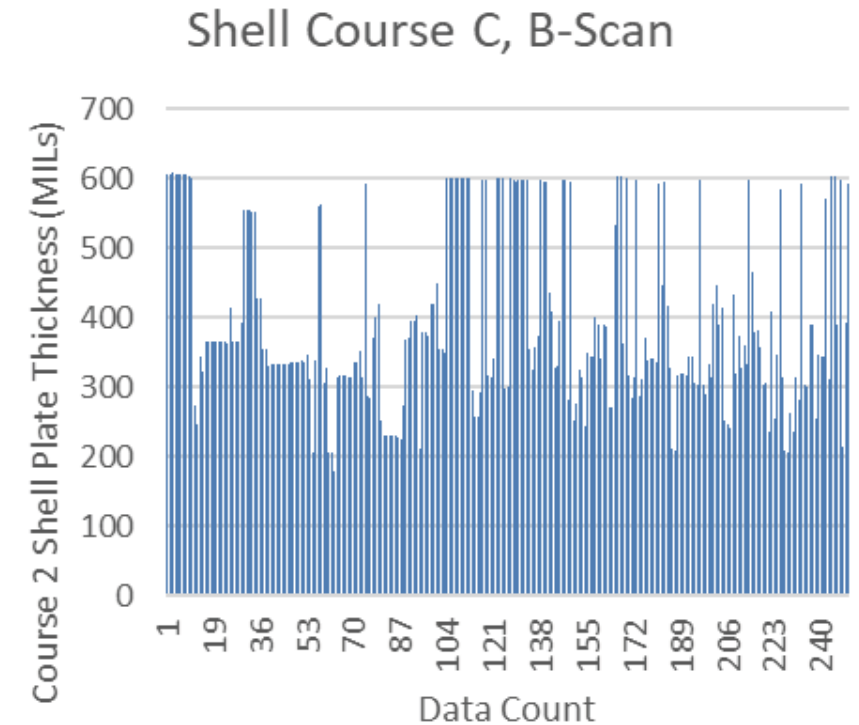


# B-scan and statistical assessment

Extreme value statistical  
exterior B-scan ultrasonic  
thickness measurements  
1,000s of data points

Performed with tank on line

Tmin calculations both  
AWWA and API

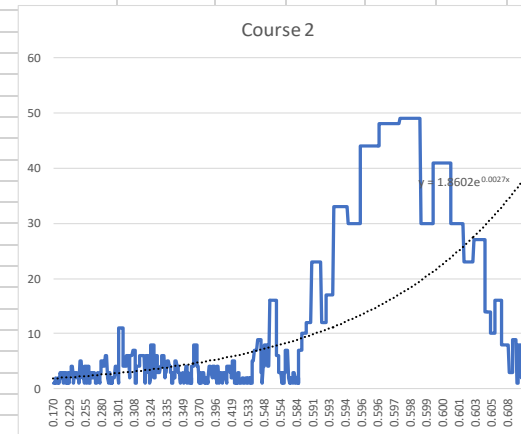
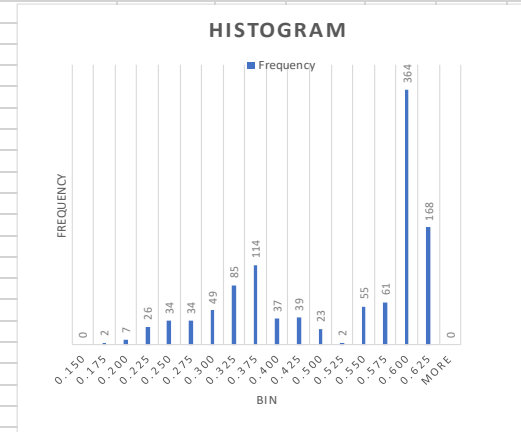




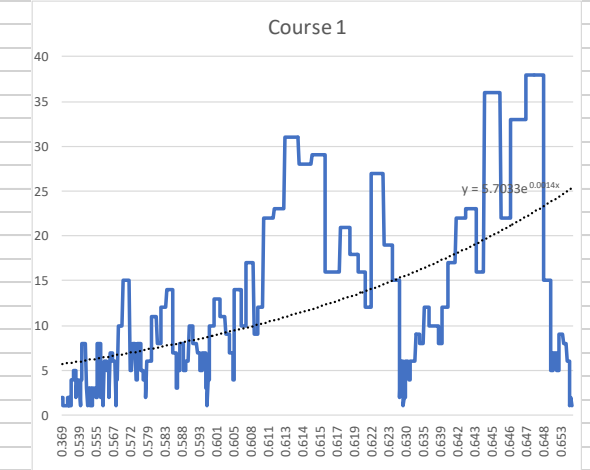
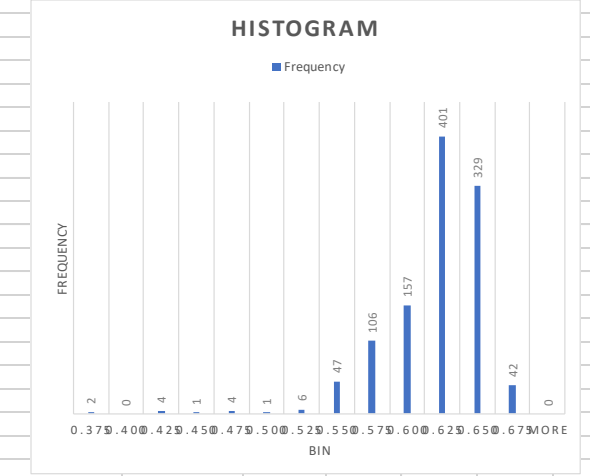
# Statistical Assessment Wall Thickness

- Calculations for T<sub>min</sub> provided
- Approximately 1,066 thickness measurements each in analysis for shell course 1 and shell course 2
- T<sub>min</sub> exceeded in data set shell course 2

Percent area of Shell Course 2 below TMIN (AWWA) of 0.472-in				40.818%		
Percent area of Shell Course 2 Below T min (API 653) of 0.349-in				27.455%		
Summary Data		Percentile		Bin	Frequency	
Mean	0.480367273	P10	10%	0.279	0.150	0
Standard Error	0.004186147	P25	25%	0.337	0.175	2
Median	0.561	P50	50%	0.561	0.200	7
Mode	0.598	P75	75%	0.598	0.225	26
Standard Deviation	0.138838794	P90	90%	0.603	0.250	34
Sample Variance	0.019276211	P99	99%	0.619	0.275	34
Kurtosis	-1.306940991				0.300	49
Skewness	-0.590370222				0.325	85
Range	0.453				0.375	114
Minimum	0.170				0.400	37
Maximum	0.623				0.425	39
Sum	528.404				0.500	23
Count	1100				0.525	2
					0.550	55
					0.575	61
					0.600	364
					0.625	168
					More	0



Percent area of Shell Course 1 below TMIN (AWWA) of 0.515-in				0.909%		
Percent area of Shell Course 1 Below T min (API 653) of 0.349-in				0.000%		
Summary Data		Percentile		Bin	Frequency	
Mean	0.609912727	P10	10%	0.5669	0.375	2
Standard Error	0.001087594	P25	25%	0.591	0.400	0
Median	0.615	P50	50%	0.615	0.425	4
Mode	0.648	P75	75%	0.64	0.450	1
Standard Deviation	0.036071404	P90	90%	0.647	0.475	4
Sample Variance	0.001301146	P99	99%	0.655	0.500	1
Kurtosis	7.179210423				0.525	6
Skewness	-1.862585634				0.550	47
Range	0.298				0.575	106
Minimum	0.369				0.600	157
Maximum	0.667				0.625	401
Sum	670.904				0.650	329
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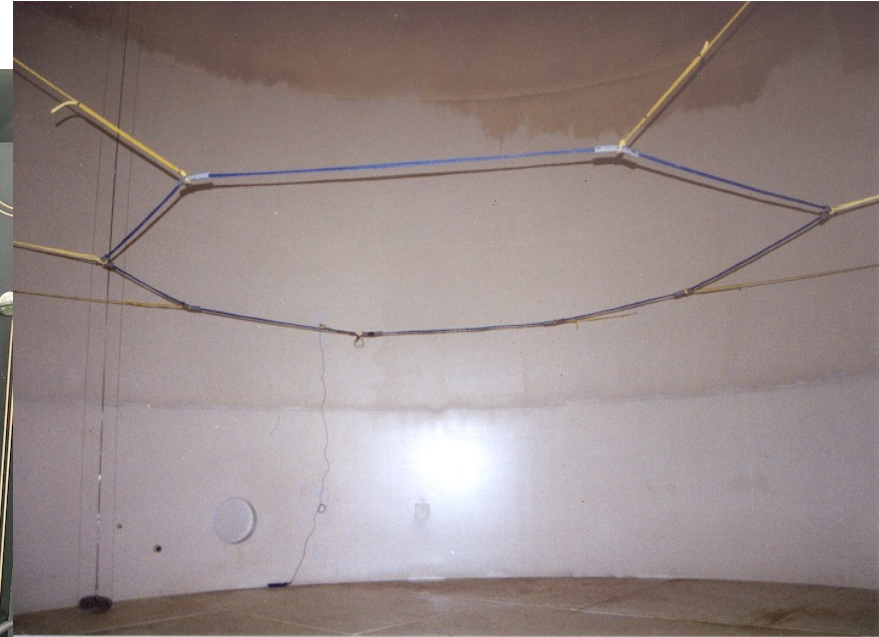
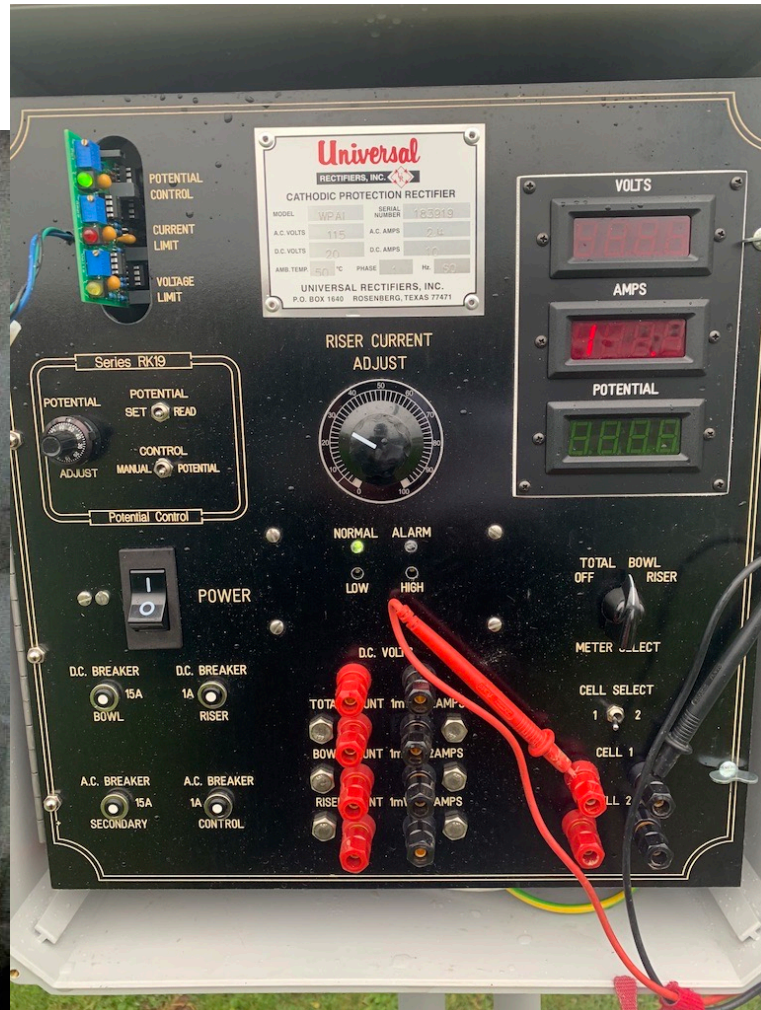
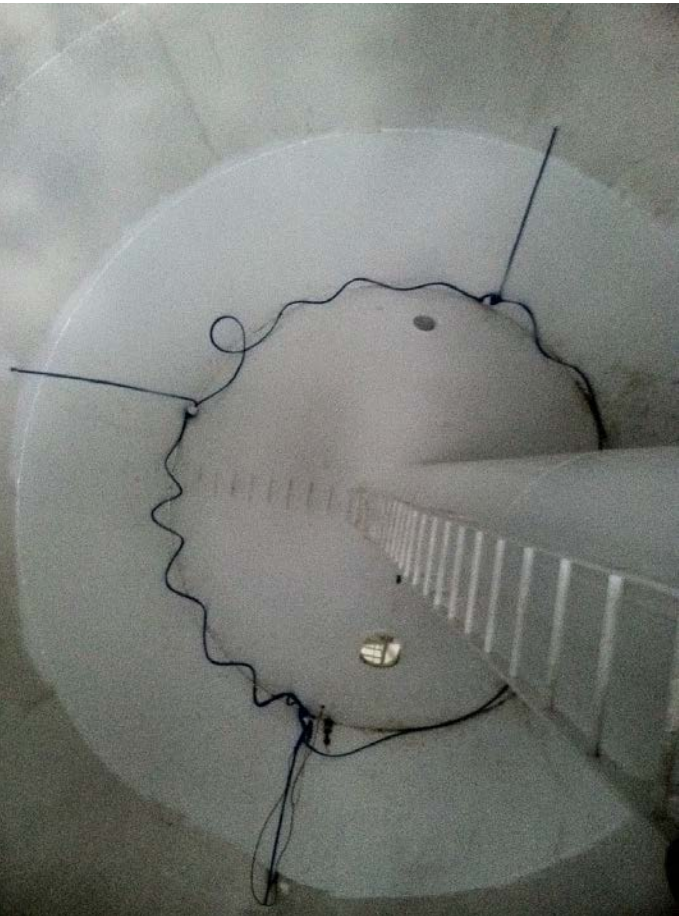








# ICCP Systems Potential Controlled





# Repair & Protection Methods

- Typical mechanisms and remediation strategy
- Repairs
- Coatings and Linings
- Impressed Current Cathodic Protection, ICCP, auto potential control
- Remote monitoring corrosion rate and rectifier operation
- Monitoring Durations
  - Mechanism intervention strategies
    - Optimal intervention timing





# Questions?

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