As the drought continues to plague the western United States, the rest of the country has been pounded with historic storms and record rainfall. These wet-weather events have resulted in more sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), combined sewer overflows (CSOs), and overwhelmed pumping stations and treatment plants, than ever before.

Agencies are turning to cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) liners and point repairs to quickly fix sources of infiltration, but what happens when flows aren’t reduced after a large rehabilitation project or leaks in liners are missed? Electro Scan technology provides agencies with potential infiltration flows so they are able to prioritize and rehabilitate the leakiest pipes first. Once rehabilitation is complete, agencies are certifying contractor work to be sure agencies were delivered a “leak-free” project.

SFPUC Buys Electro Scan Sewer Leak Detection Van

With California in its fourth year of severe drought, public utilities are seeking new ways to reduce water usage and reuse water. SFPUC announced the first purchase of a standalone Electro Scan leak detection van to focus on areas where salt water has the potential to enter into sewer mains. SFPUC is able to reuse water, but does not have desalination capabilities.

Preventing ocean water from entering the pipes is at the forefront of their conservation efforts. Their Electro Scan Van will be delivered before year-end, but small projects and training have already commenced with SFPUC Staff and Electro Scan’s West Coast Field Team.

SFPUC is turning up to serve British Water and Sewer Companies (WASCs) in assessing gravity sewerage and stormwater mains. WRc Plc has been appointed the exclusive service provider for Electro Scan’s low voltage conductivity technology, including exclusive access to the Company’s Critical Sewers® cloud-based data application.

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Electro Scan Partners With UK-Based WRc

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Congratulations to the HTMA Team!
Electro Scan Draws Crowds at WEFTEC

McCormick Place, Chicago, IL -- Riding on the coattails of success from the ES-620 for Sewer Mains, Electro Scan unveiled its multi-sensor probe for pressurized water mains at WEFTEC in Chicago.

Drawing record crowds, Electro Scan staff Mark Grabowski, Macy Grubbs, Matt Campos, Pete Dannenberg, Carissa Boudwin and Jamie Johnson were on hand to answer questions and keep busy explaining how low voltage conductivity testing finds and measures leaks.

Thank you for stopping by Electro Scan’s booth. Whether it was to hear the latest innovation in leak detection, or grab a locally brewed Chicago American Pale Ale, we enjoyed having you!

See you next year in New Orleans. Cheers!

Another Small City Gets Aggressive with RDI-
The City of Coos Bay, OR, to Add Electro Scan

Oregon receives 2.8 inches more rainfall than the national average. As a result, rain dependent infiltration (RDI) is an issue for cities such as Coos Bay, who receives between 60-80 inches of rain per year. RDI can be difficult to locate using visual methods, such as CCTV, since in dry weather a defect may not be actively leaking so it may not be seen. Meanwhile, in wet weather there may be too much water in the pipe to locate the defects visually.

Coos Bay has turned to Electro Scan for a way to locate and quantify their RDI. The average rainfall in Coos Bay is 55% higher than the average in Oregon and 66% higher than the average nationwide, which makes RDI a significant problem. With 93 miles of sewer main, an aging sewer system, high groundwater, and poor soils the City is looking for a way to better prioritize repairs and capital improvement projects.

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Coos Bay plans to use Electro Scan to locate where all their RDI is coming from. The idea being that by eliminating their RDI, they will be able to make room in the pipe for the additional sewage from the new development.

Electro Scan ventured to Coos Bay in December 2014 to demonstrate its low voltage conductivity testing technology for the City and SHN Engineers. Electro Scan’s results showed that the PVC pipe was in great shape and no defects were detected in its 445 ft length. However, the three concrete pipes were in varying conditions of needing repair. Over these three pipes, a total of 112 defects were located, representing an overall leakage rate of approximately 44 gpm, or 63,461 gallons per day (gpd).

In September 2015, Coos Bay’s Staff presented Electro Scan’s findings and project proposals to City Council members. The compelling data resulted in the decision being made for the City to consider the purchase an ES-620 for Sewer Mains system of their own.

Coos Bay will be the first adopter of Electro Scan in the state of Oregon. Electro Scan is delighted to be working with the City of Coos Bay and their innovative team.
City of Monterey Hosts WRc & Cal Am Water Co. For Electro Scan Survey of Recent CIPP Lining

MONTEREY, CA -- Electro Scan was pleased to have officials at the City of Monterey, California host a one-day demonstration project allowing Electro Scan Inc. to evaluate over 1,000 ft of its sanitary sewer mains for special guests from WRc (Swindon, England) and California American Water Company. The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea was also in attendance.

The key objective of the project was to demonstrate Electro Scan’s ability to find and measure defect flows in recently installed cured-in-place-pipes, which had been completed less than 66-days earlier.

Electro Scan’s first pipe scanned was a 360 ft Vitrified Clay Pipe (VCP) installed over 49 years ago. While the VCP pipe had a large amount of defect flow, 11.8 gallons per minute, the surprise was the excessive number of defects and amount of infiltration occurring at the service connection at 117.4 ft representing a single defect flow rating of 6.19 GPM.

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While visual inspection of CIPP has been predominantly used for project acceptance, Electro Scan is able to locate and measure defects, like cuts, wrinkles, over-heating, and defective service reconnections where water (i.e. and future roots) can pass through the liner, yet they go undetected with high resolution CCTV cameras.

Thanks to the City of Monterey for a memorable day of scanning on the peninsula.

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Building on a legacy in the international water and environment sector stretching back over 90 years, combined with the knowledge of over 120 staff based in Swindon, WRc brings a shared purpose of discovering and delivering new and exciting solutions that enable their clients to meet the challenges of the future.

WRc recognises the benefits of collaboration as a driver of innovation. By exploiting their knowledge and legacy, combined with the appropriate technology and continuously developing their professional networks, they work with their clients to implement valued solutions.

WRc’s strategic priorities are achieving revenue growth, improving profitability and delivering exceptional service. Achievement of these allows WRc to continue to supply their clients with the innovative solutions they require. WRc are established innovation leaders and every innovation is underpinned by their technical expertise.

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Limitations of CCTV Brings Changes To SSES & CIPP Acceptance

Electro Scan Brings More Accurate Assessment of Sewer Mains & Laterals - Overcoming Drawbacks of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras

Sewer utilities, sewer contractors, and consulting engineers have traditionally inspected wastewater pipes using closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras. However, limitations to accurately locate & measure defects and its inability to find sources of infiltration is expected to reduce or significantly curtail its use as a pipe condition assessment tool.

“CCTV will not go away,” states Chuck Hansen, a pioneer in CCTV assessment, “but TV cameras are clearly past their maturity stage and entering a decline stage as newer technologies do a better job and provide better metrics.”

Sewer utilities, contractors, and engineers have long acknowledged problems with TV camera inspection and utilities need to only go as far as their own data to see why. Utilities should ask how many times conditions like Fats, Oil and Grease, Roots, Silt, and Encrustations have been recorded as a % of total observations. Or look at the frequency of pipes that were ¼, ⅓, or ½ full of water — all covering up defects not typically seen.

Still have doubts? Have your best two TV operators independently review and rate the same CCTV videotape.

Why The Industry Is Shifting To Better Solutions

The Top Ten Limitations of CCTV Inspections

1. Reliance on Dry Weather Pipes

A key reason for curtailing TV inspection is its primarily used during dry weather conditions — when pipes are less likely to leak. In fact, if rain is just starting, most crews will call it a day as cameras are not able to clearly define a condition.

2. Pipe Half Full or Half Empty?

TV cameras are not effective in full or half full pipes, missing any defects located below the waterline. The result: 30 to 50% missed identification of defects. More dramatic in larger diameter pipes, major cracks and leaks tend to be where the water is located.

3. Grease

While grease is a frequent call out for certified TV operators, it often disguises structural problems that may only be assessed if the pipe is thoroughly cleaned.

In contrast, Electro Scan does not require a clean pipe to assess, even in cases of light to moderate grease. Since grease represents a non-conductive material, Electro Scan’s low-voltage current is able to pass through the pipe wall, with or without the presence of grease.

4. Roots

Representing a clear pathway between the inside of a pipe and surrounding ground, roots are an obvious potential source of infiltration. Yet national coding standards recommend that operators rate the level of roots, and not identify or measure the potential defect flow resulting from roots. As a non-conductive material, Electro Scan measures the size of the opening allowing roots to flourish and is able to measure an estimated gallon per minute of defect flow, too.

5. Encrustations

Another potential misdirection in terms of false-positive sewer condition assessment surveys can happen when TV operators catalogue encrustations.

Often referred to as self-healing defects — at least check encrustations are not an approved rehab method — encrustations can harden and cover-up cracks and fissures to the point of passing some pressure tests, but its non-conductive feature still can be positively passed through to determine the location and size of a potential defect flow.

6. Different Codes, Same Defect

It is unfortunate, but true: train and certify two TV operators, on the same day, using the same course instructor, utilizing the same materials (i.e. videos, photographs, etc.), test both using the same video, and you may get completely different interpretations of defects, not to mention a different number of defects, too.

It’s human nature and has been studied extensively, as shown below.

7. Same Code, Different Defects

A corollary for using different codes indicating the same defect, is finding that TV operators frequently use the same codes to describe different defects.

As confirmed in the EPA WERF sponsored study in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, it was found that certified TV operators frequently used the same code for widely different defects, creating highly questionable Overall Pipe Rating Index (OPRI) metrics frequently used to determine rehabilitation priorities.

8. Can’t Record What You Don’t See

CCTV is not good at assessing the condition of pipe joints, primarily due to the basic design of joints. No matter how close an operator zooms into the surface of joint, there is no possible way to assess the integrity or remaining useful life of the mortar. That is, unless pressure testing the joint or using Electro Scan.

Below — A sample series of encrustation calls out that passed a pressure test and found in good condition.

9. Silt

Silt is a dangerous thing to find in a sewer as it affects the liquefaction of bedding surrounding a pipe that may indicate the early start of a void — a warning to all sewer utilities that have an over-reliance on vacuum trucking to routinely remove silt.

But while TV cameras cannot see through silt on the bottom of a pipe, Electro Scan can. When wet, silt is a non-conductive material, allowing Electro Scan’s low voltage current to go right through silt to find defects where leaks can occur.

10. Clean v. Dirty Pipe Assessments

In 2010, the EPA arranged a benchmark in Kansas City, MO to compare Electro Scan and CCTV. While Electro Scan found 40% more defects and selected critical pipes that were rated in good condition by a nationally certified CCTV operator, comparisons were also evaluated on whether the pipe had been cleaned or not.

While cleaning may eliminate fats, oils, and grease, roots, debris, and silt, it also eliminates key evidence of water leaks. As a result, TV inspections in the study actually did a worse job in locating defects as chances to locating leaks were removed, and therefore more difficult to see with a camera.
The Next Generation in Pipe Condition Assessment

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New Technology Helps Pinpoint Leaks & Increase Reuse of Reclaimed Wastewater

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – June 30, 2016. Electro Scan Inc. announced that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission has placed an order for a Sewer Leak Detection Van to help locate and measure defects that allow infiltration into its wastewater collection system.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is a leader in using green technologies to manage its water resources, waste recovery, and water reuse; however, it faces the same challenge as other global communities where coastal salt water seeps into sewers, reducing the ability to fully utilize reclaimed wastewater.

“Our industry’s long-term goal is to achieve 100% reuse of our potable waters,” stated Lewis Harrison, Manager, Waste Water Enterprise, Collection System Division, SFPUC.

“But, with global warming, persistent drought, and already high water table South of Market Street, it is important that we identify and patch unwanted openings into our combined sewer system to minimize salt water intrusion.”

With Electro Scan, we will have a new technology to find leaks and help reduce salt water entering our system so we can increase the beneficial reuse of our reclaimed wastewater,” explained Harrison.

Using its patented pending technology, Electro Scan automatically measures the variation of electrical current that flows in sewer mains, along with production rates up to 3x that of CCTV. Eddie Lane, Owner United Septic, made the decision to add Electro Scan’s ES-620 for Sewer Mains system to their CCTV truck order, stating “if we can increase our detection rates up to 3x that of CCTV, we will be in a better position to pursue cleaner, greener, and smarter strategies to help manage our business.”

Earlier this year, Electro Scan was awarded Best Project by the United Kingdom Society for Trenchless Technology. Previous awards include Best CleanTech Company (The New Economy Magazine), Best Technology Innovation (Water Environment Federation), and Best New Product (North American Society of Trenchless Technology).

The Company’s selection is an important step forward for SFPUC to hit the ground running upon delivery of their new system.

Available as either a standalone mobile van or added to an existing CCTV truck, Electro Scan is able to assess pipes at the rate of ~50 feet per minute and estimate defect flows in gallons per minute, operat- ed in accordance with ASTM F2536-13.

Electro Scan Inc. expects to deliver its standalone Leak Detection Van by year end and has already begun working on several demonstration projects allowing SFPUC to hit the ground running upon delivery of their new system.

In Memory of Ken Kerri

April 25, 1934 - December 15, 2014

By Chuck Hansen

It was just a year ago that Ken gave his last public presentation, titled The Evolu- tion of Collection System Best Practices, at WEFTEC in New Orleans.

Steve Tilson, Laurie Chase, and I had the opportunity to co-write the paper, but it was all about Ken and what he had accomplished.

We met at the Electro Scan offices before Ken and his wife, Judy, took off on their trip to Scotland, where he was joined by members of his church. Ken had frequently stopped by our offices, which were home to Where I started Hansen Software, which later turned into Hansen Information Technologies Inc., with my Dad and older brother. Ken was interested in how we were developing our software and what new features were being added.

It seemed like old times when I started Electro Scan in the same offices we started Hansen. In fact, Ken was on our original due diligence team before buying the technol- ogy, when he famously told me that, “if the technology did half of what people say it can do, it will change the industry.”

Ken co-wrote the Electro Scan chapter that will be appearing in the next edition of Volume I of the O&G Manual, and urged us to modify the technology so we could find leaks in water mains, like we were finding in sewers.

Like my own Dad, Ken was a visionary and his insight, human kindness, and rye sense of humor will be sorely missed.

The world was a better place with Ken in it, and I hope his light will be a guide for all of us as we move forward in our journeys.

- Chuck

United Septic-Grease Joins Growing List of Contractors

When shopping for a new CCTV truck, United Septic visited their long-time deal- er, EJ Equipment, in Mankato, IL. Electro Scan’s ES-620 for Sewer Mains system was integrated onto EJ’s Electro Scan- CCTV combo truck.

Eric LeSage, Chicagoland Sales, EJ Equipment, explained Electro Scan’s accuracy in locating and measuring defect flows in sewer mains, along with production rates up to 3x that of CCTV. Eddie Auer, Owner United Septic, made the decision to add Electro Scan’s main- line system to their CCTV truck order, fulfilling their commitment to use the best technologies to get jobs done right - the first time!

EJ Equipment delivered United Septic’s Electro Scan-CCTV combo truck and training began the week of April 20th. United Septic prides itself on offering an array of products, from sewer cleaning to the latest in sewer main leak detection. Electro Scan is delighted to have United Septic, Chicagoland’s leading septic, later- al, and sewer cleaner for over 30 years, as its customer.

Please contact United Septic with all Electro-Scanning needs in the Chicago area.

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In San Francisco Public Utilities Commission & Electro Scan Lead Water Reuse Efforts
Separating Good Point Repairs from the Bad

Lately, Electro Scan has been seeing a lot of point repairs that should never have been done – like finding CIPP projects that leak more than their pre-CIPP condition. Sewer agencies and consultants are starting to expect many of these repairs to bring their pipes up to a ‘like new’ condition that they can highlight on their Geographic Information System (GIS) and report to their City Council or Board.

However, unless a sewer agency has completed an emergency point repair resulting from a blockage, many sewer mains are ticking time-bombs that more than likely had a number of defects not seen by their CCTV operator, before or after the repair.

One city in Ohio actually told us they had a backlog of point repairs in the hundreds, based on CCTV inspections, but currently Electro Scan testing indicates almost 75% of all point repairs should never be done in the first place. A good rule of thumb: if more than 15% of your sewer main has severe defects, another rehab method should be recommended and pursued.

If a point repair is done, make sure you specify low voltage conductivity testing to make sure that your repair has not created leaks at both ends of your point repair. As shown in the example below from a Northern California sewer agency, the point repairs eliminated the majority of leaks, but left larger defects at the end points, and probably should never have been done in the first place.

Eagle River Water & Sanitation District Challenges Electro Scan, Leads to 50,000 Foot Project

VAIL, CO – After attending the Electro Scan Trenchless Technology Webinar in June, the friendly folks at Eagle River Water & Sanitation District (ERWSD) invited Electro Scan to stop by if ever in the neighborhood.

Dropping in August 5, 2015, it was clear that ERWSD had done their homework.

Pre-selecting pipes to have us scan, they already knew the defects that they wanted to see if Electro Scan could detect, and had a

MH 920 to MH 960

‘hard to televisé’ sewer main that ran under a creek and always seemed to be running full [NOTE: See MH 930 to MH 960].

After results were delivered the same day, ERWSD requested a proposal for 50,000 ft of Electro Scan testing to be completed in October, 2015.

A warm thank you to Eagle River Water & Sanitation District’s I&I Team for their hospitality and time. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Electro Scan Draws Crowd of Engineers in Baltimore County, MD

PARKVILLE, MD – Electro Scan was hosted by engineers from Baltimore County, including special guests from Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, where an 8” diameter, 222 ft, Vitrified Clay Pipe (VCP) was assessed and compared to a previous Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) inspection.

Interested readers should contact Electro Scan for a copy of the 53-page report. Side-by-side comparisons of Electro Scan vs. CCTV were not only supplied for the worst defects as identified by CCTV, but also the worst defects as identified by Electro Scan.

As expected, and shown in multiple EPA and industry reports, Electro Scan not only identified and quantified defect flows for each CCTV defect, but also identified and quantified defect flows not found by CCTV. Total combined Estimated GPM Leakage Rate: 31.93.
The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly of CIPP

**Successful CIPP**
- Zero Leaks
- Zero Conductivity Spikes
- Zero Defect Flow Rating

**Unsuccessful CIPP**
- Leaks, Liner Tears, Wrinkles, Over-Cook Boil Marks, etc.
- Defective Service Re-Connections
- Defect Flow Rating > 50 GPD/IDM

**CIPP “Do Over”**
- Post-CIPP Defect Flow > Pre-CIPP Defect Flow

**THE GOOD**

Electro Scan’s low voltage conductivity technology has forever changed how CIPP projects are accepted and certified for leakage, before and after rehabilitation.

While high resolution closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspection has been the preferred inspection standard by manufacturers supplying their recommended specifications, recent USEPA studies, Utility Customers, and Consulting Engineers have consistently found defects not found by visual inspection techniques.

It is not surprising that pipe manufacturers, lining suppliers, specialty contractors, and engineers are looking for ways to improve their product’s quality control procedures in response to a growing number of owners specifying advanced diagnostic techniques, like the use of Electro Scan, to ensure pipe wall integrity.

Owners are recommended to include the following on their upcoming CIPP and Point Repair RFPs:

"The City reserves the right to certify all Point Repairs and Cured-In-Place-Pipe lining using low voltage conductivity testing instrumentation in accordance with ASTM F2550-13 and USEPA benchmarks."

"We hope to educate & certify Directors, Consulting Engineers, and Sewer Contractors to take advantage of our game-changing technology."

Director of Sales & Marketing

Susan Aguirre

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Based on nearly 300 Electro Scan projects, it is estimated that TV inspection misses from 40% to 100% of all defects related to finding leaks. While televising of sewer generally occurs during dry weather conditions, Electro Scan’s ability to simulate wet weather conditions represents a breakthrough in modern pipe condition assessment. As shown below, the certification of lined CIPP using Electro Scan has many advantages over CCTV inspection.

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The Next Generation in Pipe Condition Assessment
Another Hat Trick for Electro Scan: Revenues Triple (Again)

In sports, achieving a feat three times in a game, or other accomplishment, is often called a hat trick. Electro Scan has done it again. Growing international acceptance to certify CIPP lining projects, the ability to retrofit additional CCTV cables & reels, and added seat licensing to access Electro Scan’s Critical Sewers® software-as-a-service cloud application, continues to drive revenues to record levels.

City of Rialto Utility Commissioners Host Electro Scan

The City of Rialto is part of a fast growing trend in the municipal sewer and water market called a ‘P3’ or Public-Private Partnership. In 2012, Rialto finalized its new 30-year partnership program with, private equity firm, Table Rock Capital.

This partnership relieves the City of maintenance, upgrading, and management responsibilities. Table Rock awarded Veolia North America the primary care contract for the duration of the partnership.

Veolia began investigating Electro Scan technology and a demo was completed in June of 2015. Electro Scan, in association with Veolia Water, surveyed three pipe segments, at two separate locations, finding a total of 23 Large, 8 Medium, and 47 Small Defects.

The first of the two VCP pipes was in relatively good shape, but the same could not be said for the second. The second pipe showed major defects with approximately 82% of the defects found in the last 50 feet of the pipe, as was confirmed by Veolia’s CCTV inspection results.

The last pipe was CIPP and estimated that this 654ft segment was lined nearly 20 years ago, the original pipe being VCP. Over nineteen (19) Large Defect locations were found indicating a complete failure of the liner.

Electro Scan wishes to thank the City of Rialto and Veolia for the hospitality and a great day of scanning.
There have been several firsts with D.M. Robichaud - they are the first Canadian Contractor to offer Electro Scan Services as well as the first contractor to be granted Contractor Exclusivity in a territory, that being where they are headquartered in the Province of Ontario. D.M. Robichaud prides itself on offering the highest level of products and services, and quickly became the ideal contractor to bring Electro Scan technology to the Canadian market.

“We want like-minded companies that are willing to seek out and offer the best technologies in the trenchless industry, and D.M. Robichaud does just that. It has been great working with their diligent staff,” commented Macy Grubbs, Director of Field Operations, Electro Scan Inc. “We are happy to have our technology with a company that pushes its clients to look outside of legacy technologies, bringing them the latest and greatest in sewer leak detection and condition assessment with Electro Scan.”

Propelling their clients forward by providing “turn-key” solutions, D.M. Robichaud added Electro Scan technology to its trenchless arsenal, completing training during the last week of June.

“We pride ourselves on providing the most innovative and cutting-edge technologies to all of our trenchless customers, so adding Electro Scan was a must,” commented Shane Magee, CEO, D.M. Robichaud. “We have long been working with Ontario’s largest municipalities, and are delighted to bring Electro Scan to help combat their I&I issues.”

Please contact D.M. Robichaud for all of your trenchless needs in Canada.

After meeting with Electro Scan reps at a No-Dig Conference, Paul Pasko, Principal and Project Manager for Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®), spent some time doing his due-diligence on the technology. Feeling very optimistic with what he learned, he invited Electro Scan’s Pete Dannenberg to Minnesota for a full week of demos at the end of April. Needless to say, Paul and his associates at SEH were anything but disappointed. After effectively demonstrating Electro Scan technology to Minnesota municipalities Eagan, Golden Valley, Edina, Mendota, and Chanhassen, Paul immediately began working Electro Scan technology into pre- and post-condition assessment projects.

The City of Golden Valley had a problem that demanded immediate attention, and once they saw what Electro Scan could do, they knew it could help them solve the problem. As it turns out, the mayor of Golden Valley wanted to construct a community center, but unfortunately, the sanitary sewers in that sub-basin were already at capacity due to excessive infiltration. Knowing they had to locate, quantify, then remediate the infiltration, Golden Valley immediately had SEH and Electro Scan begin scanning with a 21” interceptor located at Laurel Avenue. This pipe was in a known wet-soil condition area and was a highly suspected infiltration issue.

Of the almost 1,700 ft scanned, Electro Scan was able to locate 291 defects with a combined estimated infiltration rate of 469,872 gallons per day. In spite of the pipe running half-full, which would have caused excessive delays and costs for most other technologies like CCTV, Electro Scan was able to complete the work in a single day, while SEH had a film crew document and highlight Paul’s work with Electro Scan technology.

Please visit www.sehinc.com to watch the video and learn more about how SEH is using Electro Scan.

Since the pre-assessment of Laurel Avenue, the decision was made to rehab the pipe segment using a CIPP liner. Electro Scan technology has been chosen to certify that liner once the installation is complete.

Starting the week of August 10, Electro Scan was back on site with SEH in the City of Golden Valley to investigate other areas of potential infiltration with the same excellent partnership as the previous 21” interceptor. Electro Scan testing of 27 mains totaling 1,700 ft was performed in 1.5 days. Almost 1,300 defects were detected, measuring a combined estimated potential infiltration flow of over 721 gallons per minute (gpm), including locating some defects in circumscript locations that were quickly considered “high contributors”.

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Over 500 Attend Electro Scan Trenchless Technology Webinar

Electro Scan wishes to thank all of its online participants that attended its June 3rd webinar, especially its guest speakers:

Rod Lovett, Chief of Wastewater Collections, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Department, FL
Casey Smith, Executive VP Compliance & Environmental Systems, LLC, Baton Rouge, LA
Sharon Purnell, Manager, Hamilton Township Municipal Authority, PA

For those of you that missed attending our first ever Trenchless Technology Webinar, we will be scheduling a follow-up, including information on our new Water Leak Detection Technology. 4-in-1 Probe for pressurized water mains features low voltage conductivity, acoustic sensor, pressure sensor, and HD CCTV.

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BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND, UK – Electro Scan (UK) Limited has won the 2015 Best Project Award as announced by the United Kingdom Society for Trenchless Technologies (UKSTT), completed in partnership with CPS Environmental on behalf of Severn Trent Water Plc.

The project was the largest and most comprehensive comparison of the Electro Scan technology and Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) inspections using the WiLi Manual of Sewer Condition Classifications.

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**Project Approach**

As a result, a microbial source identification study was employed to identify and eliminate anthropogenic sources in accordance with the California Water Quality Control Board’s Manual: A Tiered Approach to Identifying Fecal Pollution Sources to Beaches developed by the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project.

A phased work plan was developed by Orange County staff and teams to investigate and identify likely anthropogenic FIB sources. Verifying the integrity of sanitary sewer conveyances became a top priority for the Electro Scan FIB survey. The human sewage carries a high human bacterial pathogen load relative to non-point pollution sources. In addition, coastal infrastructure in Southern California is typically aged and subject to corrosion that is cause of many leakage. Another factor can be tidal infiltration, where infiltration occurs through pipe leaks and other openings, causing pipes to fill during high tide. The tide can overwhelm the sewage treatment system and untreated sewage goes out, untreated sewage with it.

Hence, an investigation was initiated to verify that the location causing the pollution was not leaking onto the beach. Previous investigations efforts at Baby Beach have included CCTV inspection along with dye testing of the local infrastructure. After Orange County Environmental Division and California State Water Resource Board Managers learned of Electro Scan, it was employed in the study area to verify that the local sanitary sewer was not leaking. To complement Electro Scan, it was recommended to use its low hydrostatic or low-pressure air testing, so the bladder to properly isolate the segment for testing, which had a combined estimated leakage rate of 2,404 GPM, assuming a 1 ft. head over the pipe.

**Why Project is Outstanding**

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Electro Scan was the inspection method of choice for an assessment of sanitary sewer system, where it’s difficult to perform other tests. In addition, the Electro Scan process utilizes only a small slug of water to surround its probe, which allows for minimal water usage and helps to utilize the pipe’s effluent flow, which adds up to minimal environmental impact. With the ever-worsening California drought, water is becoming more and more precious within the project area. Unlike hydrostatic testing which seeks the pipe fully flooded, or CCTV inspection where the sewer needs to be cleaned at time of testing, the Electro Scan process utilizes only a small slug of water to surround its probe, which can move through the pipe along with the inspection probe, thanks to the design of the Electro Scan Sliding Funnel Plug. This allows for minimal water usage and helps to utilize the pipe’s efficient flow, which adds up to minimal environmental impact.

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Electro Scan was chosen to be included on the project due to its accuracy, efficiency, and speed at which testing is carried out. However, there were several other benefits to using Electro Scan technology to enhance the execution and results of this project. One such benefit is that the lines did not have to be taken out of service and could remain in use during testing. With the Ocean Institute open seven days a week, including many nights where they host school groups for educational sleepovers, taking sewers out of service would have been difficult. Additionally, as mentioned earlier, speed without a reduction in accuracy is important. With most of the work being done in a busy Orange County park, the pedestrian traffic was high. Having a highly accurate assessment technology that takes only 10-15 minutes per pipe segment was beneficial for speed of production, allowing for minimal park disruption and for minimal traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) control.

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**Project Owner:** County of Orange Engineer: Yvette Hanna, P.E. Contractor: Underground Service Company Date Project Completed: May 14, 2015

**Research Project:** The Baby Beach Bacteria Source Investigation Project was among several innovative projects that have been completed over the last 3 years. This project was conceived as a prime example of the types of innovative projects that will be a thing of the past.

Several of these cities have reached out and expressed interest in doing their own projects using the Baby Beach Bacteria Source Investigation Project as a model for their own. Currently, the rehabilitation of the pipes is being planned based on the Figure 3 chart (left) featuring the Results Summary. Clean out and lateral lines have already been repaired and retested, and have been determined to be “leak free.” The two pipes that belong to the Ocean Institute are currently in the process of being repaired with manhole seals and spot lining. Manhole seals and CIPP lining for the mainline sewers will be out to bid shortly by South Coast Water District. Once the work is performed, it is expected that the FIB exceedances at the beach will be a thing of the past.

While the Baby Beach Bacteria Source Investigation Project may not be the largest or most expensive project, it was definitely a unique, exceptional, and outstanding one. The combination of newer innovative technology along with a wide variety of legacy technologies provided a more comprehensive data set since the various technologies had different strengths and weaknesses. Additionally, by comparing these technologies amongst themselves, the project can and will be used as a benchmark and model for future projects by coastal agencies. As a result, the project’s execution and results have been of high interest to many different cities, companies, and influencers, setting it apart as a prime example of an outstanding and important project.
Midwest City Plays Host to Post-CIPP Assessment Using Electro Scan’s ES-620

A midwest city has hosted an innovative demonstration project featuring the Electro Scan Low Voltage Conductivity Testing Method to assess post-CIPP sewer mains.

A regional public works innovator that supplies and distributes water and collects and treats wastewater, includes services to maintain a water distribution and wastewater infrastructure systems, treating wastewater, and managing facilities.

On April 1, 2015, Electro Scan was delighted to scan three nominated pipes to Electro Scan and then compare the results with previous television inspections - results for MH 520 to MH 519 are shown below.

Side-by-side comparison of Electro Scan’s Low Voltage Conductivity readings to visual Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) inspection results, show how CCTV only shows part of the story of Cured-In-Place-Pipe lining. In reviewing the ten (10) largest defect flows found by Electro Scan, six of the ten defect flows (or 60% of these defects) had NO CCTV CALL OUT or DEFECT FOUND WITH VISUAL INSPECTION. For Defects #7 & #8, both Electro Scan and CCTV found defects, with Electro Scan quantifying an estimated defect flow rate of 10 GPM and 2.03 GPM, respectively. For Defects #3 & #6, Electro Scan automatically estimated defect flow rates of 10 GPM for each defect - when compared to CCTV these were found to be wye service connections. RECOMMENDATION: Include Low Voltage Conductivity Testing as part of all CIPP acceptance standards.

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