

# Prescriptive Cleaning May be a Bitter Pill to Swallow but Some Municipalities are Finding a New Tech-Cure



Cleaning Optimization



CSO Monitoring  
& Reporting



I/I Reduction



Capacity Management



Accurate Billing



Hydraulic Model Calibration



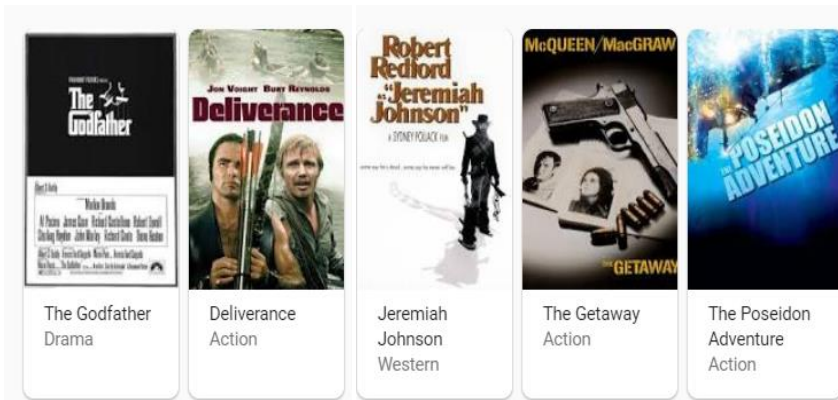
# Cleaning Optimization Agenda

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- **How We Got Here- Wastewater History**
- **'Best' Practices: Yesterday and Today**
- **Case Studies**
- **The Technology that Supports the Solution**
- **Q & A**

# Remembering the Seventies' 1972

## Movies



### Living in '72

- Average new house cost: \$29,000
- Average Income/Year: \$12,000
- Cost/Gallon of gas: \$0.55

## TV



### In the News in '72

- Dow Jones: 1<sup>st</sup> time above 1,000
- Apollo 16 & 17 last two Moon landings
- Watergate break-in

## 1972 Big News for Water

**Two-thirds (2/3) of US lakes, rivers and coastal waters *not safe* to swim or fish so...**

# The Picture & the Response



**EPA Created  
*Granted Authority to***

- Implement pollution control programs
- Set water quality standards
- Prohibit or permit pollutant discharges
- Fund sewer treatment plant construction





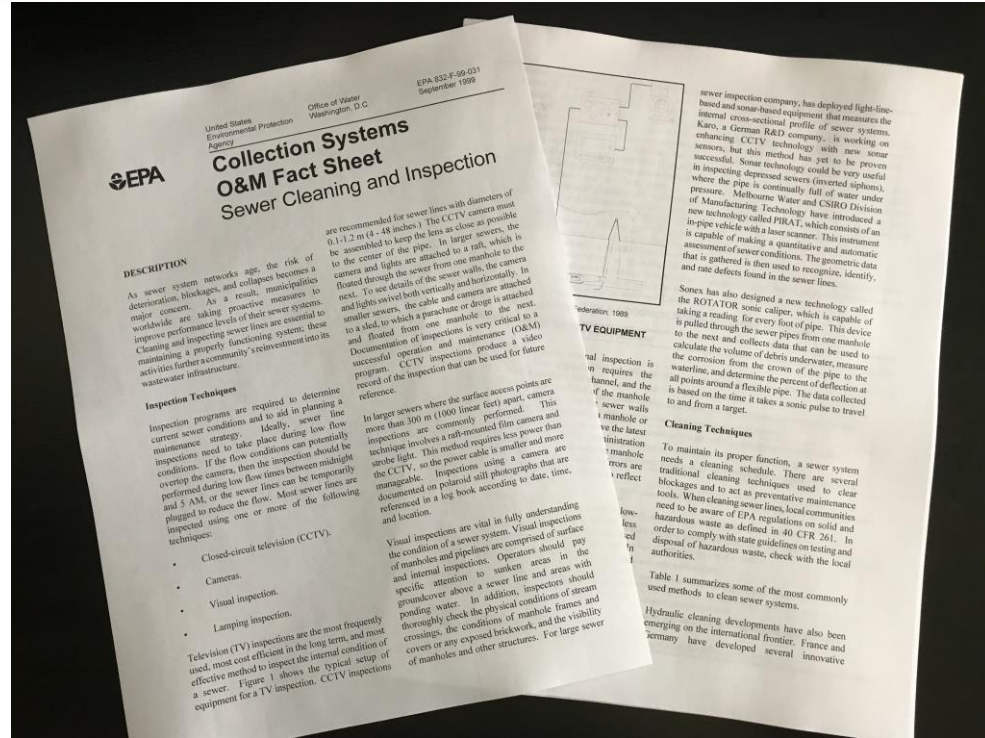
# EPA and the Plan

EPA quickly recognized  
“the value of planning for tackling critical issues.”

Most Critical Issue:  
Prevent sanitary sewer overflows “SSOs”.

The Plan:  
Establish Capacity, Management  
Operations and Maintenance (CMOM)  
Processes & Practices

At the Heart....  
Aggressive Cleaning & Inspection



September 1999 EPA 'Collection System O&M Fact Sheet'  
Sewer Cleaning and Inspection

# 20-Year-Old 'Best Practice' is Aging

*Cleaning Best Practice* summarized as:

- Clean entire collection system using multi-year cycles i.e., every 5-years
- Clean “hot spots” at high frequencies e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc.



Q. What *usually* determines the frequency?

A. History

Q. How are frequency adjustments made?

A. CCTV or visual inspection

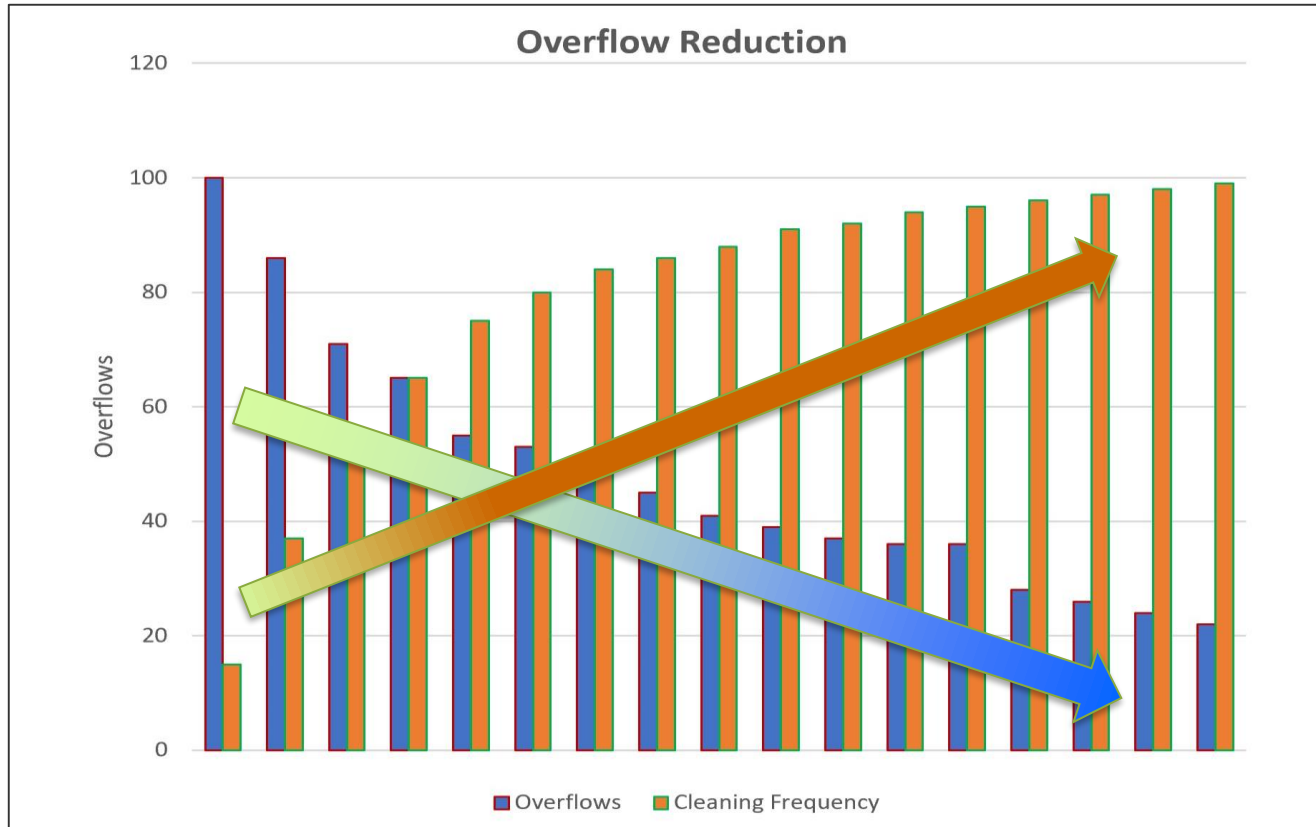
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**Cleaning  
Optimization**  
*The Tech-Cure*

# Cleaning Frequency & SSOs

High Frequency Cleaning = *Overcleaning* = *SSO reductions*



But there's a cost...



# Industry Talks about Overcleaning

City of San Diego...*we don't like cleaning clean pipes...*

City of Tulsa... *scheduled cleaning makes no sense when it's not needed...*

City of La Mesa... *staff can't keep up, neither can the budget...*

## Consequences of Overcleaning

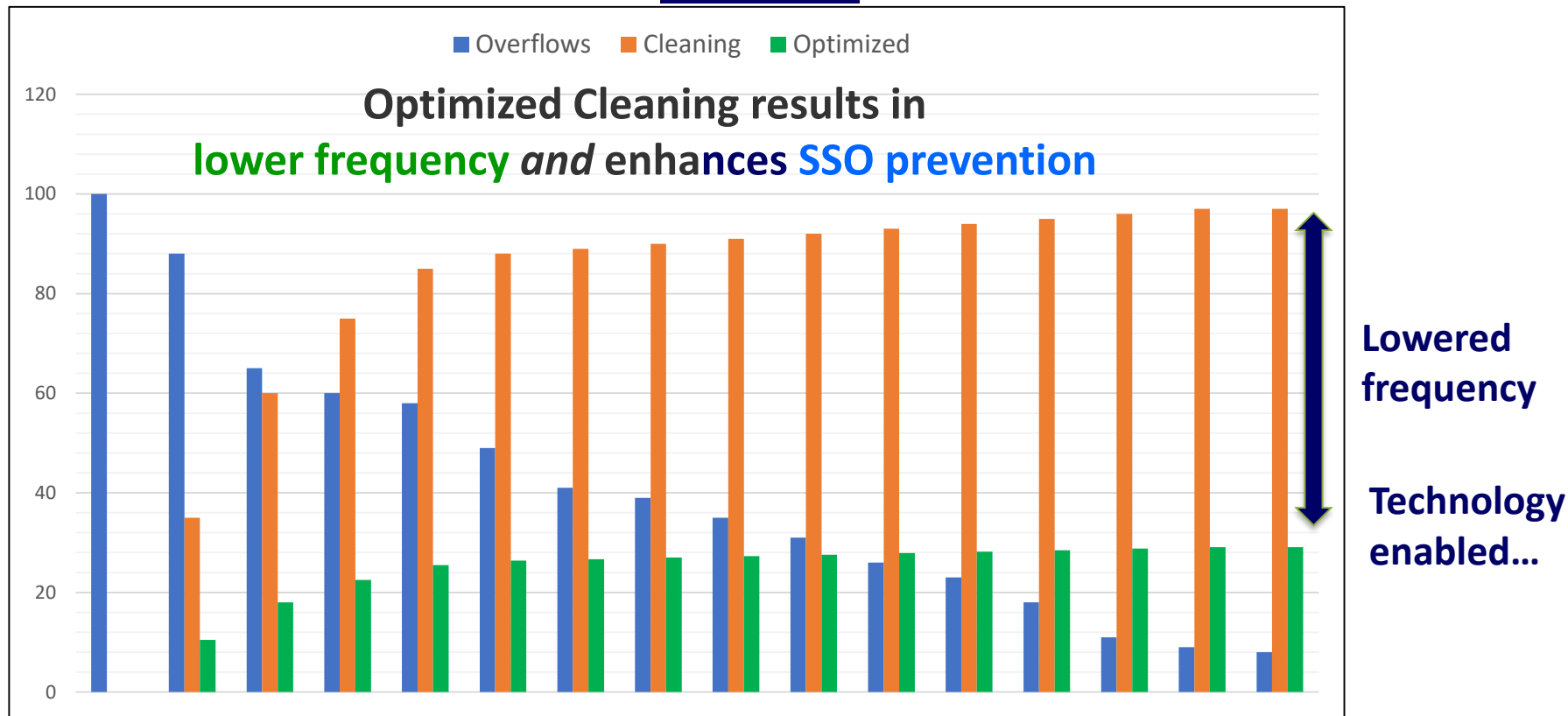
- Significantly increased pressure on operations staff
- Continuous escalation of maintenance costs
- Accelerated pipe wear
- More time in traffic
- No remote site visibility between cleanings

Overcleaning: the bitter pill to swallow but there's a new way...

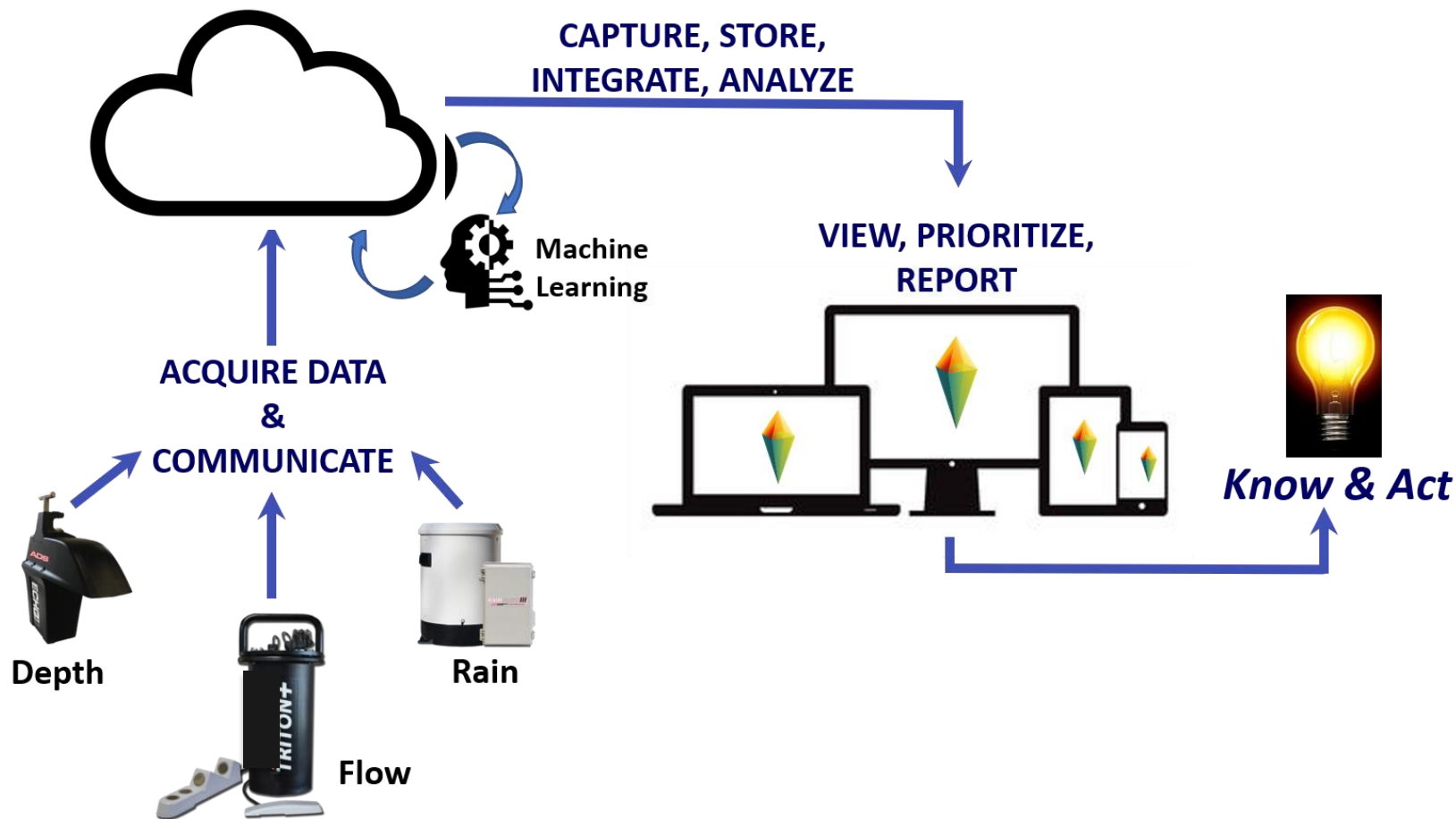


# What is Cleaning Optimization?

Cleaning Optimization: right-sized frequency driven by real-time, remote site conditions



# Smart Technology Creates the Connection



# What It Takes from Us

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The most reliable way to predict  
the future is to create it.

~ Abraham Lincoln

Creating the future means to ask...

**Are our current processes sustainable ?**

**Are we embracing continuous process improvement?**

**Are we looking comprehensively at costs?**

# Creating the Future

## The Past

Schedule-driven cleaning



## The New Best Practice Vision

*Site condition-driven* cleaning

Blind to remote site conditions



Site conditions *always visible & known*

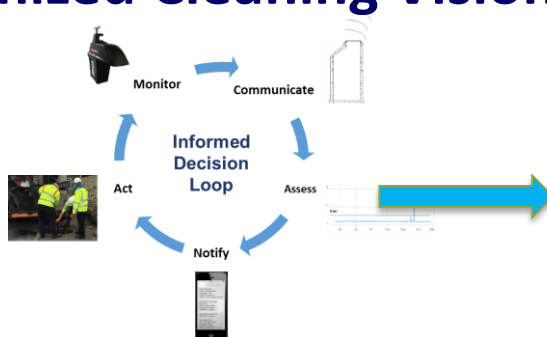
Observations experience dependent



Observations *data-driven*, consistent performance measurement

## Optimized Cleaning Vision

Continuous remote site condition drives decision to clean



Improved performance & peace of mind



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# **Case Studies**

# La Mesa, CA Case Study

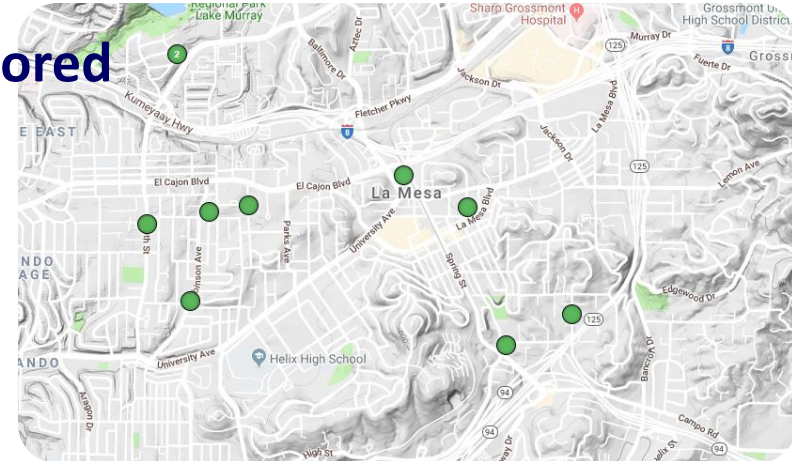
## Situation

**System** 153 miles sewer, 53 miles storm

**Process** Clean Total System Annually  
Clean 100 segments- monthly/quarterly

**Challenges** 80% maintenance time spent cleaning

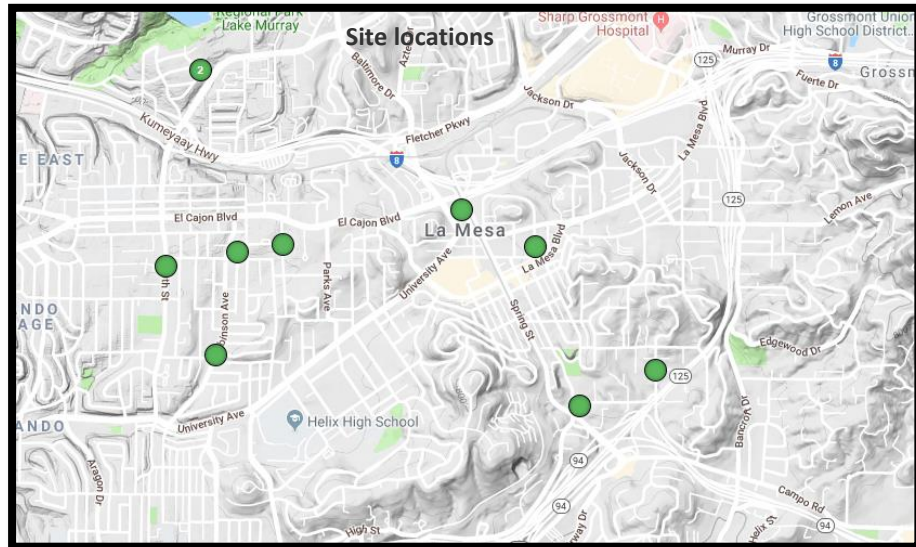
**Study** 10 monthly segments monitored  
6-month duration



# La Mesa, CA - Action Plan

## Approach

- Use remote site monitoring for real-time, site condition feedback
- Sites: 10 depth-only monitors installed at monthly cleaning sites
- Duration: 6 months
- Cleaning decision: as *site conditions* dictate and notified through software
- Log cleaning instances: measure reductions



# La Mesa, CA - Results

## Six-Month Tabulated Results

**Green** = Not cleaned

**Red** = Cleaned



| Site Location | Jul-18 |      | Aug-18 |      | Sep-18    |              | Oct-18 |      | Nov-18     |      | Dec-18 |      |
|---------------|--------|------|--------|------|-----------|--------------|--------|------|------------|------|--------|------|
|               | Clean? | Type | Clean? | Type | Clean?    | Type         | Clean? | Type | Clean?     | Type | Clean? | Type |
| 70thSt        | No     |      | No     |      | No        |              | No     |      | 26-Nov     |      | No     |      |
| Colorado      | No     |      | No     |      | No        |              | No     |      | 11/26/2019 |      | No     |      |
| EchoDr        | No     |      | No     |      | 9/17/2018 | Grease       | No     |      | 11/26/2019 |      | No     |      |
| HarbinsonAve  | No     |      | No     |      | No        |              | No     |      | 11/26/2019 |      | No     |      |
| JessieAve     | No     |      | No     |      | 9/11/2018 | Grease/Roots | No     |      | 11/26/2019 |      | No     |      |
| JulliettePl   | No     |      | No     |      | No        |              | No     |      | 11/26/2019 |      | No     |      |
| LakeMurray    | No     |      | No     |      | No        |              | No     |      | 11/26/2019 |      | No     |      |
| NeboDr        | No     |      | No     |      | No        |              | No     |      | 11/26/2019 |      | No     |      |
| PanormaDr     | No     |      | No     |      | No        |              | No     |      | 11/26/2019 |      | No     |      |
| PineSt        | No     |      | No     |      | No        |              | No     |      | 11/26/2019 |      | No     |      |

### Monthly Results

Month 1: **0** cleaned

Month 2: **0** cleaned

Month 3: **2** cleaned

Month 4: **0** cleaned

Month 5: **10** cleaned

Month 6: **0** cleaned

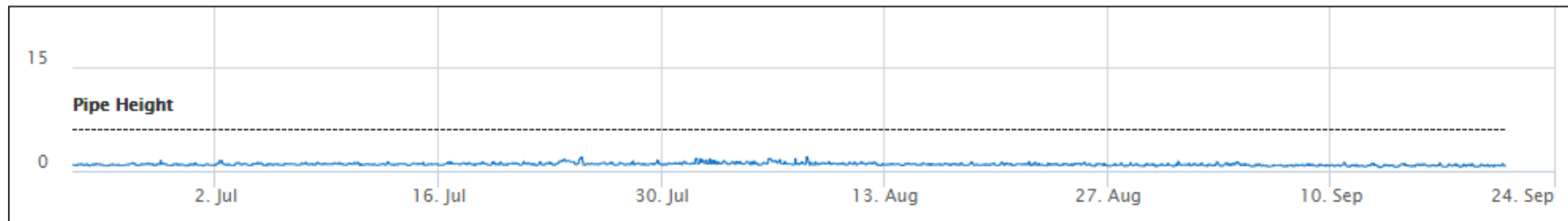
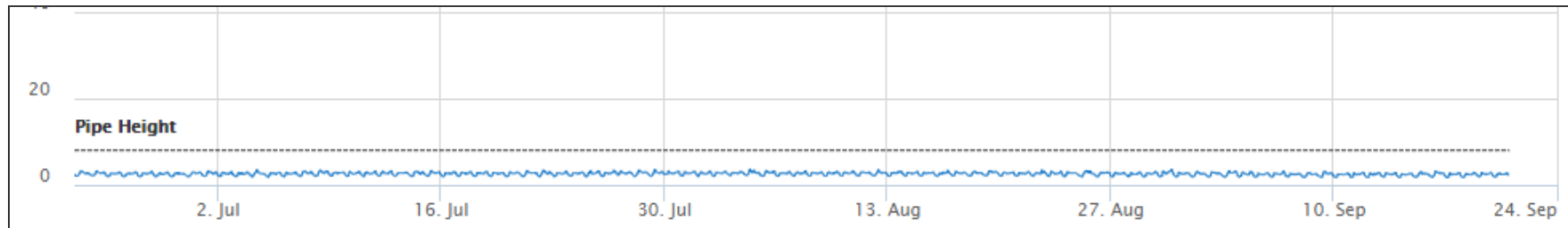
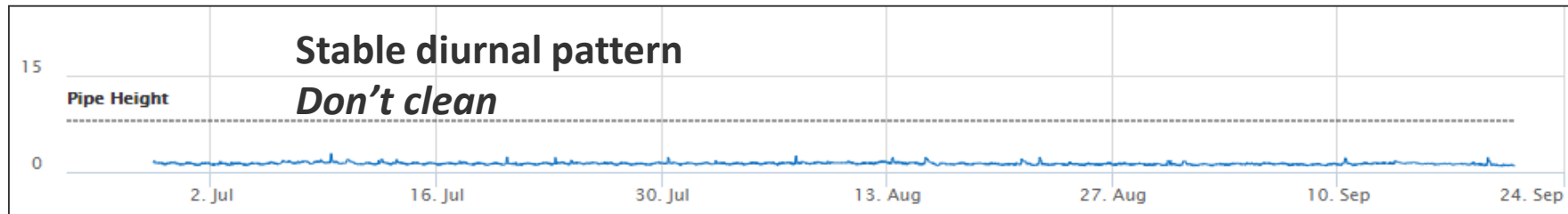
### Summary for Six Months

- Expected: 60 Cleaning Opportunities
- Actual: **12\*** Cleanings
- Reduction: **48** cleanings (**80%**)

\*Note: November all sites cleaned without necessity...

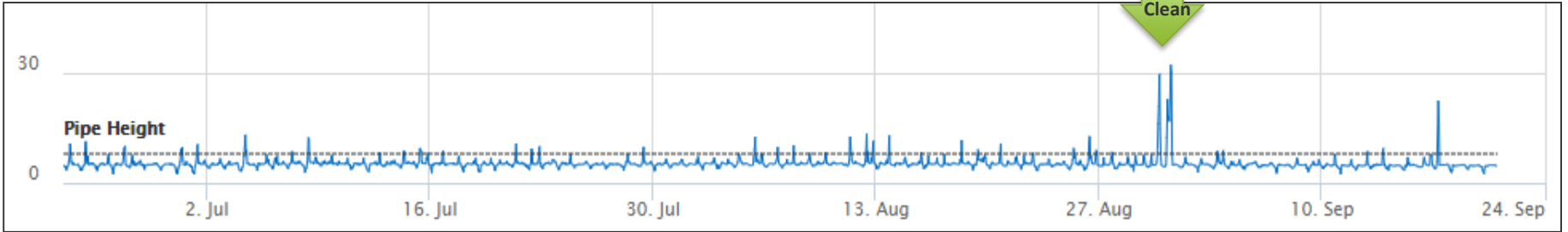
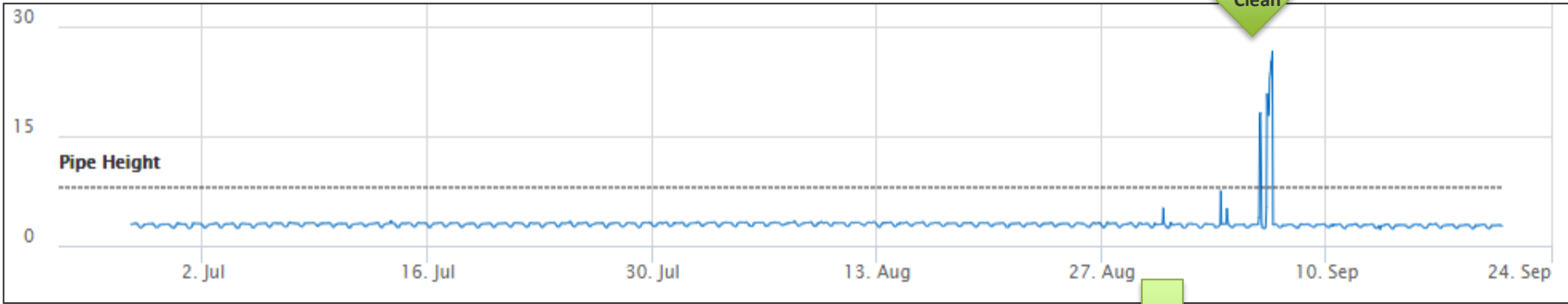
# Three Sample, Stable Segments, 4-months

Remote segments: feedback confirms “no clean” decision





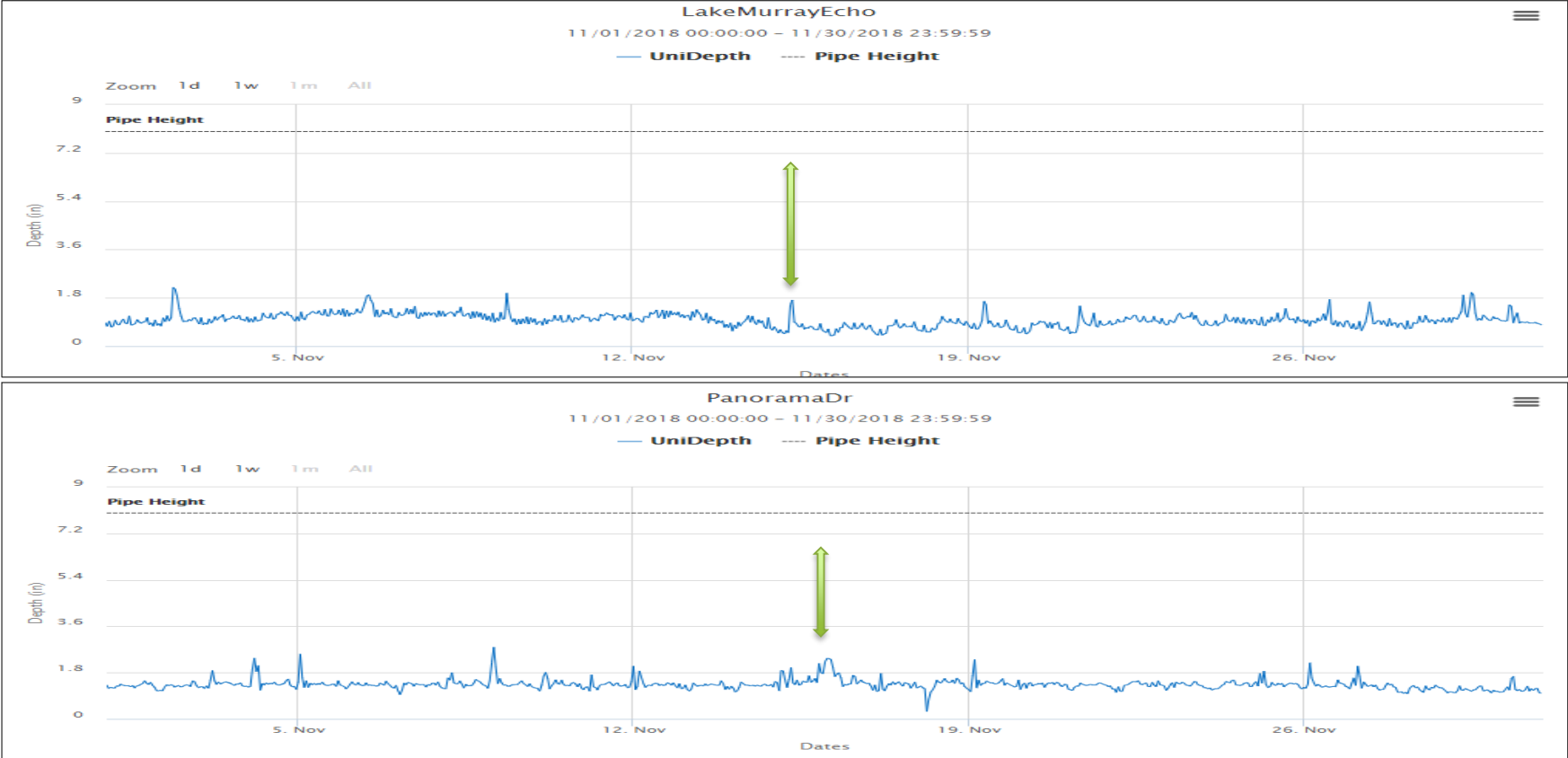
## Two sites in Month-3 indicate to clean



# La Mesa, CA- Data

Month-5 Segments cleaned but *not* required.

It's tough to change old habits!



# Results and To-Date Return – La Mesa, CA



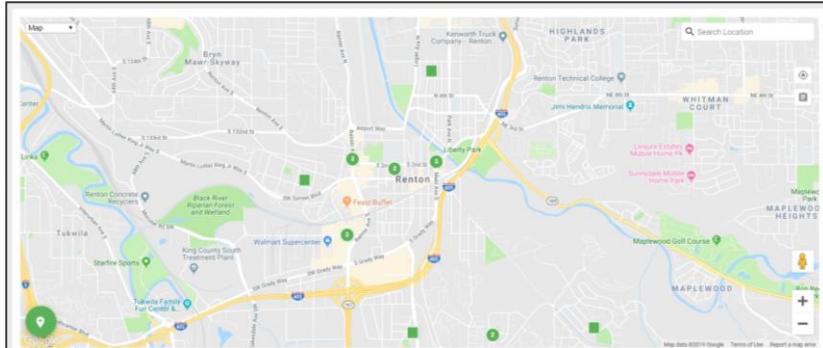
| Frequency | Scheduled | Actual | % Change | Cost/Segment | Total     |
|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| Monthly   | 6         | 1      | 83%      | \$ 400       | \$ 2,000  |
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| 6-Months  | 60        | 12     | 80%      | \$ 400       | \$ 19,200 |
| Annually  |           |        |          |              | \$ 38,400 |

Productivity  
Gain

# Renton, WA - Case Study

## Situation

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| System     | 232 miles sewer  |
| Process    | High Frequency, Weekly & Monthly segments  |
| Challenges | Unable to clean<br>entire system   |
| Study      | 4-month duration<br>20 segments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 8 weekly</li><li>- 12 monthly</li></ul> |



# Renton, WA – Weekly Site

## Site

Pipe Diameter: 8"

Peak Height: 1.58"

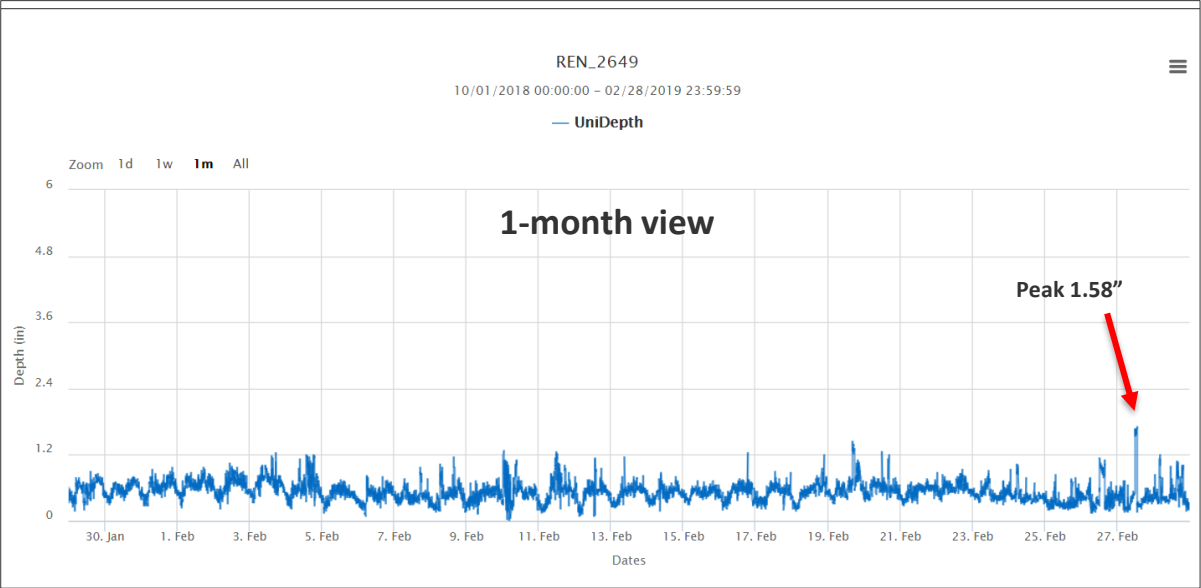
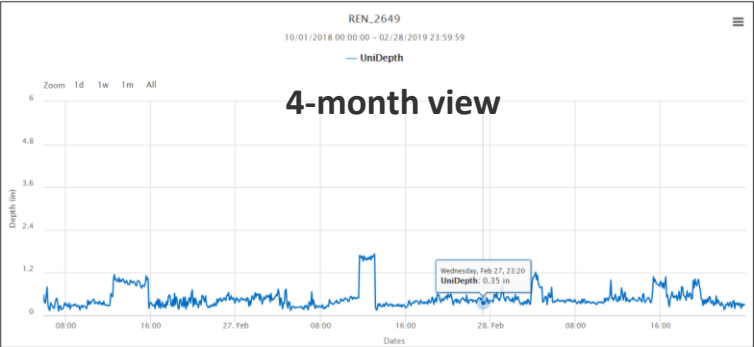


## Cleaning Frequency

Schedule-driven: 19

Segment-Driven: 0

Cleaning Reduction: 19







## Site

Pipe Diameter: 10"

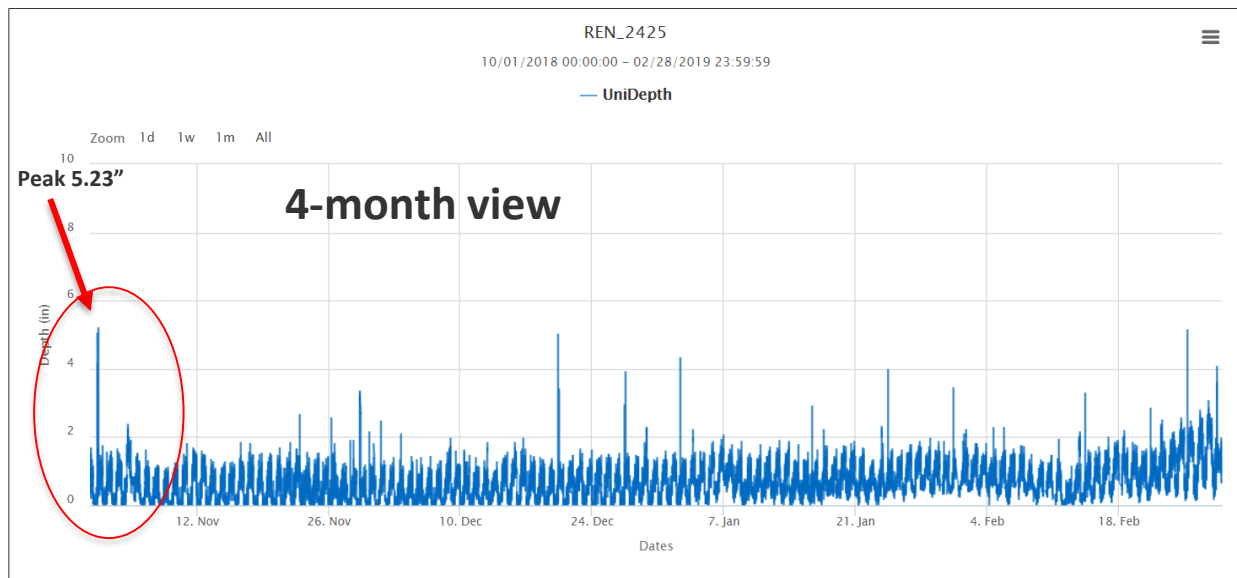
Peak Height: 5.23"

## Cleaning Frequency

Schedule-driven: 4

Segment-Driven: 0

Reduction: 4



# Results and To-Date Return - Renton

| Site Name | Pipe Size | Frequency | Scheduled 4-Months | Actual | % Change | Cost/Segment | Savings   |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| 1         | 8         | Weekly    | 19                 | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 7,600  |
| 2         | 8         | Weekly    | 19                 | 1      | -95%     | \$ 400       | \$ 7,200  |
| 3         | 8         | Weekly    | 19                 | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 7,600  |
| 4         | 10        | Weekly    | 19                 | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 7,600  |
| 5         | 8         | Weekly    | 19                 | 3      | -84%     | \$ 400       | \$ 6,400  |
| 6         | 8         | Weekly    | 19                 | 2      | -89%     | \$ 400       | \$ 6,800  |
| 7         | 8         | Weekly    | 19                 | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 7,600  |
| 8         | 10        | Weekly    | 19                 | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 7,600  |
|           |           |           | 152                | 6      | -96%     |              | \$ 58,400 |
| 9         | 8         | Monthly   | 4                  | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 1,600  |
| 10        | 8         | Monthly   | 4                  | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 1,600  |
| 11        | 8         | Monthly   | 4                  | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 1,600  |
| 12        | 8         | Monthly   | 4                  | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 1,600  |
| 13        | 8         | Monthly   | 4                  | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 1,600  |
| 14        | 10        | Monthly   | 4                  | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 1,600  |
| 15        | 8         | Monthly   | 4                  | 2      | -89%     | \$ 400       | \$ 800    |
| 16        | 8         | Monthly   | 4                  | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 1,600  |
| 17        | 8         | Monthly   | 4                  | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 1,600  |
| 18        | 8         | Monthly   | 4                  | 1      | -95%     | \$ 400       | \$ 1,200  |
| 19        | 8         | 3 Months  | 1                  | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 400    |
| 20        | 8         | 3 Months  | 1                  | 0      | -100%    | \$ 400       | \$ 400    |
|           |           |           | 42                 | 3      | -93%     |              | \$ 15,600 |
| Total     |           |           | 194                | 9      | 95.4%    |              | \$ 74,000 |

Productivity  
Gain

# San Diego, CA



**System**      **3,800+ miles gravity sewer**

**Process**      **Cleaning Frequencies:**  
                    **1 per month**  
                    **1 per 2-months**  
                    **1 per 3-months**  
                    **1 per 6-months**

**Challenges**    **Labor availability**

**Program to date:**  
                    **55 monthly sites selected**  
                    **Beginning October 2019**



# Results and Return (Ongoing) – San Diego



## Monthly Sites

| Location | Last Cleaned Date | Scheduled Expected Since Last | Reduction  | Cost Per Segment | Savings to Date  |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2610     | 8/6/2019          | 6                             | 83%        | \$ 600           | \$ 3,600         |
| 3832     | 8/13/2019         | 6                             | 83%        | \$ 600           | \$ 3,600         |
| 3889     | 8/13/2019         | 6                             | 83%        | \$ 600           | \$ 3,600         |
| 4405     | 9/6/2019          | 5                             | 80%        | \$ 600           | \$ 3,000         |
| 22344    | 9/25/2019         | 4                             | 75%        | \$ 600           | \$ 2,400         |
| 22362    | 9/25/2019         | 4                             | 75%        | \$ 600           | \$ 2,400         |
| 22364    | 6/4/2019          | 8                             | 88%        | \$ 600           | \$ 4,800         |
| 24697    | 12/11/2019        | 2                             | 50%        | \$ 600           | \$ 1,200         |
| 24698    | 6/3/2019          | 8                             | 88%        | \$ 600           | \$ 4,800         |
| 24699    | 12/11/2019        | 2                             | 50%        | \$ 600           | \$ 1,200         |
| 25415    | 9/19/2019         | 4                             | 75%        | \$ 600           | \$ 2,400         |
| 26692    | 9/26/2019         | 4                             | 75%        | \$ 600           | \$ 2,400         |
| 27620    | 9/25/2019         | 4                             | 75%        | \$ 600           | \$ 2,400         |
| 30793    | 9/3/2019          | 5                             | 80%        | \$ 600           | \$ 3,000         |
| 30794    | 9/3/2019          | 5                             | 80%        | \$ 600           | \$ 3,000         |
| 30868    | 9/24/2019         | 4                             | 75%        | \$ 600           | \$ 2,400         |
| 31776    | 9/24/2019         | 4                             | 75%        | \$ 600           | \$ 2,400         |
| 33400    | 11/22/2019        | 2                             | 50%        | \$ 600           | \$ 1,200         |
| 42013    | 9/23/2019         | 4                             | 75%        | \$ 600           | \$ 2,400         |
| 42014    | 11/2/2019         | 3                             | 67%        | \$ 600           | \$ 1,800         |
| 43395    | 9/26/2019         | 4                             | 75%        | \$ 600           | \$ 2,400         |
| 59931    | 9/4/2019          | 5                             | 80%        | \$ 600           | \$ 3,000         |
| 61519    | 9/7/2019          | 5                             | 80%        | \$ 600           | \$ 3,000         |
| 61522    | 9/7/2019          | 5                             | 80%        | \$ 600           | \$ 3,000         |
| 61782    | 9/5/2019          | 5                             | 80%        | \$ 600           | \$ 3,000         |
| 62170    | 11/9/2019         | 3                             | 67%        | \$ 600           | \$ 1,800         |
| 62222    | 9/5/2019          | 5                             | 80%        | \$ 600           | \$ 3,000         |
|          |                   | <b>122</b>                    | <b>78%</b> |                  | <b>\$ 73,200</b> |

# Reduced Cleaning Frequency Realized Benefits

1. Productivity gains enable maintenance resource reallocation.
2. Monitored segments have 24/7 SSO protection.
3. Pipe-wear from high pressure sprays reduced.
4. Safety- less in-street activity.
5. Water use is lowered.
6. Ongoing data capture can be leveraged for other applications i.e., model calibration.



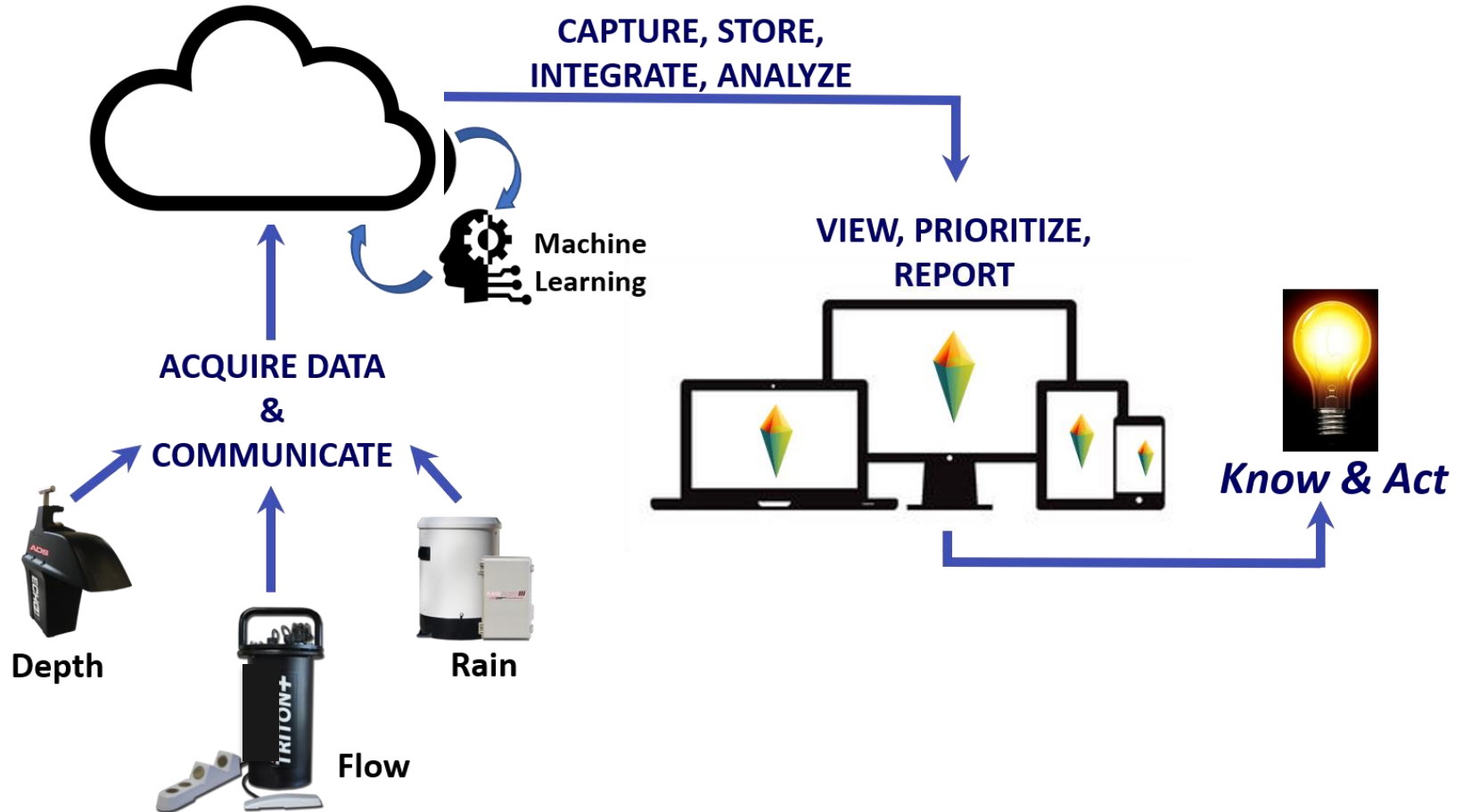


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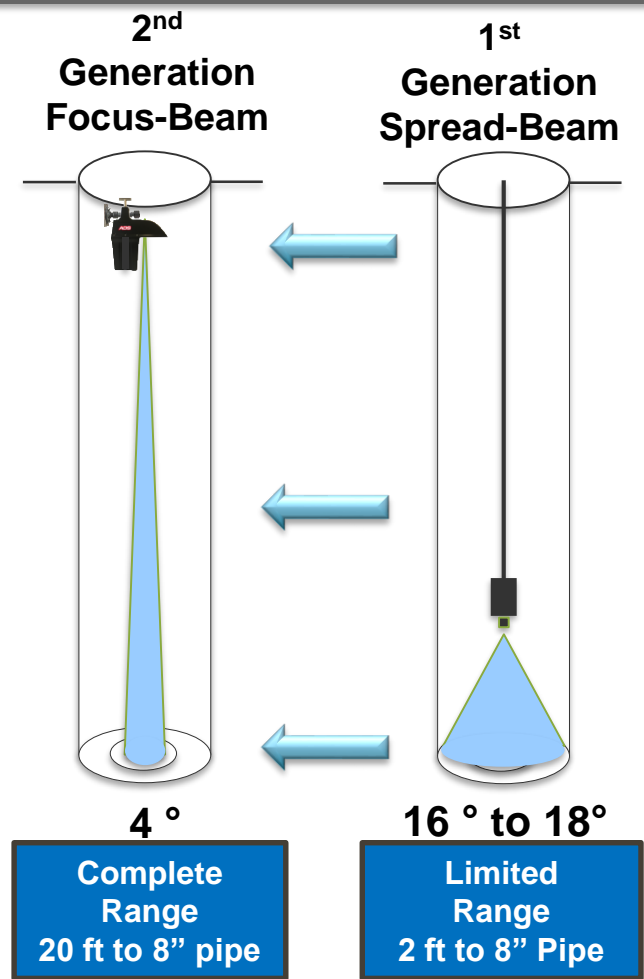
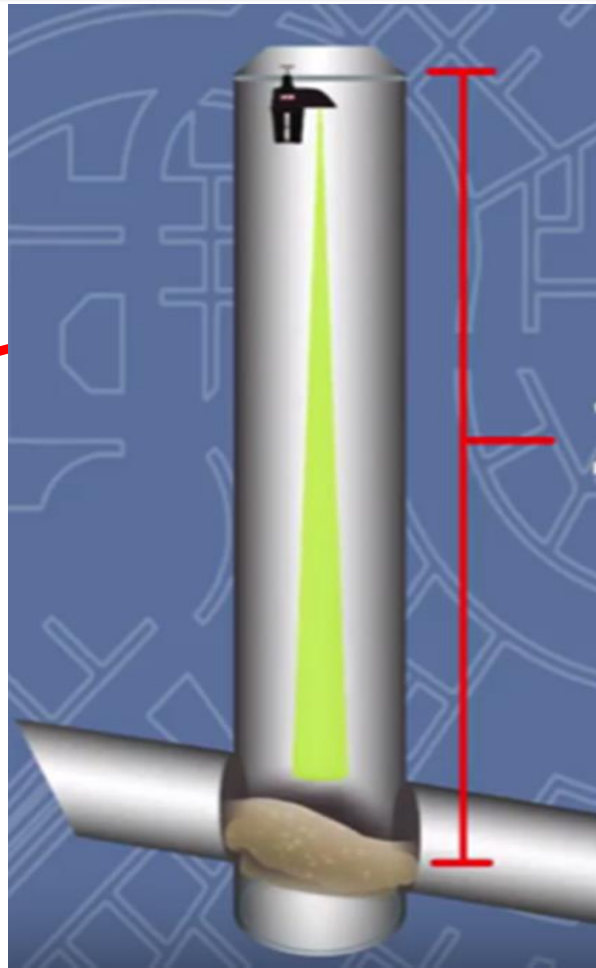
# Smart Technology: Creating the Connection



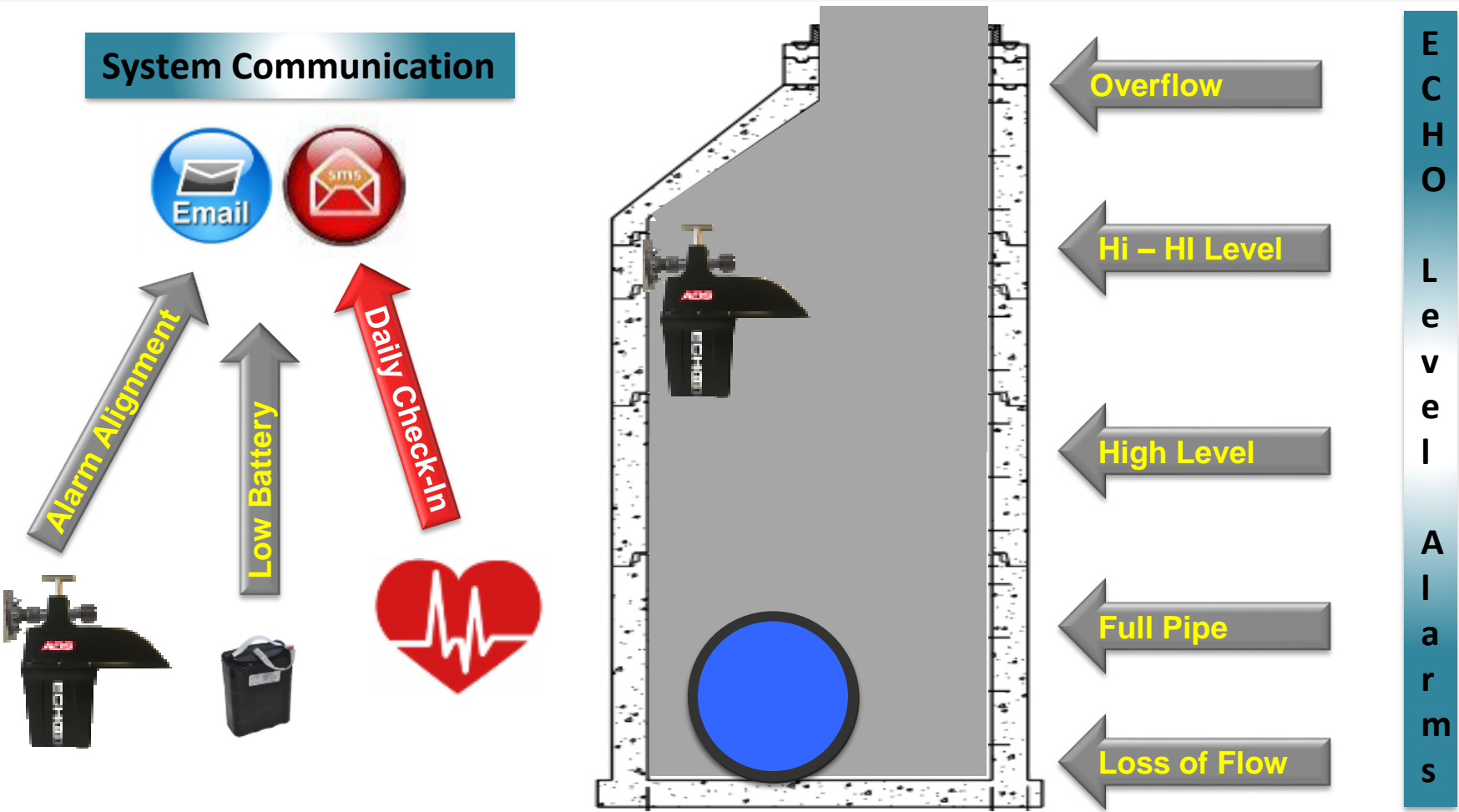
# Remote Site Sensing & Communications



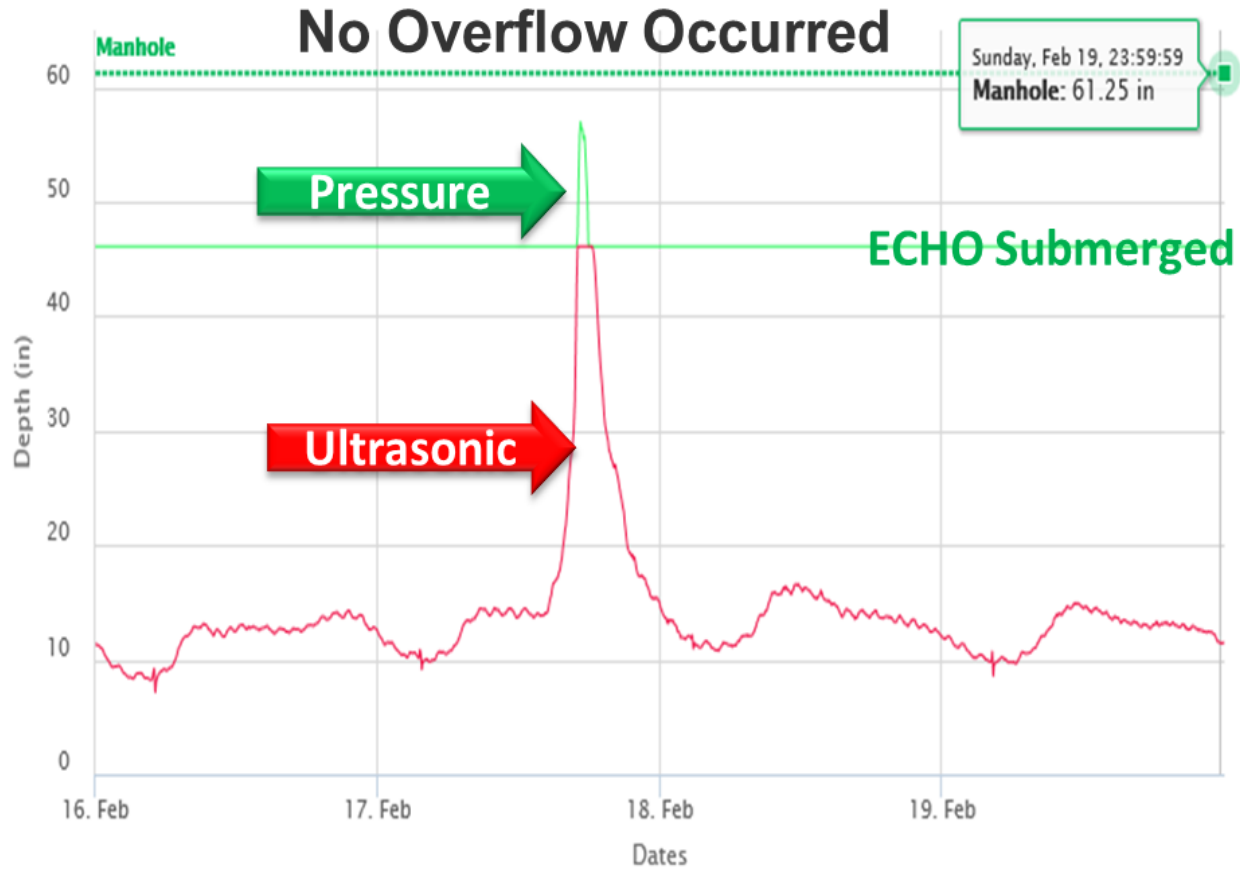
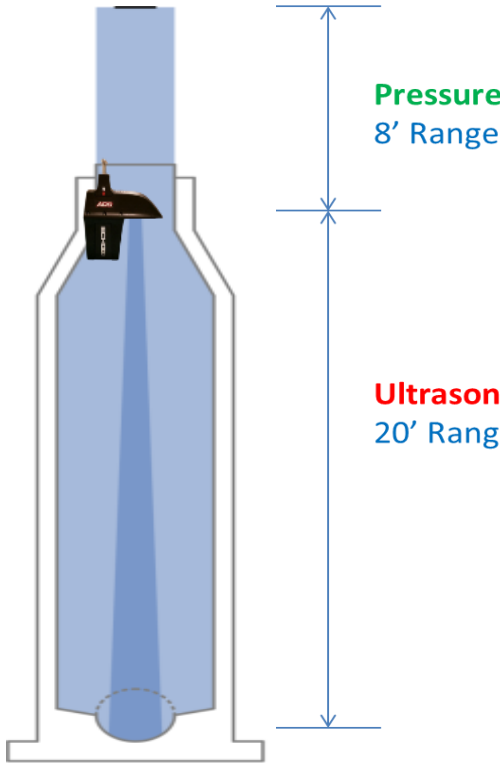
Focus-Beam  
Ultrasonic Depth &  
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System



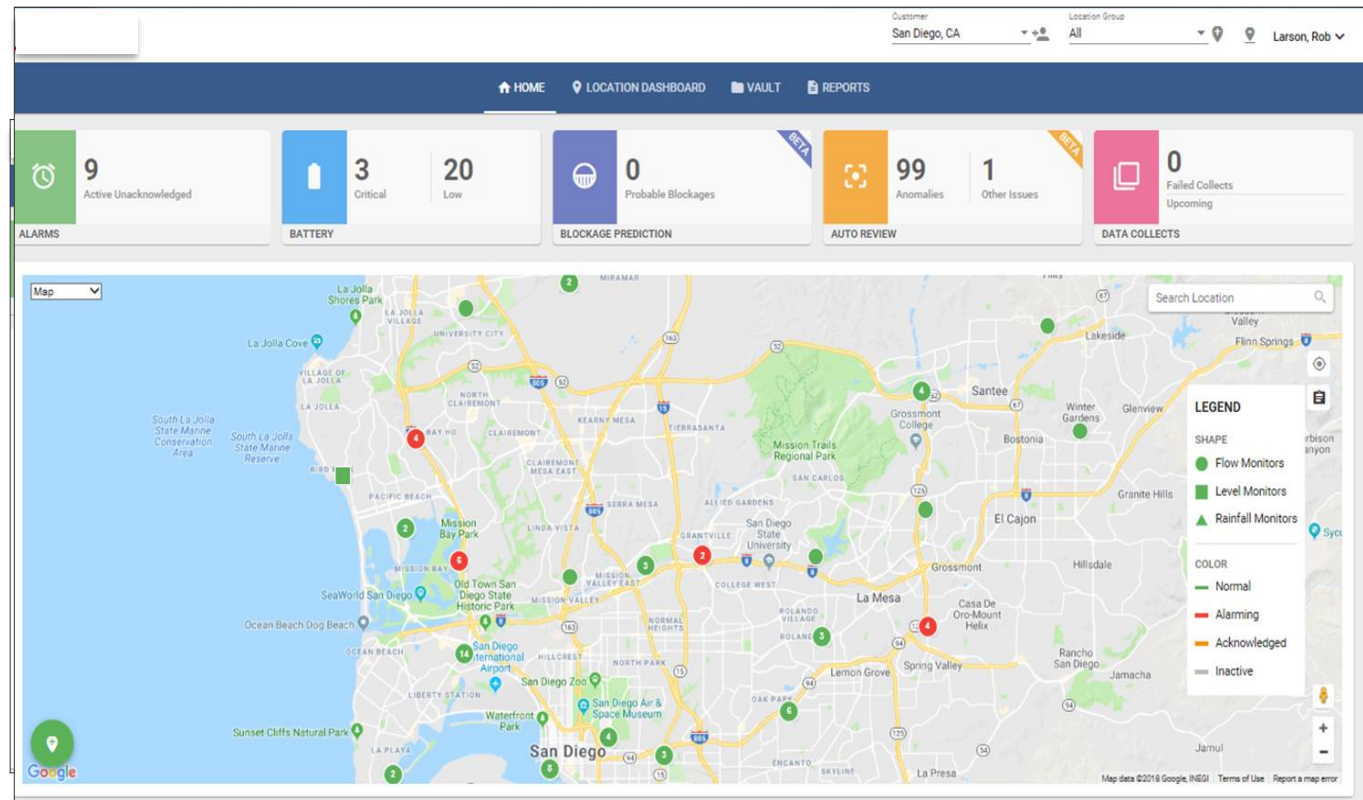
# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Monitoring Technology Advancements



# Remote Site Depth (Level) Monitor



# Software Advancing with Machine Learning



## Apps

Auto Detect /  
Auto Correct

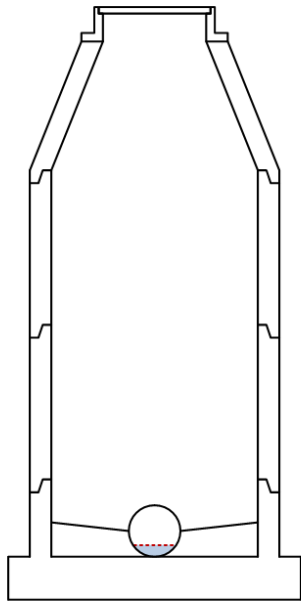
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Prediction

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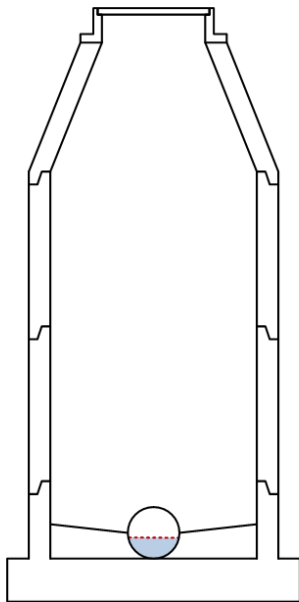
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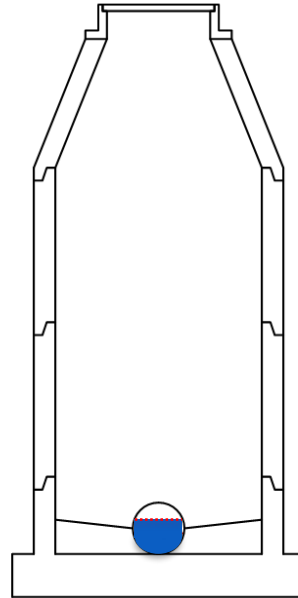
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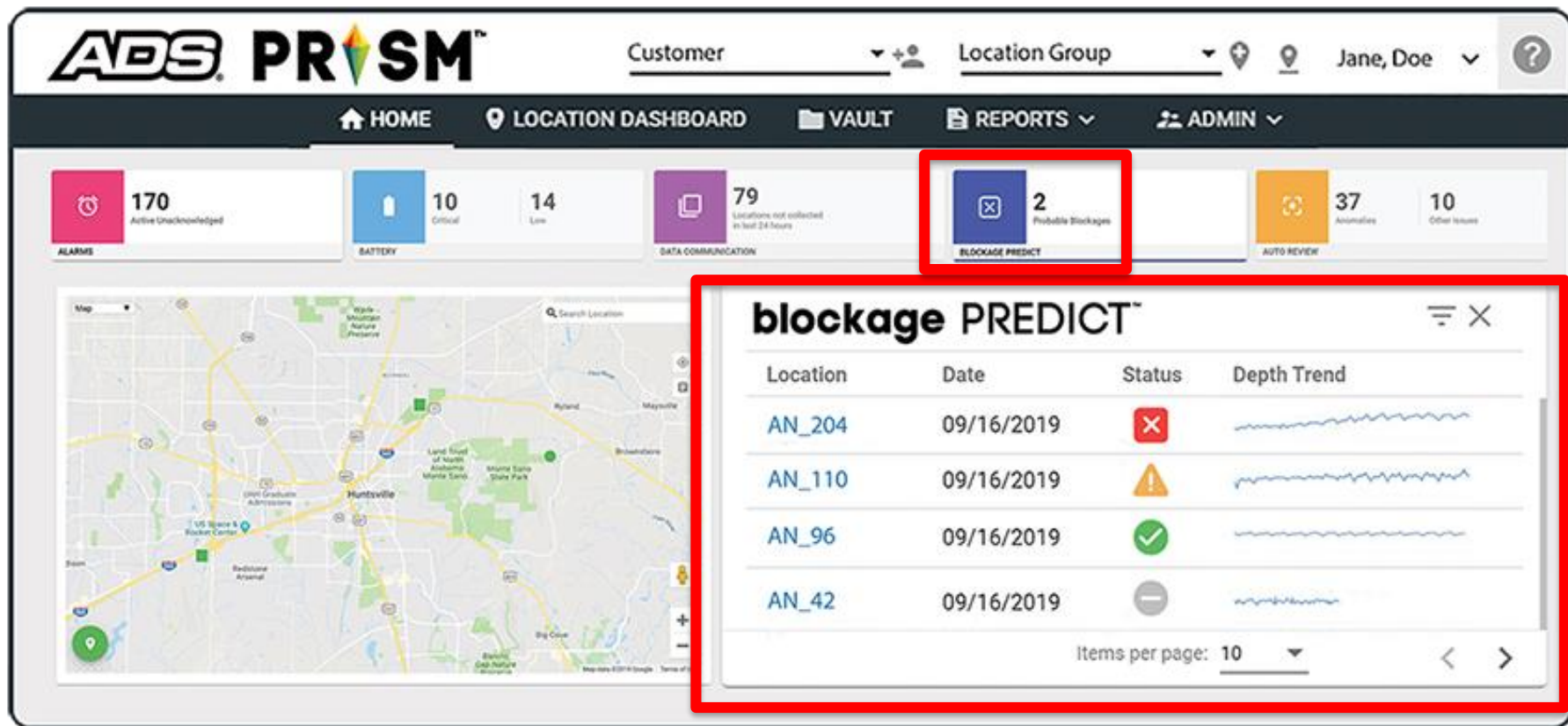
**Blockage is detected**



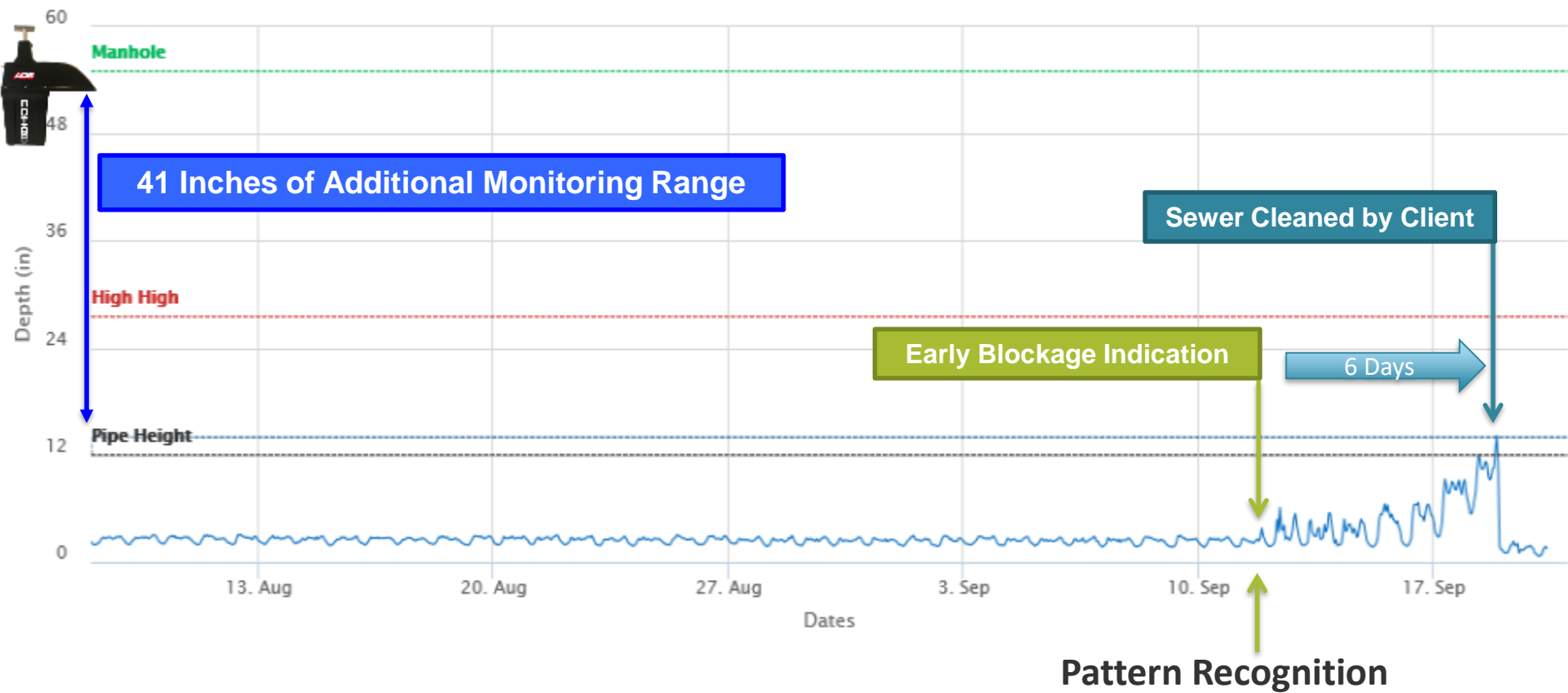
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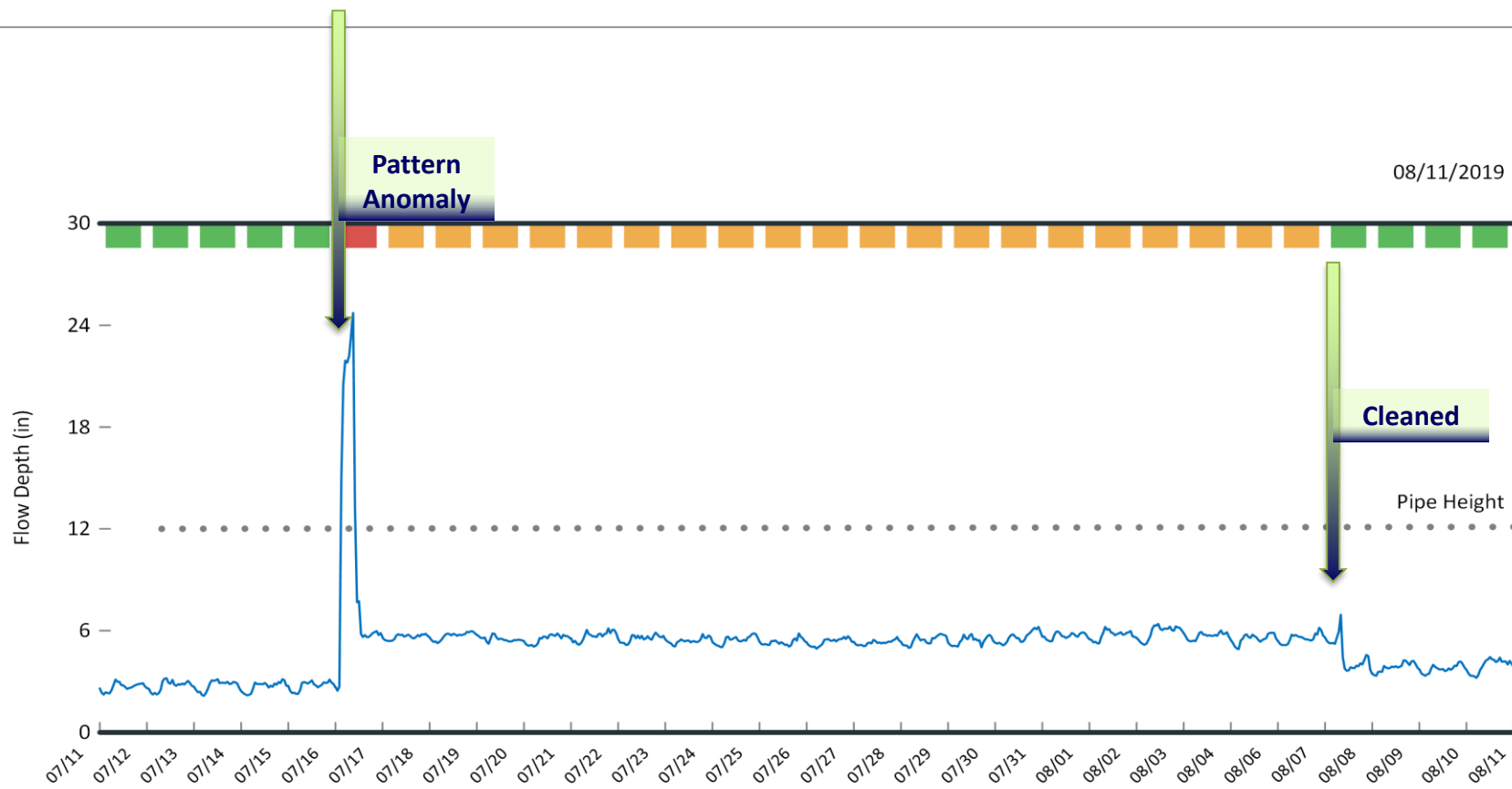
# Predicting Blockages



# Example of Weekly Cleaning Site



# Pattern Anomaly 1: Sediment

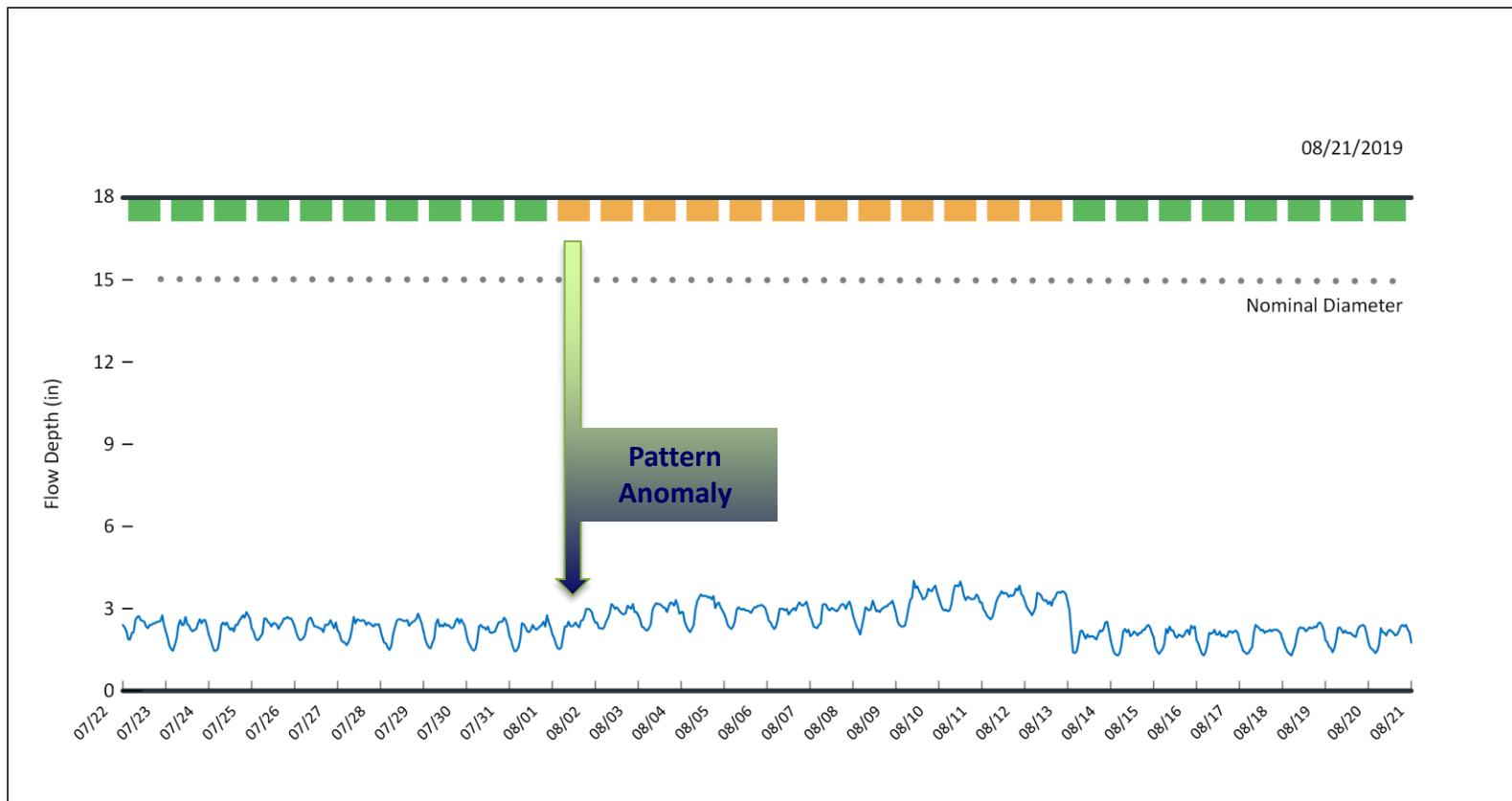


# Findings Site 1



**Gravel and Rocks Observed in Manhole Channel**

# Pattern Anomaly 2: Obstruction



# Abstraction



Stick Blocking Outlet Pipe Resulting in Ragging



# Predicting Blockage & Identify Type

## Machine learning- continuous technology development

- Now: Predictively identify developing blockage
- Next: Identify blockage *type*

**Grease**



**Roots**

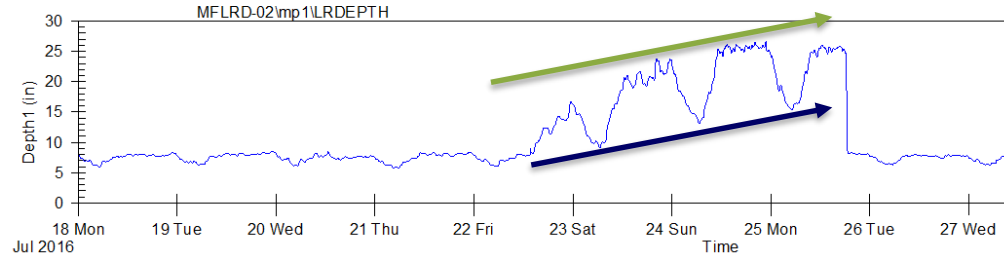


**Collapse**



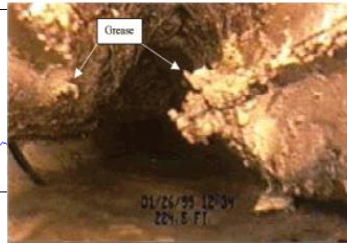
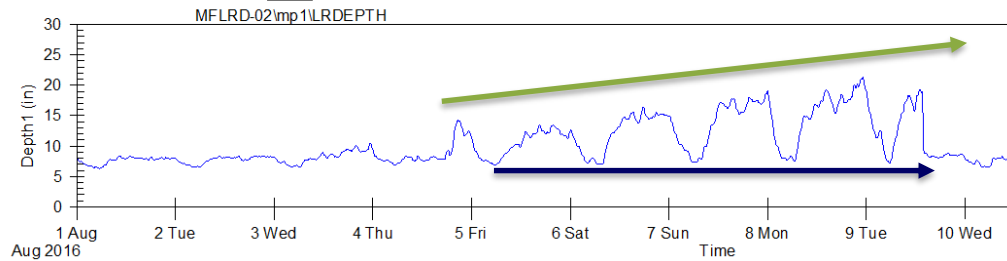


# Blockages Have Signatures



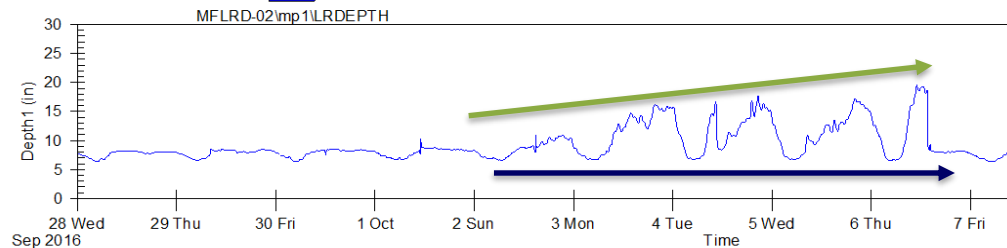
## Debris Blockage Signature

**Peak values** increase  
**Low values** increase



## Grease Blockage Signature

**Peak values** increase  
**Low values** remain relatively constant



## Grease Blockage Signature

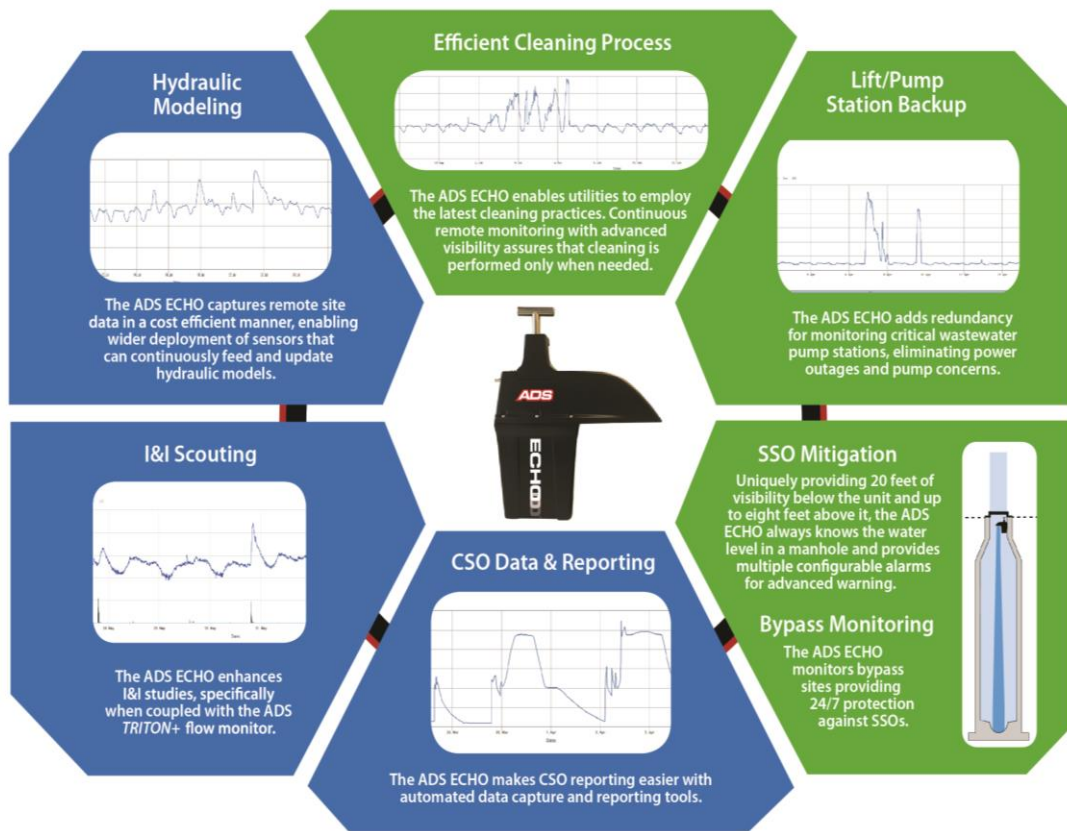
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# A Little About ADS

- 44-Years of Experience with Collection System Flows
- End-to-end Approach
  - Equipment, Software,
  - Analytics & Applications Services
  - 29 Field Service Offices

**Solutions-Focused...**

**ADS, when expertise matters**



# Summary

**Optimizing Collection System health is like taking vitamins...**

**Vitamins are safe & healthful but high dosages can bring**

- Unwanted side effects
- Unnecessary costs

**High Frequency Cleaning is similar with side-effects...**

- Over-stressed operations
- Excessive pipe wear
- No ongoing SSO protection

**Technology Optimizes System Health**

- Visibility & Predictability with fast pay-back
- Immediate performance improvement
- Peace of mind

**Healthy balance is achieved!**



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# Questions?

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