

# Managing Water Assets for the Long Term



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# Principal Aspects: Drinking Water Systems

- Drinking water systems are used to provide service to users and communities. This can typically be described as :
- Delivering of ***Safe Drinking Water*** in the required quality
- Supporting the fire Brigades with water for ***Firefighting***

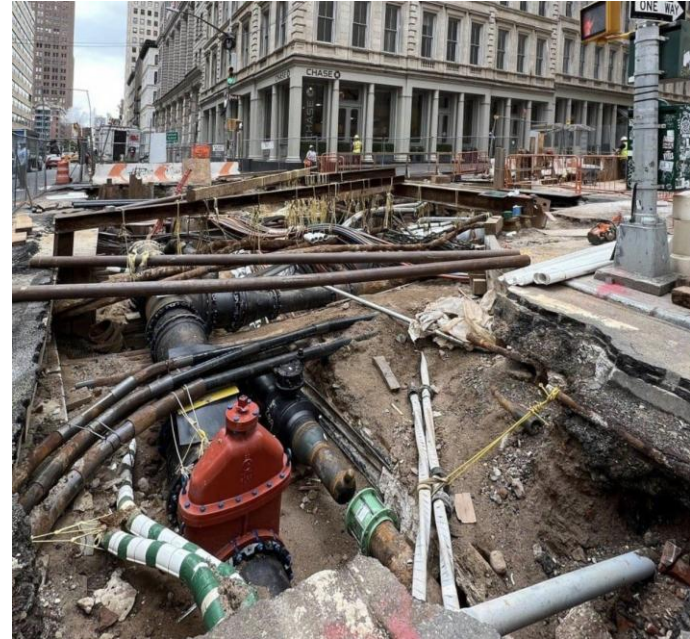


# Utilities - Could be Complicated !!

**Williams & Wall Sts. New York City, USA. 1915**

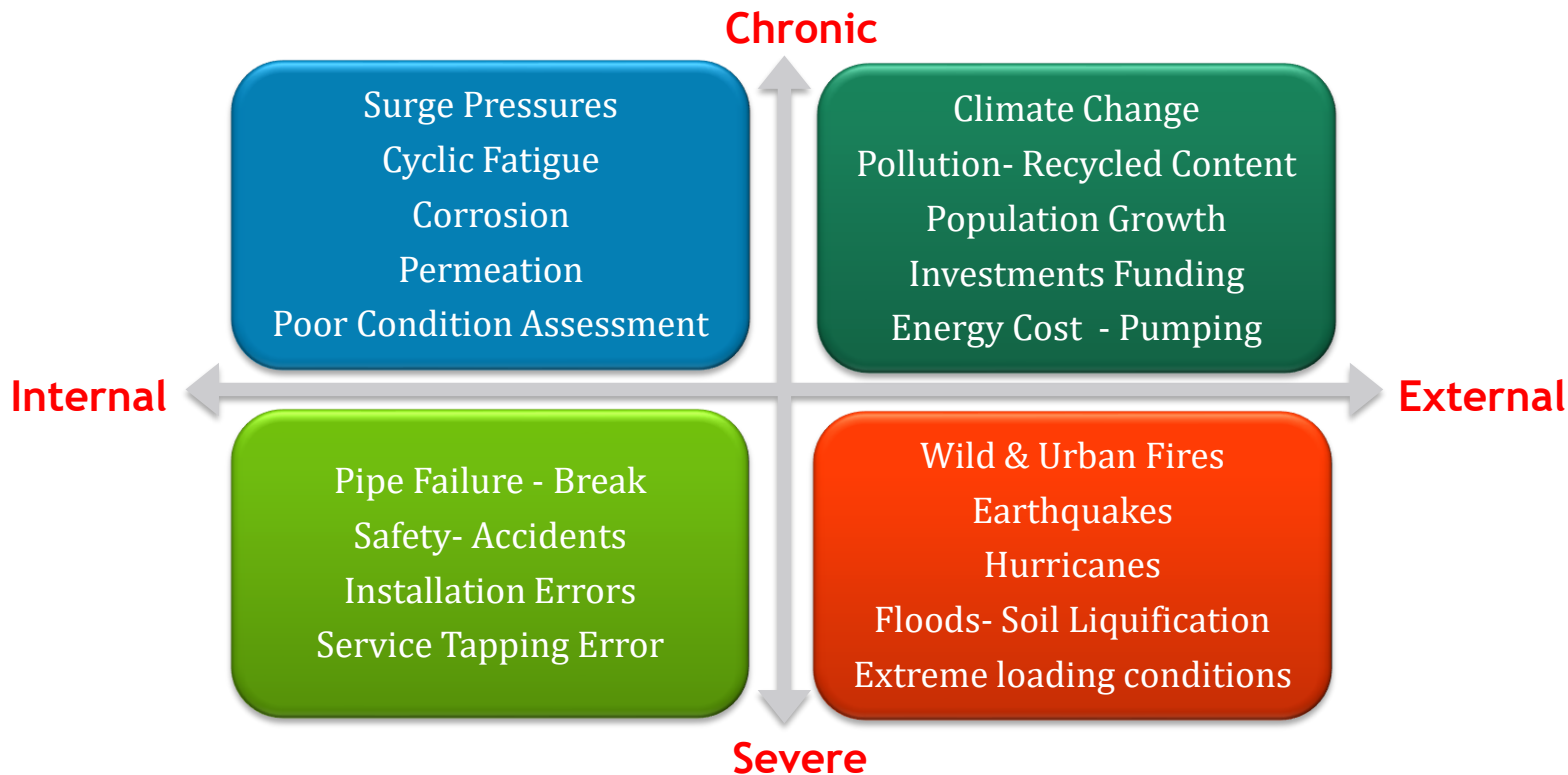


**New York City, USA. 2021**





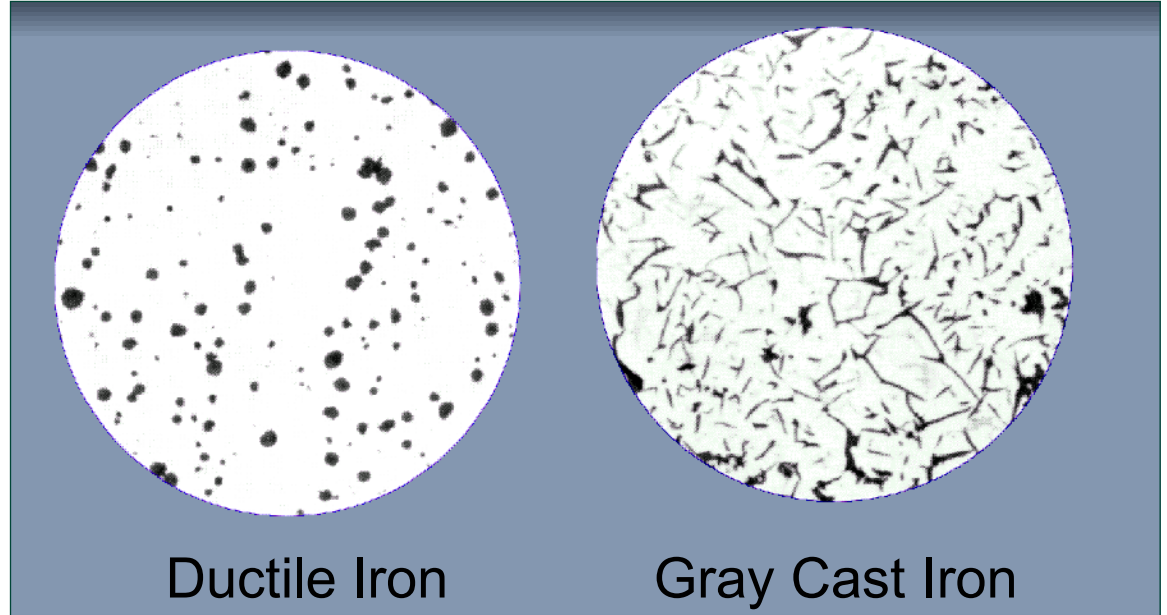
# Threats for Water Pipelines



# From CIP to DIP– What's the Difference ?



- Iron:  
Molten at 2,500° F
- Magnesium:  
Vaporizes at 2,050° F



Ductile Iron

1960'- Today

Gray Cast Iron

1850's- 1960's

# How Modern DIP is Made ?

**Raw Material : + 95% Recycled  
Scrap Steel & Iron**



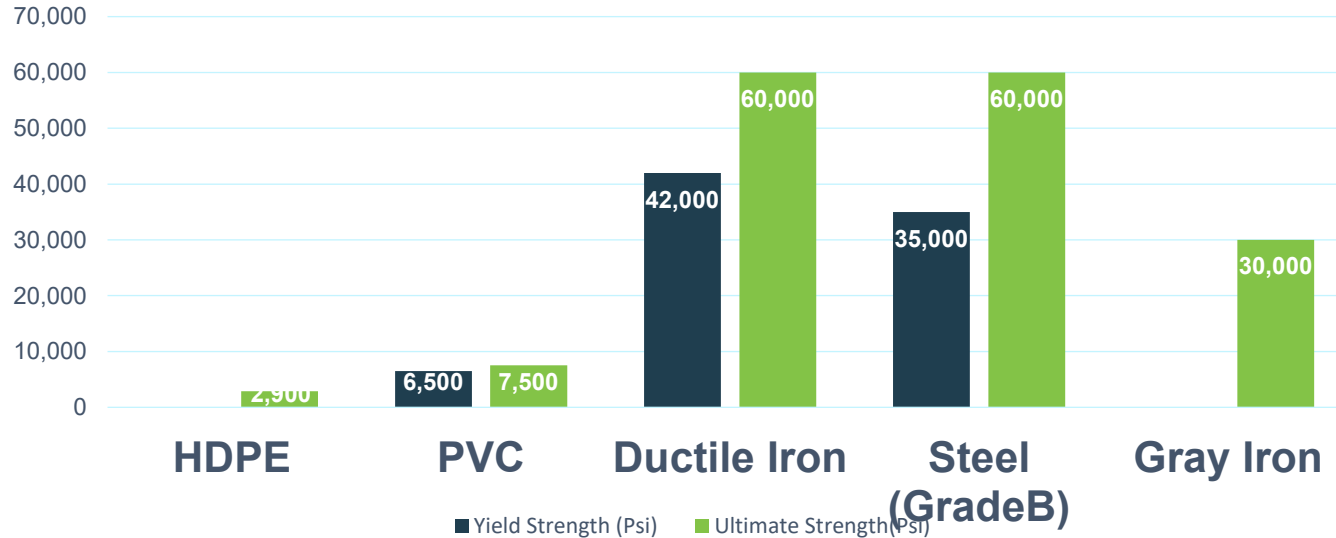
**Centrifugal Casting Process**



# Pipe Materials Comparative Strength

## Pipe Mechanical Properties

### TENSILE STRENGTH



# Internal Corrosion – Unlined Iron Pipes

## Historical Problem :



Internal Corrosion (Tuberculation) in  
Unlined Iron Pipe



## Solution:



Cement lining

Modern  
Ductile Iron Pipe





# External Corrosion – Unprotected Pipes

## Corrosion will have an effect on.....

- **Cast Iron Pipe**
- **Ductile Iron Pipe**
- **Steel Pipe**
- **Concrete Pressure Pipe**
- **All metallic appurtenances or accessories used with Plastic Pipes (PVC, HDPE)**



## Common causes:

- **Low-resistivity soils**
- **Anaerobic bacteria**
- **Dissimilar metals**
- **Differences in soil composition**
- **Differential aeration of the soil around the pipe**
- **Stray current from external sources**

# High Resistivity Soils – Unprotected Iron Pipe's Life Expectancy of +100 Yrs

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



**Resistivity: 3,600 –  
7,600 ohm-cm**

# Ohm's Law

**The magnitude of the current is directly proportional to the driving potential and inversely proportional to the circuit resistance.**

$$I = \frac{E}{R}$$

$$\text{Current} = \frac{\text{Driving Potential}}{\text{Circuit Resistance}}$$

# DIP Coating – Polyethylene Encasement as Dielectric Barrier



**American Water Works  
Association**

*Dedicated to the World's Most Important Resource®*

**ANSI/AWWA C105/A21.5-18**  
(Revision of ANSI/AWWA C105/A21.5-10)

**AWWA Standard**

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



# Dig-up Investigations, Highly Corrosive Environments

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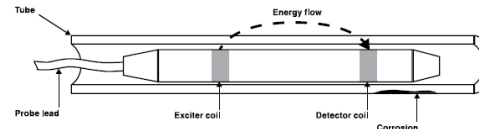
# Condition Assessment Techniques

- CCTV Camera Inspection
- Visual Inspection
- Soil Corrosivity Surveys
- Acoustic Velocity Testing
- Electromagnetic Testing
- Ultrasonic Testing
- Metallographic Analysis



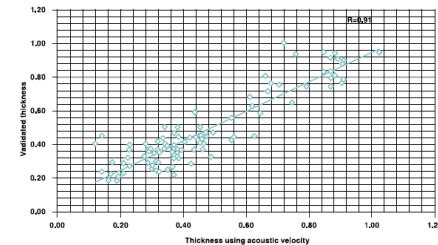
Source: Rock Solid Group

Figure 11-5 Example of a manually winched tool



Adapted with permission from PICA

Figure 11-7 Simple probe for remote field testing



# Data For Iron Pipe Networks

## Preliminary :

**Criticality of the water main :** Low , Medium or High ?

**Failure Rate :** Number & frequency of breaks

**Age :** Installation date ?

**Pipe Material :** Grey or Ductile Iron ?

**Corrosion Protection :** PE, GA, CP, None ?

**Hydraulics :** Pressure and Flow rate ?

**Pipe wall Assessment :** Remaining thickness



## Soil :

**Soil Resistivity**

**PH**

**Sulfides**

**Moisture**

**Chlorides**

## Inspection :

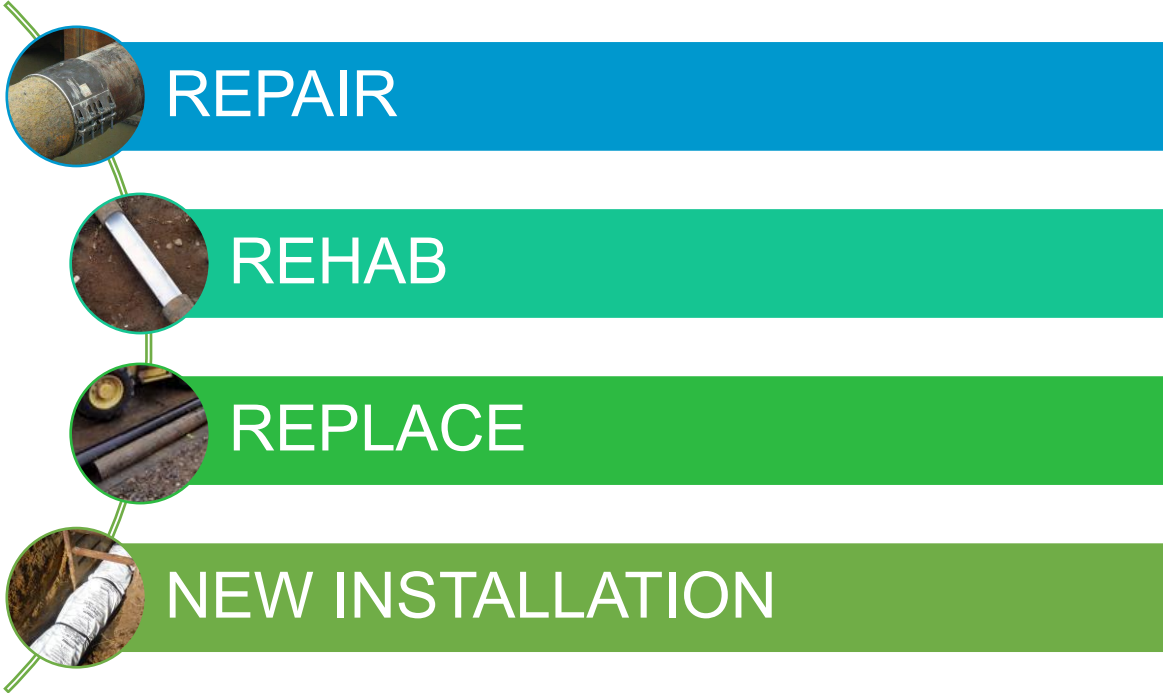
**Leak Detection – Ultrasonic study**

**Type of break**

**Visual Inspection**

**Corrosion Pit depth**

# Decision Making



# Decision Making : Repair and Asset Life Extension

## Leak Repair Clamps



## Galvanic Anodes





# Decision Making: Clean and Rehab Unlined Cast Iron Pipes

## Cured-In-Place Pipe Lining



## Clean, flush and Cement or Epoxy lining

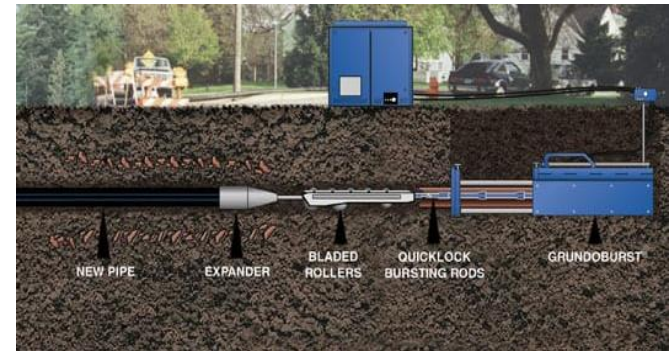


# Decision Making: Replace - Open Cut or Trenchless

## Open Cut



## Trenchless Technologies Pipe Bursting with HDD



# New Installations – Design Considerations

Size, Length, and  
Thickness Design For  
Ductile Iron Pipe

Type of Joints, Lining,  
Gaskets, etc.

Soil Conditions  
Corrosion Control  
Design Decision Model

Proper Installation  
Monitoring and  
Inspection

**+100 YEARS OF  
SERVICE**





# DIP Joints Deflection

Push on Joint



Deflection up to  $5^{\circ}$

Mechanical Joint

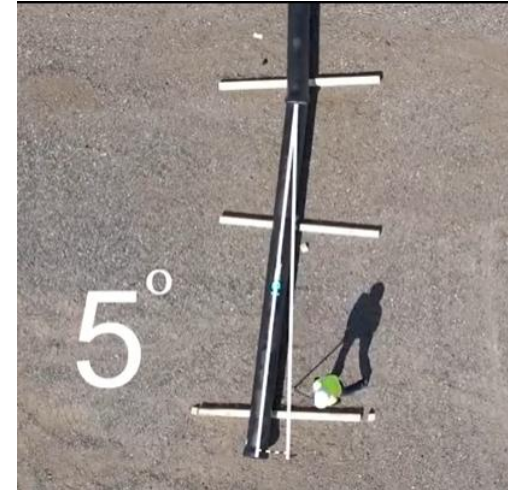


Deflection up to  $8^{\circ}$

TR-Flex<sup>®</sup> Joint



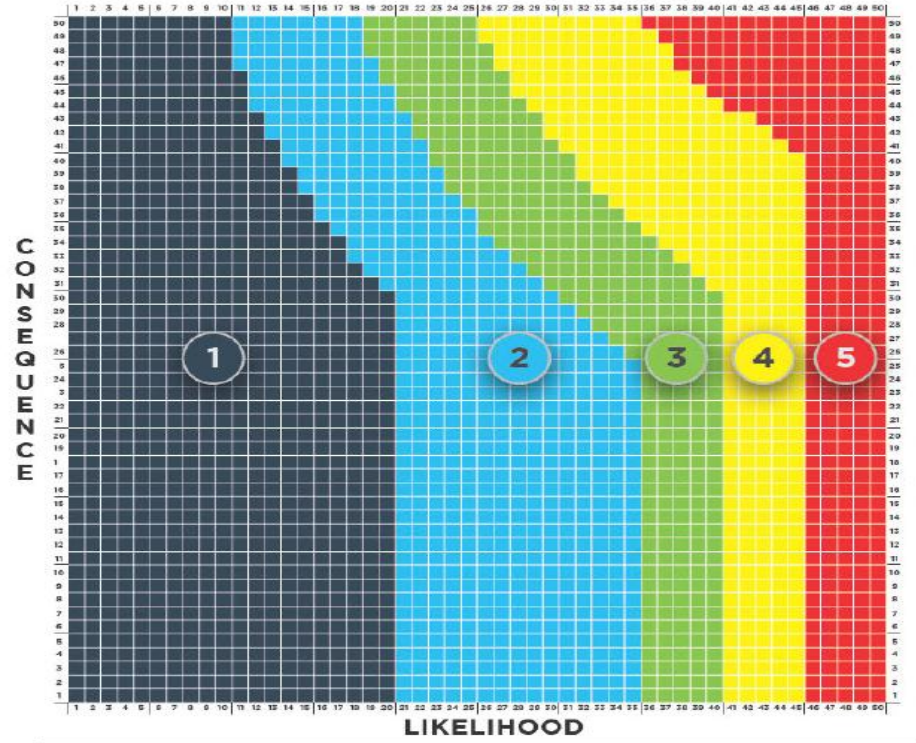
Deflection  $1.5^{\circ}$ – $5^{\circ}$



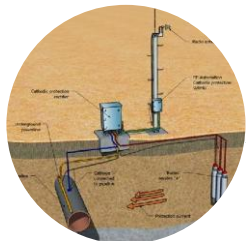


# Decision Making: Corrosion Control Selection – DDM®

- Risk Based Approach
- Assess the Likelihood of Corrosion through Soil Analysis
- Assess the Consequence of a failure through Criticality of watermain



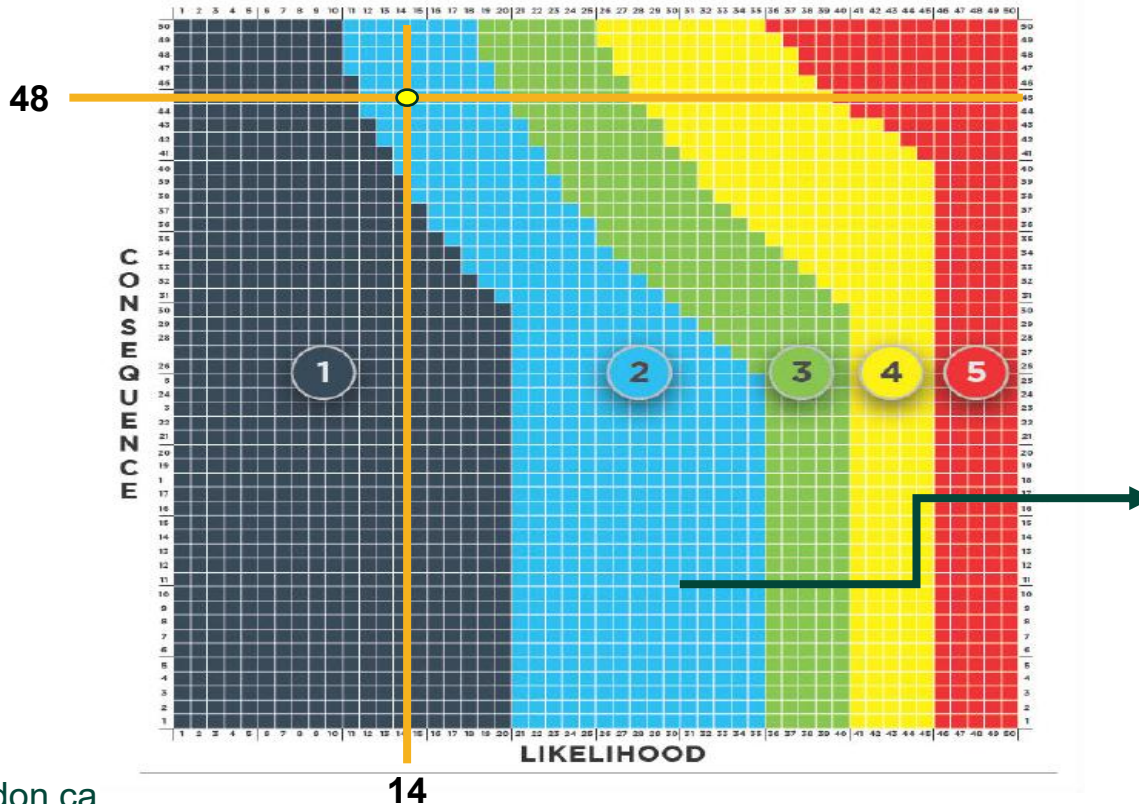
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Recommendations	
1	As Manufactured with Shop Coat
2	V-Bio <sup>®</sup> Enhanced Polyethylene Encasement
3	V-Bio <sup>®</sup> Enhanced Polyethylene Encasement, or V-Bio <sup>®</sup> Enhanced Polyethylene Encasement with Joint Bonds
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# Decision Making Example Corrosion Control Selection – DDM<sup>®</sup>



# Tapping Ductile Iron Pipe – No Saddles Required



Laboratory Tests



# Questions?

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