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PITF - PA Pipeline Infrastructure Task Force Report – February 2016

The Public Utility Commission (PUC) is authorized under the Pennsylvania Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipelines Act to regulate pipeline operators in Pennsylvania consistent with federal pipeline safety standards. These safety standards apply to the design, installation, operation, inspection, testing, construction, extension, replacement and maintenance of pipeline facilities. The PUC also implements regulations related to gas service and facilities.

083019-Michael Perlow Jr - General Background Review Comments

- 1. Population in many areas of PA has as much as doubled since 1950 and is expected to continue increasing another 25% or more by 2050 resulting in extensive development and new infrastructure construction.
- 2. In our larger population centers, infrastructure more than 50-100 years old is aging and reaching its useful life.
- 3. Corresponding to the increase in population, there has been a continued increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events most notably in the past 5 years.
- 4. The above factors have combined to greatly increase the risk of damage and/or failure of our municipal, transportation, energy, and telecommunications infrastructure particularly in areas prone to sinkholes, landslides, and flooding.
- 5. The close of proximity of the above infrastructure to each other poses a risk to all infrastructure in an area where an underground utility line failure occurs resulting in loss of support due to sinkhole formation, subsidence, and slope failures. In geohazard and environmentally sensitive areas, the risk greatly increases due to the combination of man's activities, aging infrastructure, and extreme weather.
- 6. Local municipal-county governments, authorities, and transportation department personnel are the front-line defense for public safety and environmental protection.
- 7. Studies by the author based upon 40 years of case study failure analyses have established basic critical factors which combine to increase the risk of pipeline and underground utility safety. Advances in computer technology, GIS, and data mining can provide critical hazard assessments needed for emergency response-preparedness.

083019-Michael Perlow Jr – Chapter 59 Rulemaking Recommendations

It is recommended that the PUC consider the development of a Public Utility Commission Hazard Emergency Response-Preparedness Tool similar to the recently developed ASCE Hazard Tool which establishes the minimum hazard design loads for buildings and other structures – See Attached ASCE 7 Hazard Tool example for the Harrisburg Rachel Carson Office Building.



By developing a PA PUC Public Utilities Hazard Assessment– Emergency Response-Preparedness Tool, the PUC and PADEP can help enlist the cooperation and assistance of local municipalities, county and utility authorities to meet its mandated safety and environmental protection responsibilities A PA PUC Hazard Assessment Emergency Response-Preparedness Tool could become the focal point and key communication tool for the following PUC priorities:

1. Utility interactions with local government officials, including but not limited to such topics as emergency planning and emergency response coordination, periodic drills with utility/municipal coordination.

2. Requiring periodic public awareness meetings with municipal officials and the public.

3. Pennsylvania-specific enhancements to public utilities' public awareness programs pursuant to 49 CFR § 195.440 and API Recommended Practice 1162.

- 5. Enhancing transparency while protecting confidential infrastructure security information.
- 6. Regulation of construction techniques such as horizontal directional drilling.

7. Accident and incident reporting criteria, notification criteria for reporting incidents or unusual events to local emergency officials.

8. Advance notification and/or Commission preapproval of major construction activities.

11. Protection of public-private water wells and supplies, wetlands, critical habitats, etc.

Hazard Assessment Emergency Response-Preparedness Tool Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed Chapter 59 rulemaking process include development of a PUC Hazard Assessment Emergency Response-Preparedness Tool by convening Stakeholder Workgroup similar to the highly successful on-going PA DEP Horizontal Directional Drilling and Alternative Analysis group. The PUC Hazard Tool workgroup would review existing data availability, format and platform used to disseminate information. The PUC Hazard -Emergency Response Tool stakeholder group would be a joint effort with DEP to develop specific recommendations and road map to create the Hazard Tool along with possible user funding sources (subscriptions, project impact fees, etc.).



A copy of the PADEP August 28, 2019 Stakeholder Summit Summary presentation is attached to provide an understanding and insight as to how the stakeholder workgroup developed their respective Technical Guidance Documents.

Summary of MPerlowJr 08/30/19 Comment Document Attachments

- A. ASCE 7 Hazard Tool Example Harrisburg Rachel Carson Office Building Screen Shots
- B. ASCE 7 Hazard Tool Example Report Harrisburg Rachel Carson Office Building PDF
- C. PADEP August 28, 2019 HDD & AA Stakeholder Workgroup Overview Presentation
- D. Michael Perlow Jr, PE 2019 CV, Biography, and Experience
- E. Example Failure Case Study 1990 Allentown North 5th Street Main Break-Gas Explosion

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APPENDIX A

ASCE 7 HAZARD TOOL EXAMPLE RACHEL CARSON STATE OFFICE BUILDING 400 MARKET STREET HARRISBURG, PA 17101 SCREEN SHOTS

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ASCE 7 Hazard Tool

ASCE 7 Hazard Tool is a web-based application that offers a better way to look up key design parameters specified by Standard ASCE 7. Its easy-to-use mapping features quickly retrieve your choice of hazard data, including:

- basic wind speed
- seismic accelerations
- flood zone and base flood elevation
- ground snow load
- rain load
- tsunami-load risk
- ice thickness with concurrent gust speed and temperature

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Easy-to-use mapping features offer a better way to look up key design parameters specified by Standard ASCE 7.

- New: Serviceability wind speeds now returned with site wind speed
- New: Seismic data expanded to include 14 coefficients, the seismic design category, and both horizontal and vertical response spectra
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- Generate a report showing hazard data for your location

New Product Upgrades Coming Soon!

 ASCE 7 Hazard Tool will identify hurricane-prone regions and wind-borne debris regions, as defined in ASCE 7-16, Chapter 26 and ASCE 7-10.

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50-year MRI	89 Vmph
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SMS	0.219
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Seismic Design Category	В
Ice	
Thickness	1.00 in.
Concurrent Temperature	15 F
Gust Speed	40 mph
Snow	
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Elevation	324.5 ft
Rain	
15-Minute Rainfall Intensity	5.23 in./h
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Static BFE	Refer to map for local elevations and interpolate

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APPENDIX B

ASCE 7 HAZARD TOOL EXAMPLE RACHEL CARSON STATE OFFICE BUILDING 400 MARKET STREET HARRISBURG, PA 17101 HAZARD REPORT



ASCE 7 Hazards Report

Address: 400 Market St Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101 Standard:ASCE/SEI 7-16Risk Category:IISoil Class:D - Default (see
Section 11.4.3)

 Elevation:
 324.5 ft (NAVD 88)

 Latitude:
 40.262254

 Longitude:
 -76.879475



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Date Accessed:	Fri Aug 30 2019

Value provided is 3-second gust wind speeds at 33 ft above ground for Exposure C Category, based on linear interpolation between contours. Wind speeds are interpolated in accordance with the 7-16 Standard. Wind speeds correspond to approximately a 7% probability of exceedance in 50 years (annual exceedance probability = 0.00143, MRI = 700 years).

Site is not in a hurricane-prone region as defined in ASCE/SEI 7-16 Section 26.2.

Mountainous terrain, gorges, ocean promontories, and special wind regions should be examined for unusual wind conditions.



Site Soil Class: Results:	D - Default (see Sec	ction 11.4.3)	
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S _{M1} :	0.103	l _e :	1
S _{DS} :	0.146	C _v :	0.7
Seismic Design Category	В		





Data Accessed: Date Source: Fri Aug 30 2019 USGS Seismic Design Maps based on ASCE/SEI 7-16 and ASCE/SEI 7-16 Table 1.5-2. Additional data for site-specific ground motion procedures in accordance with ASCE/SEI 7-16 Ch. 21 are available from USGS.



Results:

Ice Thickness:	1.00 in.
Concurrent Temperature:	15 F
Gust Speed:	40 mph
Data Source:	Standard ASCE/SEI 7-16, Figs. 10-2 through 10-8
Date Accessed:	Fri Aug 30 2019

Ice thicknesses on structures in exposed locations at elevations higher than the surrounding terrain and in valleys and gorges may exceed the mapped values.

Values provided are equivalent radial ice thicknesses due to freezing rain with concurrent 3-second gust speeds, for a 500-year mean recurrence interval, and temperatures concurrent with ice thicknesses due to freezing rain. Thicknesses for ice accretions caused by other sources shall be obtained from local meteorological studies. Ice thicknesses in exposed locations at elevations higher than the surrounding terrain and in valleys and gorges may exceed the mapped values.

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15-minute Precipitation Intensity: 5.23 in./h

60-minute Precipitation Intensity: 2.74 in./h

 Data Source:
 NOAA National Weather Service, Precipitation Frequency Data Server, Atlas 14 (https://www.nws.noaa.gov/oh/hdsc/)

Date Accessed:

Fri Aug 30 2019



Results:

Flood Zone Categorization: X (unshaded)

Base Flood Elevation:	Refer to map for local elevations and interpolate according to the Authority Having Jurisdiction.
Data Source:	FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer - Effective Flood Hazard Layer for US, where modernized (<u>https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search</u>)
Date Accessed:	Fri Aug 30 2019
FIRM Panel:	If available, download FIRM panel <u>here</u>
Insurance Study Note:	Download FEMA Flood Insurance Study for this area here



Tsunami

Results:

Tsunami:

Not in mapped tsunami design zone.

Data Source: Date Accessed: ASCE Tsunami Design Geodatabase Fri Aug 30 2019



The ASCE 7 Hazard Tool is provided for your convenience, for informational purposes only, and is provided "as is" and without warranties of any kind. The location data included herein has been obtained from information developed, produced, and maintained by third party providers; or has been extrapolated from maps incorporated in the ASCE 7 standard. While ASCE has made every effort to use data obtained from reliable sources or methodologies, ASCE does not make any representations or warranties as to the accuracy, completeness, reliability, currency, or quality of any data provided herein. Any third-party links provided by this Tool should not be construed as an endorsement, affiliation, relationship, or sponsorship of such third-party content by or from ASCE.

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APPENDIX C

PADEP STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS DRAFT GUIDANCE DOCUMENT REVIEW AUGUST 28, 2019 PRESENTATION











- Charge of the Stakeholder workgroup: "Construction and Operation during Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD)"
- <u>Stipulation states:</u> Enhanced Best Practices ("EBP") in the design and execution of HDDs and HDD Inadvertent Return Assessment, Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency Plans
- HDD workgroup and the Trenchless Technology Technical Guidance Document





- Enhanced Best Practices for:
 - -preventing and responding to IRs and
 - preventing and responding to hydrological impacts from IRs;
 - -groundwater quality and quantity protection;
 - procedures to identify water supplies in the vicinity of a proposed HDD beyond the use of the Pennsylvania Groundwater Information System
- Recommendations for permittee to conduct water supply testing (quality and quantity) for landowners within the vicinity of an HDD.



IRs;

 a. Enhanced Best Practices ("EBP") in the design and execution of HDDs and HDD Inadvertent Return Assessment, Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency Plans ("HDD IR PPC Plan");

 The type of site-specific geological, topographical, and hydrological analysis to be considered, including, but not limited to past and current land use.

(2) The type of analysis and documentation of adjacent features in the vicinity of the project footprint and potential impact of the planned activity on or from adjacent features.

b. EBP for preventing and responding to IRs;

c. EBP for preventing and responding to hydrological impacts from

d. EBP for groundwater quality and quantity protection;

e. EBP for procedures to be used to identify water supplies in the vicinity of a proposed HDD beyond the use of the Pennsylvania Groundwater Information System; and

 f. Recommendations for permittee to conduct water supply testing (quality and quantity) for landowners within the vicinity of an HDD.





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Horizontal Directional Drilling Stakeholder Workgroup · Eight subgroups that focused on specific sections of the technical guidance. 504heards 50 NO all Cars Drafting, Revising, and Editing w to get the Dead Dogs, Huckerth Rahner Status: - Preliminary Draft Review period is complete. va Erling, Trish O'r - Currently in the Stakeholder draft review troduction period which ends September 24, 2019. · The following slide provides a generalized Table of Contents timeline this document will go through before a decision is made by the Department to publish this document. pennsylvania 13









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- B. Personnel, Responsibilities, and Trainings
- C. Preconstruction Activities
- D. Drilling Fluid Management



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- Table 2.3
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- F. Example Notification Letter and Well Construction Questionnaire
- G. Example letter conveying water quality results and notification of EPA maximum contaminant Level (MCL) exceedances
- H. Technical Guidance Document Plan Submittal Checklist(s)

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	Alternatives Analysis Stakeholder Workgroup	
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	minimize adverse environmental impacts.	
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IV. A. Alternatives Analysis Background

- The alternatives analysis is the project applicant's written documentation of efforts to avoid or minimize environmental impacts and to demonstrate to the Department that impacts from the proposed water obstruction(s) and encroachment(s) have been avoided and minimized to the greatest extent practicable
- Prepared by individuals with appropriate experience, training, local knowledge and familiarity with regulations
- An alternative is considered practicable if it is capable of being implemented after taking into consideration cost, existing technology and logistics
- Comparison to NEPA process









IV. C. On-Site or Design Alternatives

- 1. The spatial requirements of the proposed project;
- 2. The project's purpose and need, and how the purpose relates to placement or configuration;
- 3. Efforts to reduce the scope of the proposed project;
- 4. The location of any existing infrastructure or natural features that may dictate the placement or configuration of the proposed project;
- 5. Site constraints including local zoning requirements and site access;
- 6. Standard engineering and safety practices.









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	Table 2. Other Linear Pr	oject Considerations	
	Project Type	Ancillary Feature	Additional Considerations
			Valve sites
	1.0.0	Surface sites (excluding well pads)	Meter stations
EEDC Domulated Drainate	11 10		Pig launcher and receiver locations
FERC Regulated Projects	Pipelines		Compressor stations
			Telecommunication towers
			Tap and city gate stations
Other Linear Project Considerations		Access roads	Permanent access roads
			Temporary access roads
		Underground storage facilities and fields	Valve sites and meter stations
		Buried cable (e.g. fiber optic, traditional telecommunication)	Junction boxes
	Utility projects	Sewer, water, and stormwater lines	Manholes
			Pump stations
			Meter stations
	Energy and power	Aboveground transmission lines	Towers and poles
	transmission lines	Belowground transmission lines	Junction Boxes



V. Environmental and Project Specific Considerations D. Restoration and Pollution Abatement Projects

- 1. Aquatic Resource Restoration
- 2. Abandoned Mine Reclamation
- 3. Acid Mine Drainage or Other Drainage Treatment
- 4. Brownfields
- 5. Recreational Projects





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Alternatives Analysis Stakeholder Workgroup **VII. Appendices** Table 4. Example Design Alternatives Summary Table Resource Alternative #1 Iternative #2 Alternative #3 PA Code Unique Aquatic Resource Cumulativ umulat mulativ Waters Chosen Practicability Chosen Practicability Chosen acticabilit Chapter 93 / 105 Narrativ Resource Resource Resouce Identifier source Resource Alternative? Rationale Rationale Name Rationale Alternative Alternative? Designation t Descriptio Impact Impoct Type Impact Bottom-less arch 20" Culvert Bridge Perennia Adams ST023 EV pg. 13 EA Stream Run pg. 3 Alt Analysis pg. 3 Alt Cost; pg 13 100 SF 110 SF 60 SF No Yes No Alt Analysis Analysis Conventional Bore Tren hless Open-Cut Trench HDD Trenchless Technology Technology PFO W-001 Other Pg. 27 EA Unsuitabl Wetland pg.3 Alt Cost; pg 5 250 SF 25 SF Yes 25 SF No No geology; Pg Analysis Alt Analysis 3 Alt # Additional alternatives summary columns should be added as necessary * Stream designation per Chapter 93, Wetland designation per Chapter 105 * e.g. construction cost, existing technology, logistics and items listed in §105.14(b) 55







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APPENDIX D

MICHAEL PERLOW JR, PE 2019 CV-BIOGRAPHY-EXPERIENCE

MICHAEL PERLOW JR., P.E. – 2019 BIOGRAPHY



Michael Perlow Jr., P.E. is a retired civil & geotechnical engineer with more than 45 years of experience in engineering geology, geotechnical engineering and failure investigations. He is a registered professional engineer and a graduate of Lehigh University with a BSCE and MSCE degree. He is also the author of some 35 technical publications and has presented at numerous conferences, seminars, and meetings.

Mike has extensive foundation failure assessment-repair experience associated with major sinkhole stabilization projects, utility main breaks and geo-environmental hazard triggered failures. He has directed geologic, geophysical, groundwater quality, and geotechnical investigations for such major projects as the \$100 million AT&T Solid State Technology Center, Interstate 78 through the Schantz Spring Aquifer in Lehigh County PA, Knoll International Assembly-Shipping Facility in East Greenville PA, the Lehigh Valley Regional Postal Facility as well stabilization of the Vera Cruz Road, Macungie, Tatamy Road Bridge major sinkhole collapses and numerous utility main break-building sinkhole collapses.

As Northeast Regional Manager for GeoStructures of Purcellville VA, Mike provided specialized ground improvement services using the Geopier Rammed Aggregate Pier, newly developed Impact Pier-Grouted Impact Pier, and prototype Geo-Concrete Column Systems. He also provided dynamic compaction services using the track-hoe mounted intelligent Rapid Impact Compaction (RIC) system for projects in his PA, NJ, NY and DE territory.

Mike also has extensive previous North American and International marine geotechnical experience with coastal and offshore projects including regional sewer systems, power plants, numerous outfall-intake pipelines, geohazards surveys and offshore platform siting.

Mike has extensive marine geotechnical experience with coastal, offshore and university research projects. He participated in the 1976 USGS (AMCOR) Atlantic Margin Coring Project and the Lehigh University Marine Geotechnical Laboratory (MGL) Office of Naval Research program to develop three geotechnical test areas for the US Navy using the ALVIN-DEEP QUEST deep diving submersibles and a tethered test platform.

Mike lead the development of a Multi-In-Situ Testing System (MITS) operated from a Vibrocore rig which was used on the San Francisco Sewer Outfall Project (SWOOP) and the James H. Campbell Power Plant Lake Michigan 18-ft. diameter steel multiplate cooling water intake pipe and dual 10-ft. diameter concrete cylinder discharge pipelines. Mike also directed development of a Suitcase In Situ Cone System for geotechnical investigations in conjunction with Standard Penetration Testing using a hollow-stem rotary auger drilling and sampling rig.

Mike retired from full-time consulting in January 2016 and continues to work part-time in retirement providing expert witness services and failure investigation consulting. He also provides continuing education seminars and webinars on Foundation Damage Assessment & Repair and is completing a 3-year applied research effort on Drilled Foundation Limit State Pile Capacity Verification along with a book on Geo-Environmental Hazard Risk Mitigation (GEHARM).

Most recently, Mike was a PADEP Trenchless Technology Stakeholder Expert for the development of a Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) Technical Guidance Document for Pennsylvania oil, gas, and hazardous materials pipelines.

Starting in October 2019, Mike will provide a series of 1hr introductory free seminars and webinars through his company EKMLLC - Engineering Knowledge Management LLC as well as half-day and full-day hazard assessment-risk mitigation training seminars and webinars to government, industry, engineers, architects, contractors, facility-construction managers, and developers. Below is a partial list of the EKMLLC Seminar-Webinar-Training Sessions that are being be provided:

- REPORT CARD EVALUATIONS (new)
- GEOLOGIC HAZARDS-EXTREME WEATHER
- INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITION ASSESSMENT
- INFRASTRUCTURE FAILURE INVESTIGATIONS
- REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING & INVESTMENT
- FOUNDATION DESIGN, DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND REPAIR
- GEO-ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD ASSESSMENT & RISK MITIGATION

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

EKMLLC Training Seminars-Webinars: 2019 - Present Educational Webinars & Seminars: 2016 - Present Owner: 2010 - Present (Engineering Knowledge Management LLC) Principal Engineer: 2010 - 2015 (Engineering Knowledge Management LLC) Adjunct Lecturer-Visiting Research Engineer: 2009-2010 (CEE Lehigh University) Danbro Distributors Engineering Consultant: 2008-2011 (MichaelPerlowJr.Com) Northeast Regional Manager: 2003 to 2008 (GeoStructures Inc., Purcellville, VA) Senior Geotechnical Engineer: 2001 to 2003 (Pennoni Associates, Bethlehem, PA) Deputy Public Works Director: 1997 to 2001(City of Bethlehem, Whitemarsh Twp.) Geotechnical Engineering Principal: 1980 to 1996 (VFC Inc. & MPJR Associates) Marine Geotechnical Engineer: 1974 to 1980 (Dames & Moore & Woodward Clyde) Research Assistant: 1972 to 1974 (Lehigh University Marine Geotechnical Laboratory) Internship: 1972 (NAS Ocean Affairs Board & NAE Marine Board MUA Study-Workshop)

EDUCATION:

Lehigh University, Master of Science, Civil Engineering, 1974 Lehigh University, Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, 1972

REGISTRATION: Professional Engineer, Pennsylvania 1979 - Present, PE-028560-E

GOVERNMENT: Upper Montgomery Joint Sewer Authority Board 2009 and 2018-2019

ASSOCIATIONS: ASTM D18, Geo-Institute, Deep Foundations Institute, CGS, and AEG



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APPENDIX E

EXAMPLE UTILITY FAILURE CASE STUDY 1990 NORTH FIFTH STREET MAIN BREAK-GAS EXPLOSION ALLENTOWN, PA

THE PROBLEM - AGING UTILITIES

- Loss of Support
 - Excavation
 - Soil Settlement
 - Subsurface Erosion
 - Sinkholes, Voids
- External Loading
 - Structure Loading
 - Impact Loading
 - Blast Vibration
 - Frost Loading
 - Earthquakes
- Corrosion
 - Internal
 - External
- Scour & Erosion
- Internal Pressure
 - High Pressure
 - Cyclic Loading





NORTH 5^{TH} – ALLENTOWN PA

Gas explosion kills woman, levels Allentown row homes

Seven others were injured; one 'critical'

RISTIN CASLER

corner Labigh County Prison corrections officer was killed yeaterday in an early morning gas saplosion and first that leveled her Allantown house and destroyed the adjacent row home of a city police officer.

The budy of Diane Lazer, 44, was discovered in the charred rubble at 6.36 p.m., 13°, hours after the blast tore through her 423 N. 3th St. residence.

At least seven other people were injured, including two Allentown furefighters and Lazer's roommate, Hulene Parker, who was thrown by the blast from the front of the home into a parked car on the opposite side of the street. The firefighters were treated for minor injuries, and Parker remained in critical condition at Lehigh Valley Hospital Center with burns over 25

Barre Car BI APT Barn AT



NORTH 5^{TH} – ALLENTOWN PA





FREEDOCT

NTSB Pipe Material Testing - Corrosion





Real

Pavement Cracks & Precipitation



NORTH 5^{TH} – ALLENTOWN PA



POSTULATED N 5TH MAIN BREAK CAUSE



POSTULATED MAINBREAK CAUSE

1. HARD/SOFT PAVEMENT SUBGRADE SUPPORT RESULTS IN CRACKING OF CONCRETE PAVEMENT 2. SURFACE WATER BEGINS TO MIGRATE OVER THE INTO CRACKS SOFTENING RESIDUAL SOILS 3. SLIGHT SUBSIDENCE OCCURS IN SOLUTION ZONES 4. SUBSIDENCE AT LEAD JOINT AT CURB BOX/CORP RESULTS IN LEAK/BREAK OF WATER SERVICES OVER THE PAST 35YEARS WHICH FURTHER DESTABILIZE SUPPORTING SOILS IN PINNACLED ROCK AREAS 5. WATER SERVICE LEAK OCCURS AT 427 ON \$/28/90 MIGRATING WATER FOLLOWS SIDEWALK/CURB 6. RELEASED WATER ENTERS BEDROCK SOLUTION ZONE RESULTING IN SUBSIDENCE OF SUPPORTING SOILS FOR 425 & 423 GAS/WATER LATERALS 7. FURTHER LEAKS OCCUR IN 423 LATERALS ON 8/29 RESULTING IN A MAJOR LEAK OF GAS AND WATER 8. GAS EXPLOSION OCCURS BREAKING LATERALS/MAIN 9. ONCE WATER MAIN BREAKS, SUBSURFACE EROSION OF SUPPORTING SOILS OCCURS BY ENTRY OF RELEASED WATER INTO UNDERLYING SOIL AND ROCK VOIDS 10. SANITARY MAIN SUBSIDES/GAS MAIN IS BROKEN 11. SUBSURFACE EROSION CONTINUES UNTIL MAIN IS SHUT OFF RESULTING IN MAJOR GROUND LOSS AND SUBSIDENCE

UTILITY RISK INDICATORS

- Pavement cracking was an early indicator of subsurface erosion and subsidence
- The increasing number of water service leakbreak frequency was a secondary warning
- The presence of suspected solution weathering zones identified where a failure could occur



PAVEMENT CRACKING INDICATORS



PAVEMENT CRACKING INDICATORS



SANITARY LIMESTONE BEDROCK PROFILE



UTILITY-LEAK BREAK INDICATORS



UTILITY LEAK-BREAK DATA

Table 1. Leak-Break Chronology

Year	Location	Date	Component	Cumulative Leak-Breaks
1956	416	6/28/56	Corp	1
1957	414	7/16/57	Corp, pipe	2
-	Street Reconstructed			
1965	412	9/17/65	Curb Box	3
1970	445	3/04/70	Corp	4
1971	429	10/13/70	Curb Box, pipe	5
1973	427	5/04/73	Corp	6
1976	425	2/09/76	Curb Box	7
	433	3/19/76	Corp	8
1980	435	5/28/80	Corp	9
	419	11/10/80	Corp - Joint	10
	449	11/15/80	Curb Box	11
1982	407	4/05/82	Corp	12
1984	442	9/26/84	Corp	13
1988	5th & Liberty West	8/18/88	Valve	14
	421	11/15/88	Curb Box	15
	437	11/30/88	Corp	16
1989	415	2/14/89	Corp	17
a sector con	417	2/14/89	Corp	18
1990	427	8/28/90	Curb Box	19
	423	8/29/90	Curb Box, Corp	20, 21
1 A 1 A	Water-Gas Main Break	8/29/90	Main	22
	StreetCollapse-Explosion	8/29/90	Street	
	421, 423, 425 Damage	8/29/90	Property	
	Summary	Corp Joint	Curb Box	Main-Valve
15	Solution Zones - 170lf	9	5	1
7	Shallow Rock - 330 lf	4	2	1
22	Total	13	7	2

Table 2. Leak-Break Analyses

Item	Leak-Break Comparison	Analyses	Breaks Per Block Per YR	
1.	Overall Break Rate	Services	11.	
	Total Per Block	20		
	Total Per Block Per YR	20/1/33	0.60	
	Total – Solution Zones	13		
10000	Total Per Block	13/170/lf = 38 per blk	38* (4 Times)	
_	Total Per Block Per YR	38/blk/33 =	1.2	
	Total – Shallow Rock	6		
	Total per Block	6/330 lf = 9 per blk	9*	
	Total Per Block Per YR	9/blk/33 =	0.3	
2.	Main-Valve Breaks	2		
	Total per Block	2/33 =	0,1	
3.	Service Breaks	20		
		Corporations = 13		
		Curb Boxes = 7		
4.	Rate of Growth	Age of Pipe		
	1959 - 1969	80 yrs	0,10	
	1970 - 1979	90 yrs	0.50	
	1980 - 1989	100 yrs	1.0	
	1990 - 1999 (projected)	> 100 yrs	4.0	
5.	Estimated Useful Life	80 to 90 years		
		100 Years	Increase 5 fold	
			In Leak-Break	
			Rate after 90yrs	
NOTE:	(*) Solution Zone			

UTILITY LEAK-BREAK-AGE ANALYSIS



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UTILITY RISK ASSESSMENT MODEL



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RECOMMENDED REMEDIAL ACTION

- Conduct a GPR Survey to confirm the location of solution weathered high risk areas
 - Replace the water main in the high risk areas



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GROUND PROBING RADAR SURVEY



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GROUND PROBING RADAR SURVEY


SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

- Migration of surface water from deteriorating pavements, sidewalks, and curbs into residual soils can result in slow subsurface erosion of soil into the underlying bedrock resulting in subsidence.
- Subsidence of soil supporting utilities can cause utility leaks or even main breaks that can result in rapid subsurface erosion, significant ground loss, and the formation of a sinkhole.
- A Simple Utility Risk Assessment Model has been developed which could help identify potential high-risk utility areas.

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