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PREVENTING THE NEXT TOWER DISASTER THROUGH ANCHOR INSPECTION

A Pro-Active Guide

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IMPLICATIONS OF ANCHOR FAILURE

- POTENTIAL LOSS OF LIFE
- PROGRAM/BROADCAST DISRUPTION
- LOSS OF RENTAL INCOME
- DENIAL OF INSURANCE CLAIM

KFXL-TV (Sinclair) and KHGI-TV (Gray)



MATT OLBERDING Lincoln Journal Star - October 20, 2017

A TV tower in north Lincoln collapsed Friday morning, knocking out two television stations, phone, internet and other service.

"It's just chaos," said a woman who works at the tower site who declined to give her name. "I've got customers coming out of my ears." "Several businesses that lease space had already been to the site to inspect the damage and look for alternatives locations."

Sinclair Broadcasting-owned station KFXL, said its over-the-air signal would be "off the air for an undetermined amount of time."

KFXL – KHGI FORCED TO RELOCATE

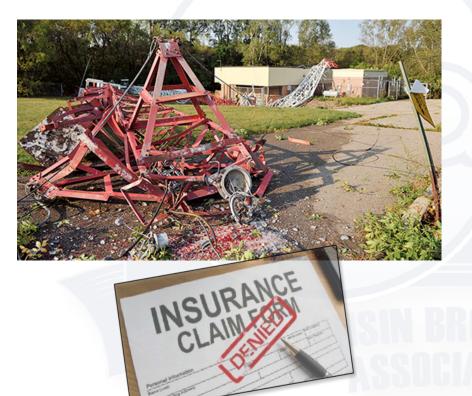
LOSS OF LIFE?

- > Tower failed at 7:55 a.m.
- Climbing crew scheduled to arrive at 8:30 a.m.



Had the anchor shaft held another couple of hours . . .

WHAT ABOUT THIS "NO INSURANCE"?



Following the anchor failure and subsequent tower collapse of the KSMQ-TV tower in Austin, Minnesota, the station turned to their insurance carrier when it came time to rebuild their tower.

The Hanover Insurance Group

denied the claim, stating a lack of
due diligence by the station, to
inspect for, and correct damage
caused by anchor shaft corrosion.

THE CAUSE OF THESE FAILURES?





ANCHOR SHAFT CORROSION





ANCHOR SHAFT CORROSION IS THE 5th LEADING CAUSE OF BROADCAST TOWER FAILURE

Telecommunications towers have an even higher risk





INSPECTING 10-FEET BELOW GRADE?

Tulsa, Oklahoma



Chief Engineer Ed Bettinger was shocked...

"The tower had just been inspected. Guy wires were tensioned and everything appeared fine."

Bettinger stated, "Corrosion was present on the anchor shafts – several feet below grade."

A DIG-TO-BLOCK PROCEDURE, OR DTB, IS THE *MOST-CONCLUSIVE METHOD* OF INSPECTING

ANCHOR SHAFTS







DTB IS AN EXPENSIVE PROCEDURE



ESTIMATED COST IS BETWEEN \$17,000 and \$22,000

(6) <u>ANCHORS</u> ● (3) <u>MEN</u> ● (2) <u>DAYS</u>

DIG-TO-BLOCK IS UNNECESSARY

FOR 80% OF ALL SITES (1:5 Ratio)

CHALLENGE: Determining the 20% in need of DTB

SHORT STORY ANOLOGY

Not unlike structures and machinery, the effects of poor/inadequate maintenance will become evident.

Hoping to counteract some of the neglect, while improving my overall physical condition, I decide to begin a workout regiment.

To err on the side of caution, I'll consult with my physician, first!



PHYSICIAN VISIT IS NON-INVASIVE

TEMPERATURE ✓

WEIGHT

HEART RATE / PULSE ✓

BLOOD PRESSURE <

DISCUSSION OF ✓
LIFESTYLE, SYMPTOMS & ISSUES

REVIEW OF R_x & SUPPLEMENTS ✓



ADDITIONAL TESTING MAY BE IN ORDER



Blood Work • Stress Test • MRI



OPEN HEART SURGURY, THE MOST-INVASIVE PROCEDURE OF ALL



Helluva way to get a clean bill of health before starting exercising.

Unfortunately, the cost is out-of-pocket!

OPEN HEART SURGERY OF ANCHOR SHAFT INSPECTION



- Extremely invasive
- Risk to workers and tower/anchors
- Requires Class IV Rigging Plan
- Corrosion may
- Costly

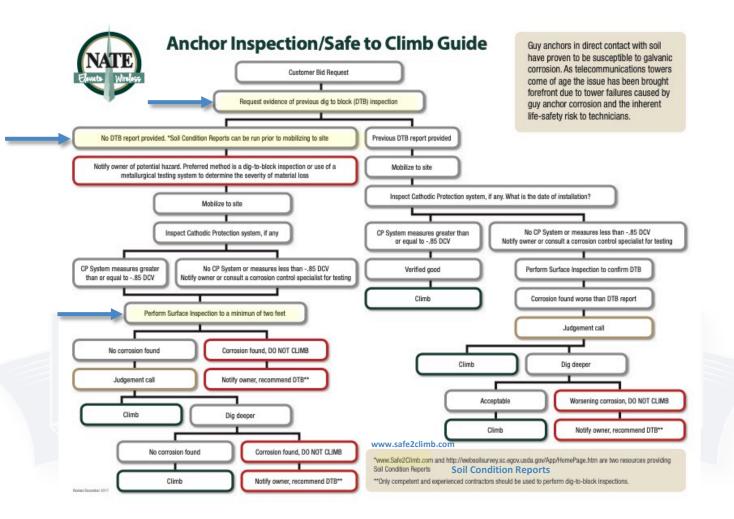
DIG-TO-BLOCK ALTERNATIVES

• SOIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT Known as a CRA or Corrosion Risk Analysis

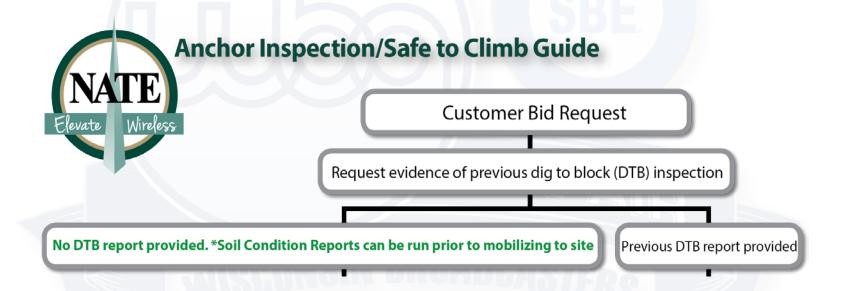
ON-SITE EVALUATION

ULTRA SOUND TESTING

Let's look at the NATE® Protocol



DIG-TO-BLOCK ALTERNATIVES SOIL CONDITION REPORT



CORROSION RISK ANALYSIS – CRA

CRA QUANTIFIES BOTH SOIL AND SITE PROPERTIES IMPACTING THE RATE OF CORROSION

- MOISTURE CONTENT
- HYDROLOGY
- CHEMICAL COMPOSITION (including pH and salinity)
- ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY/RESISTIVITY
- STRAY & TRANSIENT CURRENT (i.e., pipelines)
- OTHER INFLUENCES (Agriculture/farming and mining spoils)

CORROSION RISK ANALYSIS*

MILFORD MET #2

SITE NAME: MIL MET #2

SITE ADDRESS: Milford, UT

COMPANY: firstwind™

1200 Folsom St. Suite 100 San Francisco, CA 94103 **LATITUDE**: 38.5368

LONGITUDE: -112.9437

COUNTY: Beaver

COMM. DATE: 11/3/09

*Actual Client Report

ANCHORS

MET #2 has ONE (1) ring of three (3) SOLID ROUND anchors

Note: The following data was taken from the Milford Met #2 report and has not been altered/modified for the purposes of this presentation



MILFORD MET #2 – TYPICAL ANCHOR – Each of these anchors is in direct contact with soil and has not been equipped with any type of corrosion protection.

SOIL The primary types of soil are listed below. All soils fall into one of these categories, or is a combination of one or more.

- SAND: Sand possesses the largest particles and consists primarily of quartz. The fragments range between 0.05 mm to 2.0 mm, the largest of all the soils. As a soil class, 85% must be sand and < 10% is clay. Sand is the least conductive of all the soils.
- SILT: Silt has individual mineral particles ranging between 0.002 mm to 0.05 mm. As a soil class, 80% or more is silt. Less than 12% is clay.
- LOAM: Loam is soil material that is a combination of Sand, Silt and Clay.
- CLAY: The mineral soil particles are < 0.002 mm in diameter, the smallest particles of all the soil types and the most conductive of all the soils.
- COMPLEX: A Complex is two or more soils.

SOIL #1 Drum Taylorsflat

- . Depth to Water Table > 80 inches
- · Available Water Capacity < 5 inches
- · Depth to Restrictive Feature > 80 inches
- Well-Drained

PROFILE

0 to 6 inches: Loam 6 to 11 inches: Loam

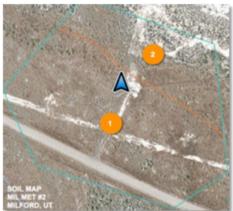
11 to 20 inches: Silty clay loam* 20 to 60 inches: Silty clay loam*

SOIL #2 Robozo silt loam

- · Depth to Water Table > 80 inches
- Available Water Capacity is Moderate at 6.5 inches
- Depth to Restrictive Feature > 20 inches to petrocalcic
- Well-Drained

PROFILE

0 to 2 inches: Silt loam 2 to 5 inches: Silty clay loam* 5 to 38 inches: Silt loam 38 to 39 inches: Indurated



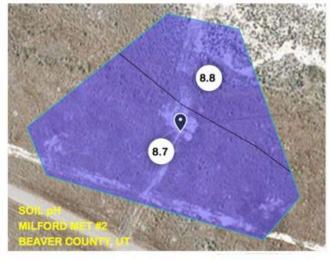
SITE SOIL – MET #2 MILFORD, BEAVER COUNTY, UT

SOIL NUMBER	SOIL NAME	% OF SITE
1	Drum-Taylorsflat	72%
2	Robozo silt loam	28%

^{**}The "clay" components of these soils make them more conductive and corrosive.

ph: Soil reaction is a measure of acidity or alkalinity. In general, highly alkaline and highly acid soils create the most corrosive environment for steel. The integrity of concrete is most compromised in soils with the lowest pH, or extremely acidic soil. A range of 5 to 8 is typical for most soil types.



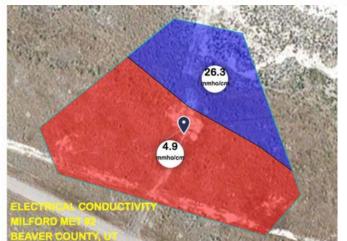


Strongly alkaline soil is prevalent at Met #2. Highly alkaline soils can be as corrosive as those with very low, or acid, pH.

SOIL pH - MET #2 MILFORD, BEAVER COUNTY, UT

SOIL NUMBER	RATING	% OF SITE
1	8.7	72%
2	8.8	28%

ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY (EC) is the electrolytic conductivity of an extract from saturated soil paste, expressed in milliMhos per centimeter at 25° C. The electrical conductivity of soils varies depending on the amount of moisture held by soil particles. Sandy soils are the least conductive. Silt soils are considered moderately conductive, with clay soils exhibiting the highest conductivity. Areas with multiple soils are generally more conductive than sites with a single soil. The boundary lines dividing soil types are often the most conductive areas of a site.



ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY LEGEND WITH EFFECT ON STEEL

(Displayed in deciSiemens/meter)

<.05 Essentially Non-Corrosive

.05 - .10 Mildly Corrosive

.10 - .20 Moderately Corrosive

.20 - .33 Corrosive

.33 - 1.0 Highly Corrosive

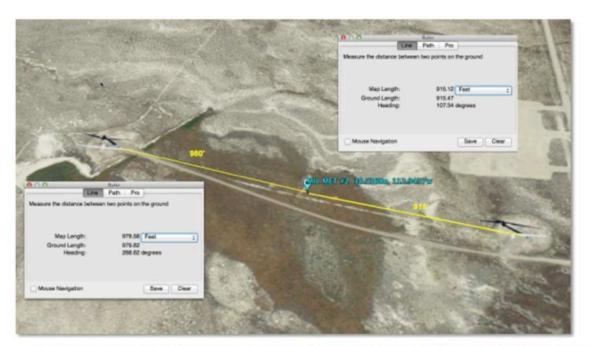
> 1.0 Extremely Corrosive

ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY – MET #2 MILFORD, BEAVER COUNTY, UT

SOIL NUMBER	RATING	% OF SITE
1	4.9 dS/m	72%
2	26.3 dS/m	18%

Electrical Conductivity at the Milford Met #2 site is "off the chart", with an extremely high risk for corrosion of steel.

OTHER INFLUENCES – STRAY CURRENT

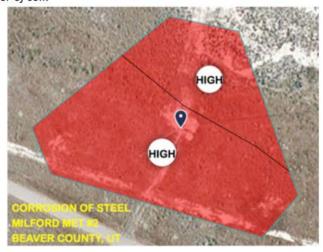


MIL MET #2 is surrounded by wind turbines, known producers of transient, or stray current, injected into the soil. This current can be picked up by nearby anchors, travel through the structure and cause damage as the current exits the tower through another anchor.

This site is situated between two (2) wind turbines, 980' (west of tower) and 915' (east of tower), respectively.

CORROSION OF STEEL

Potential soil-induced electrochemical or chemical actions that corrode and weaken anchor steel, increasing the risk for structure failure. The rate of corrosion is dependent upon factors such as the type and characteristics of soil, moisture content, acidity and alkalinity, and electrical conductivity. The shape of individual anchors may also hasten the corrosion process. The steel in installations that in intersect soil boundaries or soil layers is more susceptible to corrosion than the steel of installations that are entirely within one type or one layer of soil.



HIGH

MODERATE

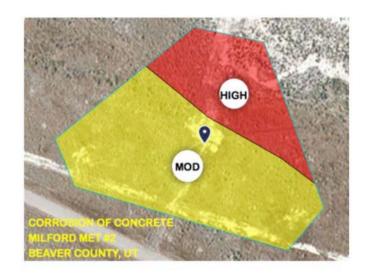
LOW

100% of the soil is rated HIGH for Corrosion of Steel.

CORROSION OF STEEL – MET #2 MILFORD, BEAVER COUNTY, UT

SOIL NUMBER	RATING	% OF SITE
1	HIGH	72%
2	HIGH	28%

CORROSION of CONCRETE pertains to potential soil-induced electrochemical or chemical action that corrodes or weakens concrete and steel within the concrete. Corrosion of reinforcing steel and other embedded metals is one of the leading causes of deterioration of concrete. When steel corrodes, the resulting rust occupies a greater volume than steel. The expansion creates tensile stresses in the concrete, which can eventually cause cracking and spalling.



LEGEND: RISK FOR CORROSION OF CONCRETE

HIGH

MODERATE

LOW

Close to 30% of this site is rated HIGH for Corrosion of Concrete, while 72% of MET #2 carries a MODERATE risk.

CORROSION OF CONCRETE – MET #2 MILFORD, BEAVER COUNTY, UT

SOIL NUMBER	RATING	% OF SITE
1	MOD	72%
2	HIGH	28%

PROS OF THE CRA SOIL ANALYSIS

- ✓ Investigates soil chemistry & characteristics entire depth of anchor
- ✓ Includes sources of stray/transient electrical current
- ✓ Investigation of entire site, including environmental factors
- Analytical study with short lead time
- ✓ Meets requirements of Insurance carriers (Due Diligence)
- ✓ Capable of identifying 80% of sites requiring no further investigation, while determining those 20% in need of further action, a 1:5 ratio
- ✓ Cost-effective \$1500, per site. CAPEX (100% tax-deductible expense)

LIMITATIONS OF THE CRA / SOIL ANALYSIS

- Analytical Study based on research and reporting –
 Site visit not included.
- Provides a prediction of material loss, based on site-specific conditions.
- Technical knowledge and understanding of corrosion and related precursors is the key to accuracy.

WHEN THE CRA INDICATES FURTHER ACTION IS NEEDED

What's next for the 1:5?
The 20% of sites, previously discussed

- SURFACE INVESTIGATION/PARTIAL EXCAVATION
- ON-SITE MEASUREMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS
- ULTRASOUND TEST
- DIG-TO-BLOCK

SURFACE INVESTIGATION/PARTIAL EXCAVATION

- 1. Hand tools
- 2. Excavate 24-36-inches, below grade
- 3. Caliper measurements and photographs
- 4. Determine extent of corrosion affecting visible portion of shaft.

SURFACE INVESTIGATION/PARTIAL EXCAVATION





WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- 1. Steel discoloration
- 2. Loss of galvanizing
- 3. Scaling or rust
- 4. Pitting
- 5. Measured steel loss



SOMETIMES, FINDINGS ARE OBVIOUS





SOMETIMES, NOT!

RESULTS OF SURFACE INVESTIGATION/ SHALLOW EXCAVATION CAN BE DECEIVING





The upper 24-inches are <u>not</u> always indicative of rod condition

PROS OF SURFACE INVESTIGATION/ SHALLOW EXCAVATION

- ✓ ALLOWS CONTACT WITH, AND DIRECT MEASUREMENT OF SHAFT
- ✓ EXTENSIVE PERSONNEL TRAINING IS NOT REQUIRED
- ✓ MODERATE COST: \$3,000 to \$6,000, PER SITE

CONS OF SURFACE INVESTIGATION/ SHALLOW EXCAVATION

- DETERMINATION OF CORROSION IS LIMITED TO DEPTH OF EXCAVATION
- SUBJECTIVE NO STANDARD
- DESTRUCTIVE SOIL COMPACTION AND AERIATION ALTERED, INCREASING CORROSION POTENTIAL
- NOT APPLICABLE FOR EVERY SITE



ON-SITE TESTING & VISUAL INSPECTION

- CONDUCTIVITY/RESISTIVITY MEASUREMENT
- SOIL pH TEST
- MEASUREMENT OF POTENTIALLY CORROSIVE ELECTRICAL CURRENT TRAVELING ALONG EACH ANCHOR SHAFT
- SAMPLES OF RUST/CORROSION FOR LAB ANALYSIS
- SOURCES OF STRAY/TRANSIENT CURRENT MAY BE IDENTIFIED





ON-SITE TESTING & VISUAL INSPECTION MEASURING RESISTANCE AND CURRENT FLOW

A SINGLE AMPERE OF DISCHARGED CURRENT IS CAPABLE OF CORRODING 20-POUNDS OF STEEL, EACH YEAR

1 AMP, PER YEAR = 20 lbs. STEEL 43 mA = 0.043 Amps 0.043 Amps x 20 lbs.

EQUALS

0.9 lbs. OF STEEL LOSS,
OVER THE COURSE
OF ONE YEAR



EVER WONDER WHAT 0.9 POUNDS OF STEEL LOSS LOOKS LIKE, COMPARED WITH A 2-INCH DIAMETER ANCHOR SHAFT?





ON-SITE TESTING & VISUAL INSPECTION

SAMPLE COLLECTION FOR ANALYSIS

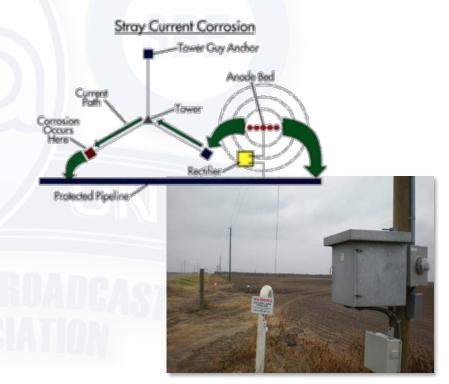




ON-SITE TESTS & VISUAL INSPECTION

IDENTIFYING SOURCES OF STRAY/TRANSIENT ELECTRICAL CURRENT





PROS OF ON-SITE TESTING & VISUAL INSPECTION

- ✓ Provides site-specific data not available with a Surface Investigation/ Shallow Excavation
- **✓** May be included with a P.E./S.I. site visit
- ✓ Cost is ~\$2,000 when included with an existing Partial Excavation/Surface Investigation project

CONS OF ON-SITE TESTING & VISUAL INSPECTION

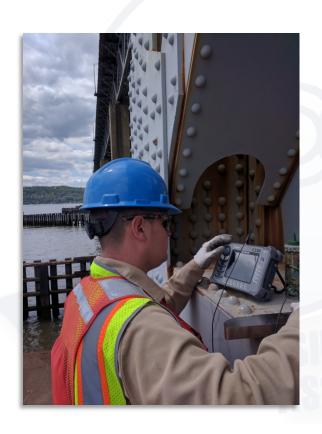
- SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING REQUIRED
- RAW DATA INTERPRETATION BY SPECIALISTS
- CORROSION SAMPLES REQUIRE LAB ANALYSIS
- MAY DUPLICATE DATA INCLUDED IN THE CRA

ULTRASOUND TESTING TWO METHODS

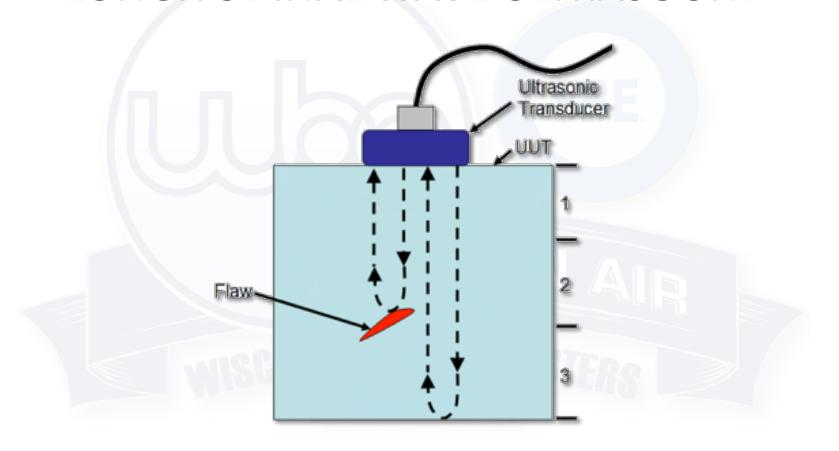
1) LONGITUDINAL WAVE ULTRA SOUND

2) GUIDED WAVE ULTRA SOUND

- LONGITUDINAL WAVE ULTRASOUND INSPECTION is a nondestructive method accomplished by projecting a sound beam into the end of a rod to obtain pulse echo reflections.
- Sound waves travel through the material and are reflected by large discontinuities.
- Reflected waves are analyzed to determine the presence and location of flaws.







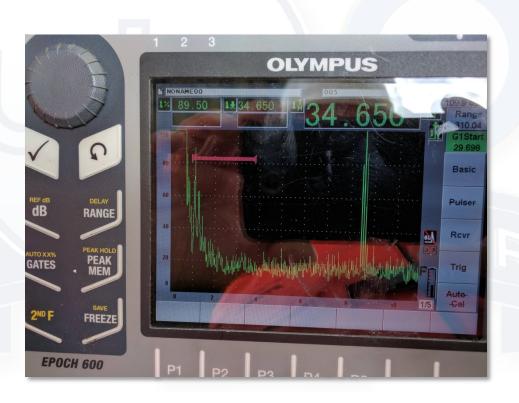
TESTING ANCHOR SHAFTS

LONGITUDINAL WAVE





SCREEN SHOT OF RESULTS



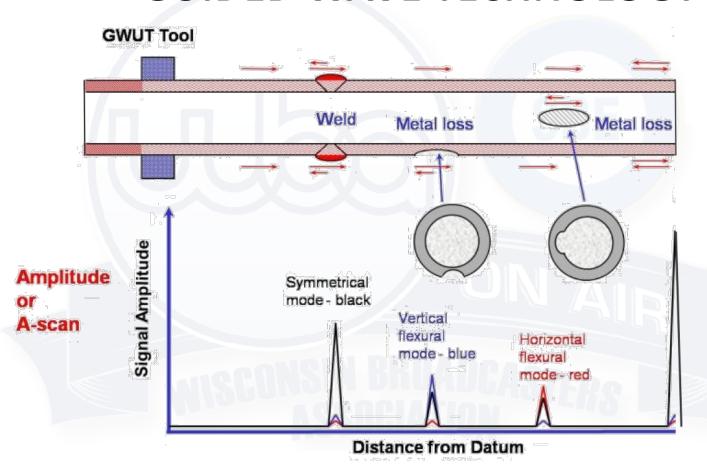
GUIDED WAVE OR SURFACE WAVE ULTRASOUND

- GUIDED WAVE TESTING (GWT) employs mechanical stress waves propagating along the surface of an elongated structure and guided by its boundaries, allowing waves to travel longer distances, with negligible loss of energy.
- Relatively new to inspection of tower anchors, the pipeline industry has utilized GUIDED WAVE ULTRASOUND for 20+ years.

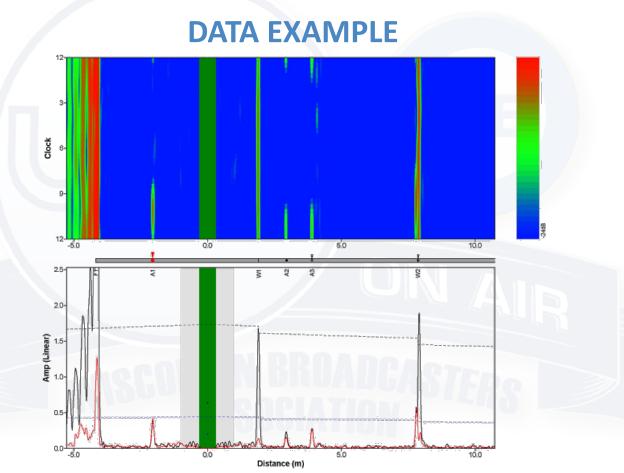
GUIDED WAVE ULTRASOUND ATTACHMENT



GUIDED WAVE TECHNOLOGY



GUIDED WAVE TECHNOLOGY



PROS OF ULTRASOUND INVESTIGATION

- ✓ Non-destructive no digging or soil alteration
- ✓ ASNT/ASTM-APPROVED
- ✓ Minimal preparation
- Entire anchor shaft may be inspected
- ✓ Testing equipment is portable
- ✓ Fairly inexpensive \$3,000 to \$5,000, per site

CONS OF ULTRASOUND INVESTIGATION

- LIMITED TO INSPECTION OF SOLID ROUND SHAFTS
- ACCURACY REQUIRES SIGNIFICANT TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

LONGITUDINAL WAVE

- Detects anomaly Unable to determine size
- End of anchor shaft must be accessible

GUIDED WAVE

- Unsuitable for concrete-encases or coated anchor shafts
- Transducer size limitations

WHEN DIG-TO-BLOCK IS THE BEST RECOURSE

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- 1) ADVANTAGES
- 2) DISADVANTAGES
- 3) ESTIMATED COST

- ✓ SHAFT IS COMPLETELY EXPOSED
- ✓ INFORMED DISCUSSION TO REPAIR OR REPLACE
- ✓ IDEAL TIME TO EMPLOY ADDITIONAL CORROSION MEASURES/PROTECTION





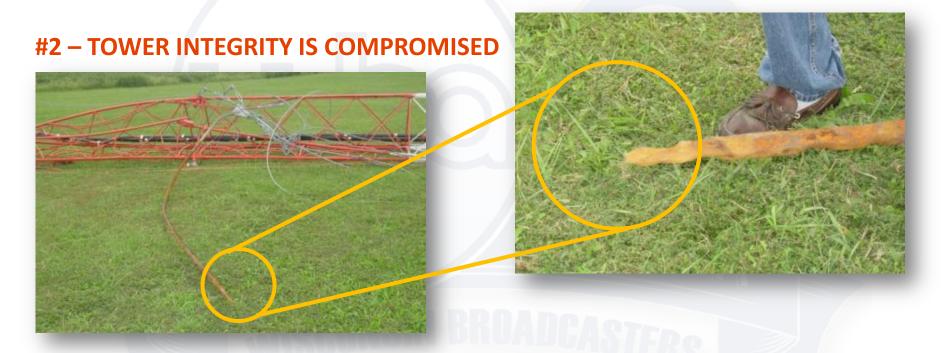
CORROSION PROTECTION
OPTIONS, WHILE SHAFTS ARE
COMPLETELY EXPOSED:

- 1) SHAFT COATING
- 2) ANODES





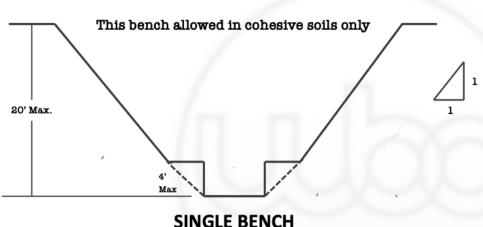
#1 - NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE



ADDITIONAL STRESS ON ANCHOR SHAFT COULD LEAD TO FAILURE



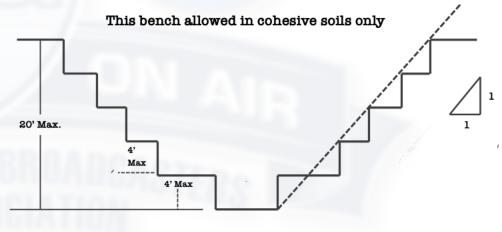
#3 - CONFINED SPACE CREATES ADDITIONAL RISK FOR PERSONNEL



#4 - Essentially, all anchor resistance is removed, requiring design of temporary anchorage, including a Class IV Rigging Plan

OHSA SLOPING AND BENCHING REQUIREMENTS

STANDARD 29-CFR



MULTIPLE BENCH

#5 - EXPENSIVE

Cost is approximately \$20,000

Often, not justified for 80% of tower sites



HOW EXPENSIVE, YOU ASK?

ESTIMATED COST BURDEN

SIX (6) ANCHORS THREE (3) MEN TWO (2) DAYS



- \$ 7,200.00 → LABOR & BURDEN OF \$150/MAN
- + \$ 2,750.00 → PER DIEM OF \$250/MAN & MILEAGE (500 MI)
- + \$10,000.00 → EQUIPMENT RENTAL & CLASS IV RIGGING PLAN
 - \$17,000.00 TO \$22,000.00 TOTAL

TIME TO SUMMARIZE We're in the home-stretch!



PROS AND CONS CORROSION RISK ANALYSIS (CRA)

- Cost-effective \$1,500
- Research of soil chemistry and features, to depth of anchor.
- Site-specific investigation, including surrounding property, sources of stray/transient current and other potential corrosion-related hazards.
- Easy to order short lead time.
- Meets insurance inspection requirements.
- Identifies those 80% of sites not requiring additional investigation.

- Analytical research and reporting.
 Site visit not included.
- Provides a prediction of material loss.
- Technical knowledge with understanding of corrosion and related precursors required.

PROS AND CONS SURFACE INVESTIGATION/PARTIAL EXCAVATION

- Allows direct measurement of rod.
- Extensive training not required.
- Moderately expensive \$3,000 to \$6,000, per site.

- Corrosion evaluation is limited to depth of excavation.
- Subjective means of testing no applicable Standard
- Destructive alters soil compaction and aeriation, increasing corrosion potential.
- Not all sites qualify.

PROS AND CONS ON-SITE TESTING & VISUAL OBSERVATION

- Provides site-specific data not obtained during Surface Investigation/Partial Excavation.
- May be included with Surface Investigation.
- Relatively Inexpensive adds approximately \$2,000 to the cost of a Surface Excavation

- Requires specialized equipment and training.
- Raw data requires interpretation by specialist.
- Corrosion samples require lab analysis.
- Oftentimes, duplicates data reported in a CRA.

PROS AND CONS ULTRASOUND TESTING

- Non-destructive, as no digging is required, allowing soil to remain intact and undisturbed.
- ASNT/ASTM-approved method.
- Little or no preparation required.
- Entire shaft is inspected.
- Equipment is highly portable.
- Moderately expensive, at \$3,000 to \$5,000, per site.

- Only effective to solid round shafts.
- Requires high degree of operator training.

LONGITUDINAL WAVE

- Presence of anomaly is detected, though size is not.
- End of shaft must be accessible.

GUIDED WAVE

- Cannot be used with concrete encased or coated anchor shafts.
- Transducer size limitations.

PROS AND CONS DIG-TO-BLOCK

- Best evidence of entire shaft condition.
- Owner can see shaft and potential safety hazard.
- Good evidence for the 'repair or replace' discussion
- Additional corrosion prevention can be employed while shaft is exposed.

- DTB is not always possible.
- Soil compaction and aeriation is altered, potentially increasing risk for corrosion.
- Intrusive and hazardous to personnel and tower stability.
- Benching is required, per OSHA.
- Requires a Class IV Rigging Plan and temporary anchorage.
- Costly and labor intensive.

PRICE COMPARISON

ANCHOR INSPECTION METHODS

CORROSION RISK ANALYSIS

SURFACE INVESTIGATION / SHALLOW EXCAVATION

ON-SITE INSPECTION / VISUAL OBSERVATION

ULTRASOUND TESTING

DIG-TO-BLOCK PROCEDURE

\$1,500

\$3,000 to \$6,000

\$2,000 + SURFACE INSPECTION

\$3,000 to \$5,000

\$17,000 to \$22,00

If you have questions or wish to discuss a project or Engineering needs, please contact Mr. Davies at your convenience.



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