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FOCUS ON REDUCING URBAN WATER LEAKAGE

Article written by Peter Gutierrez

Courtesy of European Commission/EU

No resource is more fundamental to life and human society than water. Yet, globally, 25 to 30 percent of drinking water is lost every year due to leakages in urban water distribution systems.

The EU-funded project LEAKCURE ('Intervention for curing pipeline leakage in urban water mains') is proposing an innovative solution for the automatic detection, sealing and curing of typical network pipes, without digging up pavements and roads.

"The majority of network water leaks are not easily detectable by conventional means," says project coordinator Peter Paz of Israel's Curapipe System Ltd. "Traditional find-and-fix methods are inefficient, while eliminating several leaks all at once by replacing entire mains is expensive and disruptive."

Water stress, reflecting the balance between water supply and demand, is now showing up in areas where it was not generally seen before, such as in the UK, says Paz. At the same time, water stress is worsening in other areas, including parts of Southern Europe. This is partly due to climate change and partly due to other factors, such as increased urbanisation and industrialisation.

"In the past," he says, "pipeline leakage was not always considered a priority. Now, with water stress on the rise and a lack of readily available new water supplies, leakage levels in Europe and worldwide have started to draw more attention."

The LEAKCURE solution, dubbed 'Trenchless, Automated Leakage Repair' (TALR), involves launching special devices known as 'pigs', linked together in a 'pig train'.

A pig is essentially a plug-like device that can be made to move through a pipe, controlled via pressure and flow. Two pigs linked together can block the water in front and behind, while leaving a void in between. In the LEAKCURE pig-train, that void is filled with a special viscous curing substance, which travels down the pipe between the pigs.

"The train moves in a continuous fashion, never stationary," Paz says, "sealing leaks automatically as the curing substance comes into contact with a leak at any orientation within the pipe. The substance hardens and the leak is permanently cured as the train continues along the pipe."

Paz says current repair practices have tended to focus on damage control - keeping leakage from increasing rather than actually reducing it. "Our solution is geared to reducing current unacceptable levels of leakage by a significant amount, which in Europe means close to a third of the supplied water."

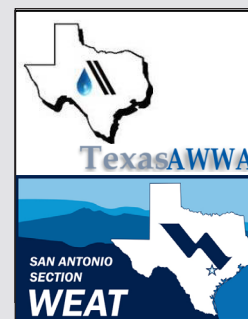
The LEAKCURE project is testing its new system in the UK, setting up local partnerships and field trials. Following the trials, and once the necessary adaptations are made to suit local contexts, the project will expand its activities beyond the UK.

Paz says Curapipe will market the TALR service to water utilities in partnership with local partners already active in water pipeline repair and maintenance.

"So far," he says, "our results indicate that we can repair the kinds of leaks that are responsible for most of the water loss. We are talking about leakages ranging from 40 to 3000 litres per hour. Extending that, if we can treat 40 kilometres of leaky pipeline, we could potentially save 1.7 million litres of pure drinking water every day."

According to the UK's Water Services Regulation Authority (OFWAT), the benefits of water leakage reduction will be significant, including more usable water left in the environment for other users,

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**TAWWA/WEAT
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

**9TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
DINNER**

Date: Thursday, December 5, 2013

Time: 6:00 pm Social Hour
7:00 pm Dinner

Place: Old San Francisco Steakhouse

Speaker: Bexar County Commissioner
Kevin Wolff

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such as farmers, or to sustain natural habitats. Businesses and municipalities will spend less on new water supplies, saving on treatment and pumping costs, and, by rendering these operations more efficient, they will be able to reduce their energy expenditure and greenhouse-gas emissions.

LEAKCURE received over EUR 700 000 in EU funding under the Eco-Innovation Programme and will run through 2014.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank all of our members for the great opportunity and honor to serve as the 2013-2014 President of the South Texas Chapter of the American Water Works Association (AWWA).

We have a great slate of officers, as does WEAT, for this upcoming year. We will work together to continue the past successes in awarding scholarships to college students within the local chapter family as well as state wide scholarship recipients, helping local and state tapping teams attend the national AWWA Convention, removing trash from a tributary of the San Antonio River through four Basura Bash weekends, and judging Science Fair(s) and awarding winners with cash prizes. Our two chapters also contribute our time to run the Water For People Golf Tournament which raised over \$28,000 in August – this event is the #1 fundraiser for Water For People in Texas.

We also have many exciting events in the near future:

- We will be hosting our Annual Scholarship Dinner on December 5, 2013 at the San Francisco Steakhouse. This event raises money for each organization and honors our newly awarded scholarship winners. A few officers and I attended a tasting of potential menu items and the meal promises to be very tasty!
- There is an important election coming up on November 5th. Proposition 6, which authorizes a one-time use of \$2 billion in reserve funds to help fund water projects throughout the state of Texas, is on the ballot. Early voting for the election is October 21st through November 1st, with the actual Election Day on November 5th.

Be on the lookout for a letter to our previous sponsors outlining our upcoming events and a summary of all sponsorship opportunities for 2014. I would also like to thank all of our AWWA and WEAT officers for their invaluable service to the local chapters.

Sincerely,

Steven Renneker
President, South Central Texas Chapter of AWWA



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Thank you to Jeff Haby with SAWS for speaking about Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reduction program. Also, thanks to Freese and Nichols for sponsoring the September Meeting!



Thank you to our October Speaker, Jim Murphy with GBRA, who spoke about GBRA Ocean Desalination. Also, thank you to Arcadis Malcolm Pirnie for sponsoring the October Meeting!

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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HAPPY HOUR

On Thursday, October 3, 2013, approximately 30 Young Professionals (and young at heart) gathered for a YP social at Freetail Brewing Company. It was a great evening – thanks to all who attended! And a special thanks for CP&Y for sponsoring the event!



OLMOS BASIN ALLIANCE

The Olmos Basin Alliance (OBA) is a newly formed advisory committee to address the problem of man-made trash in Olmos Basin Park and the surrounding areas. The OBA includes representatives from the San Antonio River Authority, City of San Antonio, Bexar County, among many others. If you're interested in finding out more about the OBA or receiving the OBA's Good Neighbors to Nature newsletter, please contact Karen Bishop at 210-302-3642, or kbishop@sara-tx.org. More information can also be found on the OBA's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/OlmosBasinAlliance.

WEBINAR

On September 11th, the AWWA South Texas Chapter sponsored the AWWA Water Well Rehabilitation and Asset Management Webinar at SAWS. The webinar was a huge success with over 50 attendees! The event was free to attend and lunch was provided. Be on the lookout for more great webinars in the future!

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BASURA BASH

The local chapters of WEAT and TAWWA participated in another successful Basura Bash River Clean-up in the Olmos Basin on September 28, 2013. Close to twenty volunteers from several companies including SAWS, SARA, URS, CP&Y, LAN, and Klotz Associates attended the event. There is one more Basura Bash opportunity for 2013, so don't miss out on November 9th!



BASURA BASH

TAWWA/WEAT SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER



Saturday, November 9, 2013
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Olmos Basin Park

To sign up,
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Young Professionals Fall Forum

Date: November 19, 2013

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**San Antonio River Authority
Board Room
100 E. Guenther St.
San Antonio, Texas 78204**

**Ron Soos, Engagement Coach at
Rackspace Hosting**, will teach you how to
discover and develop your individual strengths
in the workplace!

Please RSVP to Heather Lindner at
heather.lindner@hdrinc.com,
by Friday, November 15.

Lunch will be provided courtesy of
TAWWA/WEAT.



Presents

Water Now:

An update from Area Agencies

Conducted by Bexar County, City of San Antonio Public Works, Edwards Aquifer Authority, San Antonio River Authority, San Antonio Water System

Friday, Nov. 1, 2013

The Tool Yard (10303 Tool Yard) San Antonio, TX

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (including lunch)

Registration-9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Program begins-10:00 a.m.

Earn 4.5 Professional Development Hours (PDH)

Leaders and experts from area public water resource agencies will present important updates and discussion about past, on-going and future issues.

Agenda includes:

- 10:00 a.m. – ***Innovations in Watershed Management and Planning***, by Steve Graham, P.E., Assistant General Manager, Russell Persyn, P.E., PhD., Watershed Engineering Manager, SARA
- 10:45 a.m. – ***SAWS Water and Wastewater Challenges***, by Kelley Neumann, P.E., Senior Vice President Strategic Resources, SAWS
- 11:30 a.m. – ***101 Overview of the Edwards Aquifer HCP***, by Chris Abernathy, Senior Coordinator, Habitat Conservation Plan Program, EAA
- 12:15 p.m. – lunch and ***Special Update***, by the Hon. Lyle Larson, Texas Rep., HD 122
- 1:00 p.m. – ***Infrastructure Maintenance Program (IMP) Briefing***, by Anthony Chukwudolue, P.E., Interim Director and Art Reinhardt IV, P.E., CFM, Assistant Director, Planning & Engineering, CoSA Public Works
- 1:45 p.m. – ***The Anatomy of the Bexar County Flood Control Program: 10 Years and \$500 million toward Managing the Floodplain in Flash Flood Alley***, by Dave Wegmann, P.E., Engineering Services Manager and Bobby Mengden, P.E., Project Director, Bexar County

COST:

\$60/person or \$70/person at door
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Price includes lunch and drinks

Reserve your spot now!

See registration information below.

Reserve your spot(s) by Oct. 29th

Advance Payment by Oct. 31st or pay \$70 at door

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LOGIC
PUZZLE

		First Names				Hobbies				Subjects			
		Aaliyah	James	Jaxon	Pedro	astronomy	hang gliding	painting	rock climbing	history	home economics	metalshop	woodshop
Last Day Of Work	February 22												
	March 11												
	July 11												
	October 10												
Subjects	history												
	home economics												
	metalshop												
	woodshop												
Hobbies	astronomy												
	hang gliding												
	painting												
	rock climbing												



CLUES

- The employee whose last day will be July 11 didn't teach woodshop.
- The person who taught metalshop enjoys rock climbing.
- The person who taught history is not Aaliyah or James.
- Of James and Pedro, one is leaving the company on February 22 and the other enjoys astronomy.
- The person who enjoys hang gliding will leave after Jaxon.
- The person who taught woodshop is Pedro.
- James will leave before the person who enjoys astronomy.
- Either the employee whose last day will be October 10 or the employee whose last day will be February 22 enjoys hang gliding.

Last Day Of Work	First Names	Hobbies	Subjects
February 22			
March 11			
July 11			
October 10			

Answer to logic puzzle on page 8.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Topic/Presenter	Event Host	Location
November 13, 2013	FREE Water Reuse Webinar	WEF	Webinar
December 5, 2013	9th Annual Scholarship Dinner	TAWWA/WEAT	Old San Francisco Steakhouse San Antonio, TX
January 15, 2014	FREE Stormwater Webinar	WEAT	Webinar
April 14-17, 2014	Texas Water	TAWWA/WEAT	Dallas, TX

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TAWWA/WEAT 9th Annual Scholarship Dinner

December 5, 2013

Old San Francisco Steakhouse

LOGIC
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ANSWERS

February 22	James	Rock climbing	Metalshop
March 11	Pedro	Astronomy	Woodshop
July 11	Jaxon	Painting	History
October 10	Aaliyah	Hang gliding	Home economics

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