- Unidirectional Flushing 2013 Clean and Safe Drinking Water Workshop Training Course

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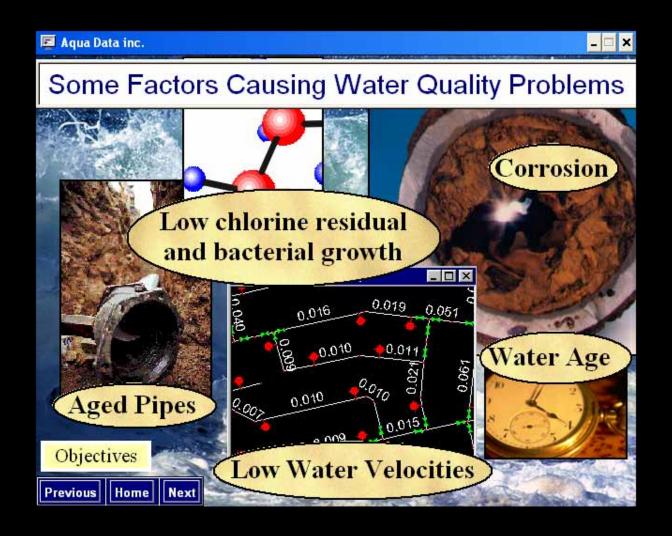


Let's introduce ourselves and where we are from and our duties...

- # 1 Do we have a hydrant inspection program and to what extent?
- # 2 Do we have a valve inspection program and to what extent?
 - #3 What do we have for a data base (paper maps or electronic)?
- # 4 Do we have all hydrants and valves in our data base?

 Do we have all pipes above 4 in?

Unidirectional Flushing One Component of a Water **System Maintenance Program**



Objectives for flushing your water system

One component of the water system maintenance management program is flushing, the latest term being used is Unidirectional Flushing. Unidirectional Flushing is a process which can provide both cleaning of the water distribution system, and the evaluation of the system, in terms of bio-film growth, pipe conditions, valve and hydrant operation, chlorination effectiveness, and any other conditions before they become problems.

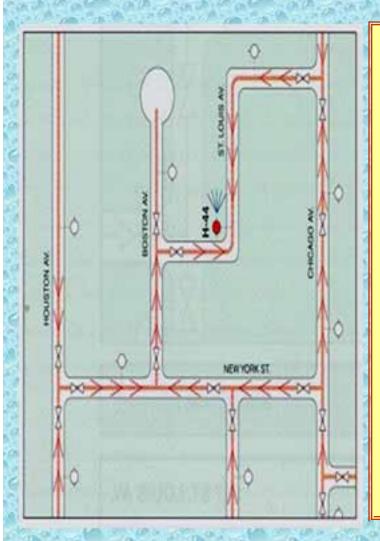


Comparison Between

Conventional Flushing &

Unidirectional Flushing

Conventional Flushing



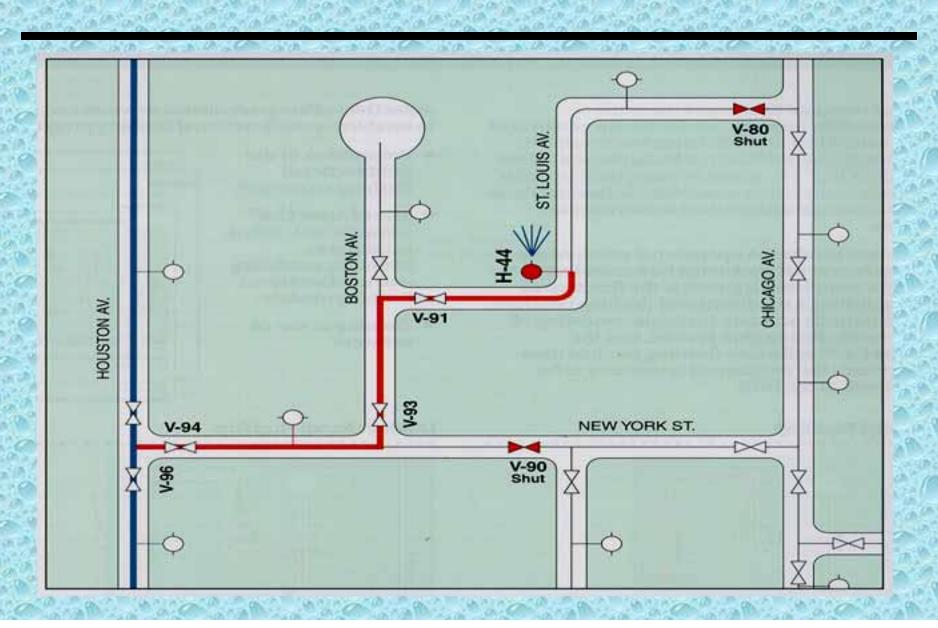
Conventional flushing very often was simply the process whereby a utility worker opened up a hydrant, and let it flow until clean water came out. There was no attempt to shut any mainline valves to control the direction of flow to the hydrant being used to discharge the dirty water from the system, or to evaluate where the chlorinated or source water was coming from. The same process was repeated year after year and no concrete results could be noted. The flushing times were the same every year and red water complaints did not decrease.

Unidirectional Flushing is similar in some ways to conventional flushing but involves a different process. It is similar because water is flushed from the distribution system with the use of the hydrants, with the objective of cleaning the system.

But it is different in the following ways:

Unidirectional Flushing of the water distribution network is the systematic removal of non-solidified deposits using water velocity. Strategic manipulation of hydrants and valves ensures that the water used to clean the pipes always comes from previously flushed sections, with minimal disturbances to surrounding areas.

Unidirectional Flushing



The intent of the procedure is to utilize the highest water velocity available by the system to ensure proper pipe cleaning by directing the water out of the hydrant that has been designated as the flow hydrant and by controlling its flow direction using the mainline valves. Therefore it is necessary to know the system's performance and its operational configuration:

i.e. Are any valves closed or partially closed?

Are there any minor or major leaks?

Do all the hydrants and valves work?

Are there any reducers, or inaccuracies or discrepancies with the system drawings?

How is Unidirectional Flushing developed?

For best results, the operational status of the distribution network must be known.

Before a Unidirectional Flushing program can be developed, one must have a clear picture of how the system works. That is why a complete diagnosis of the system and its components is recommended before establishing and developing a Unidirectional Flushing program. A diagnosis involves an assessment of the conditions of the water distribution system based on the system's operating goals, dependability and efficiency of water utilization.

A diagnosis involves four basic components to study to evaluate the systems status:

- 1. A mechanical assessment, whereby every fire hydrant, isolation valve and water main valve is inspected for deficiencies and evaluated for flushing purposes and manipulated for ease of use.
- 2. Water quality evaluation at each fire hydrant, for colour and odour problems, and at the same time purging stagnant water out of the hydrant pipe leads.
- 3. Leak detection, using an acoustic amplifier as a first step performed at each hydrant and valve thereby localizing possible leaks in the system. The correlator is used later only at the pre-identified locations.
- 4. A hydraulic assessment, whereby each hydrant s static and dynamic (flow) pressure is taken throughout the network in order to identify hydraulic weaknesses caused by leakage, closed valves, etc...

Once the diagnosis is completed, and the database has been built, then the picture of the system should be fairly clear. This now permits a much more precise hydraulic modeling of the water distribution system, which becomes the best way to develop the Unidirectional Flushing Program of sequences to be followed in the field.

Optional additional tests on the system, such as C-factor, flow/pressure and validation tests on meters, for example, make the data more accurate and the hydraulic model more expressive of actual conditions in the field.















Aqua Cad ® Unidirectional Flushing Sequence Map

Town of Riverview - UDF 2010 Gravity

TEAM NO: I **SEQUENCE NO: 10** PATRICIA DRIVE VC0022 PATRICIA DRIVE VC0647 ELMER BUCK COURT BRADEN STREET JANE CRESCENT CRESCENT Warning: See "Comments" on Sequence Data Sheet.



Aqua Cad ® Unidirectional Flushing Sequence Data Sheet

Town of Riverview - UDF 2010 Gravity

Fire Hydrant or Drain Valve to Operate Fire hydrant No. Address Outlet 2.5* 1.5* None 45* 90* Static Dynamic (USg/min) Pressure (psi) Static Dynamic (USg/min) Measured Flow (USg/min) Comments	TEAM NO: I		
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A summary of the Advantages of Unidirectional Flushing

- 1. Encourages the need to diagnose the whole system to develop a true picture of the system's performance and configuration before undertaking a Unidirectional Flushing program.
- 2. Ensures proper pipe cleaning using the highest water velocities available by the system using the least amount of water.
 - 3. Removes non-solidified deposits inside the pipes which helps maintain chlorine residuals.
 - 4. Reduces taste and odour problems.
- 5. Slows the deterioration of hydraulic performance and even may improves C-factors over time.
 - 6. Confirms efficient network cleaning due to systematic water routing and flushing with clean water at all times.
- 7. Minimizes disturbances to residents during flushing and greatly reduces water waste.

Do You Have Any Questions at this time ??????

Let do some simulations to show the effects of Traditional Flushing Versus
Unidirectional Flushing on a water distribution system...

Using the AquaCad Suite Modeling Software.



EXECUTION OF THE 2005 UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUSHING PROGRAM - TOWN OF RIVERVIEW



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3	4/18/2005 9:28	4/18/2005 9:40	Richard Daley	HYD-0484	1118 Highway 112
4	4/18/2005 9:49	4/18/2005 10:12	Richard Daley	HYD-0486	1174 Highway 112
5	4/18/2005 10:24	4/18/2005 10:35	Richard Daley	HYD-0579	122 Patricia Dr.
6	4/18/2005 10:46	4/18/2005 10:59	Richard Daley	HYD-0579	122 Patricia Dr.

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Length (ft)	Material	Age	Minimum Velocity (ft/s)	Maximum Velocity (ft/s)	Theoretical Time (min)	Actual Time (min)
1,100	Ductile Iron	30	3.7	8.4	14	17
1,209	Ductile Iron	30	3.7	3.7	16	16
813	Ductile Iron	30	3.6	3.6	11	12
1,531	Ductile Iron	30	3.4	3.4	23	23
1,210	Polyvinyle Chloride	10	7.2	7.2	8	11
1,034	Polyvinyle Chloride	9	7.1	7.1	7	13

Theoretical Volume Factor	Actual Volume Factor	Theoretical Water Volume (US gal)	Used Water Volume (US gal)	Initial Turbidity (NTU)	Final Turbidity (NTU)
3	3.7	17,616	21,693	4.44	0.5
3	3.0	20,652	20,417	4.19	0.76
3	3.2	13,885	14,839	6.14	0.94
3	3.0	26,136	26,331	4.25	0.45
3	3.9	9,185	12,007	21.6	0.87
3	5.3	7,847	13,952	44.5	0.91

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	Particles	Particles	Clear	
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Town of Riverview

New Brunswick

Unidirectional Flushing Results Over a five year period...

Used to show the effects of a well run UDF program

and the results that can be achieved

UDF Project was executed with the Town of Riverview and managed in the field by Aqua Data Atlantic's technician.

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Description	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number of Sequences	362	362	363	375	376
Total Length of Pipe Flushed (Km)	95	96	97	99	101
Number of Hydrants in network	592	596	605	623	636
Hydrants used for UDF	210	210	211	217	217
Number of Valves in network	654	659	680	698	718
Valves used for UDF	421	424	428	441	440
Average Valves operated during UDF	4	4	4	4	4
Average flushing time / Seq (Min)	21	20	19	16	16
Total flushing time (Hrs)	129	123	114	100	98
Theoretical Water Volume (M/US gal)	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7
Actual Water Volume used (M/US gal)	6.2	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.4
Average Water Volume Factor /Seq	10.4	9.0	8.0	7.35	7
% of Sequences over 5 ft/s & 3ft/s	62/90 %	63/94%	63/95%	63/95%	67/97%
Turbidity reached and % of Seq	n/a	.80/93%	.84/97%	.90/100%	.91/100%



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Number of Sequences	1219	1221	1283	1326	1329
Total Length of Pipe Flushed (Km)	329	329	341	350	348
Number of Hydrants in network	n/a	2129	2168	2238	2329
Hydrants used for UDF	689	672	709	723	723
Number of Valves in network	n/a	3169	3205	3271	3395
Valves used for UDF	1530	1535	1608	1632	1634
Average Valves operated during UDF	5	5	5	5	4
Average flushing time / Seq (Min)	19	24	18	16	16
Total flushing time (Hrs)	396	480	390	358	344
Theoretical Water Volume (M/US gal)	10.7	10.3	10.7	10.9	10.6
Actual Water Volume used (M/US gal)	27.9	28.5	22.3	20.6	19.2
Average Water Volume Factor /Seq	11	11	8.3	7.3	7.5
% of Sequences over 5 ft/s & 3ft/s	81/97%	80/97%	81/97%	71/94%	70/93%
Turbidity reached and % of Seq	1.04/97%	.93/97%	.83/98%	.83/99%	.91/100%



Thank you very much for coming and enjoy the rest of your day...