

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

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Unidirectional
Flushing
Program



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**

Some Factors Causing Water Quality Problems

Corrosion

Low chlorine residual and bacterial growth

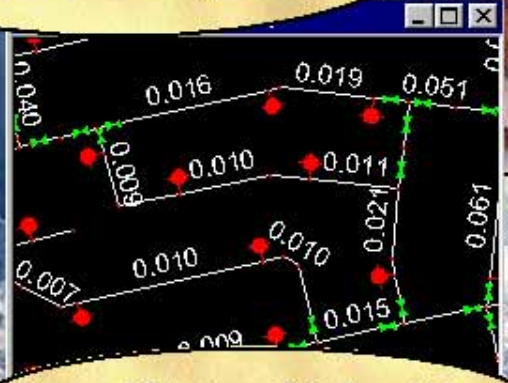
Water Age

Aged Pipes

Low Water Velocities

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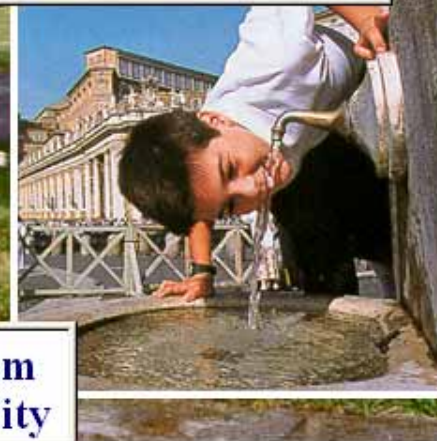
Objectives for flushing your water system

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.

Common Flushing Objectives

- Restore chlorine residual
- Reduce bacteria counts

- Remove colored water
- Eliminate taste & odor



- Dislodge biofilm
- Reduce turbidity

- Remove sediment and corrosion
- Respond to customer complaints

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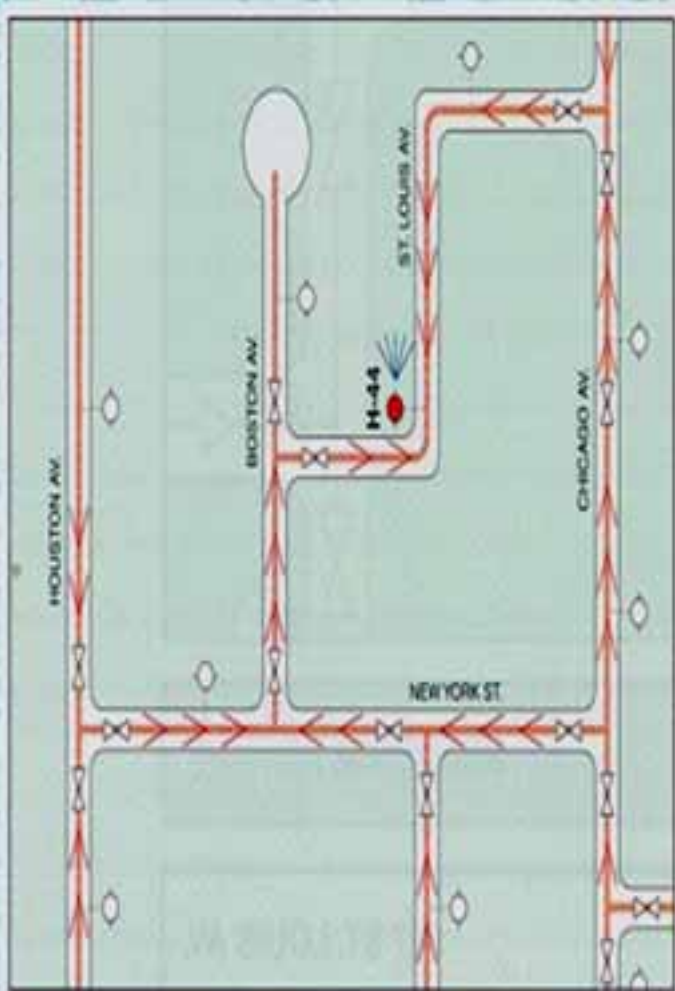
Comparison Between

Conventional Flushing

&

Unidirectional Flushing

Conventional Flushing



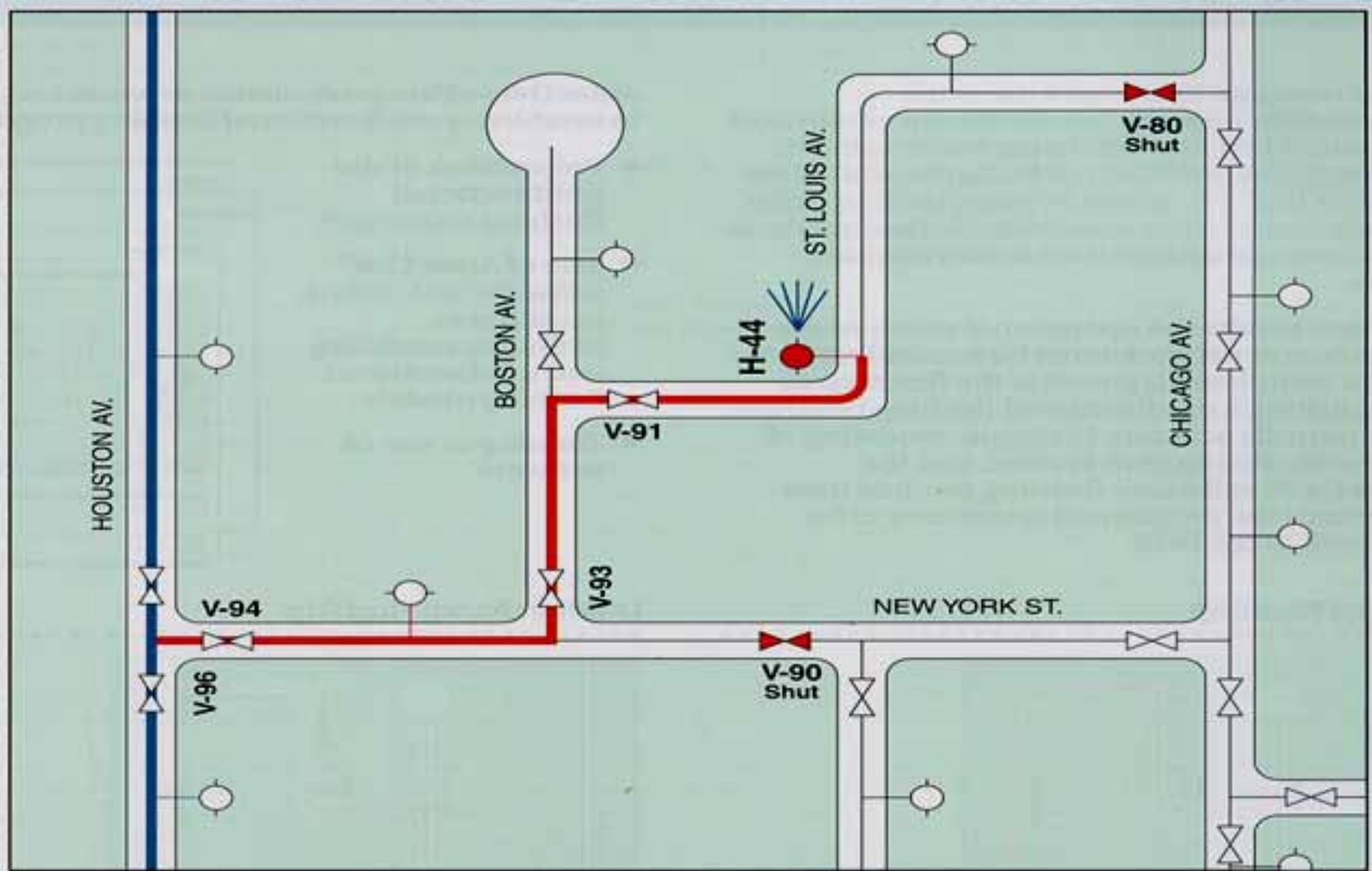
Conventional flushing very often was simply the process whereby a utility worker opened up a hydrant, and let it flow until clean water came out. There was no attempt to shut any mainline valves to control the direction of flow to the hydrant being used to discharge the dirty water from the system, or 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.







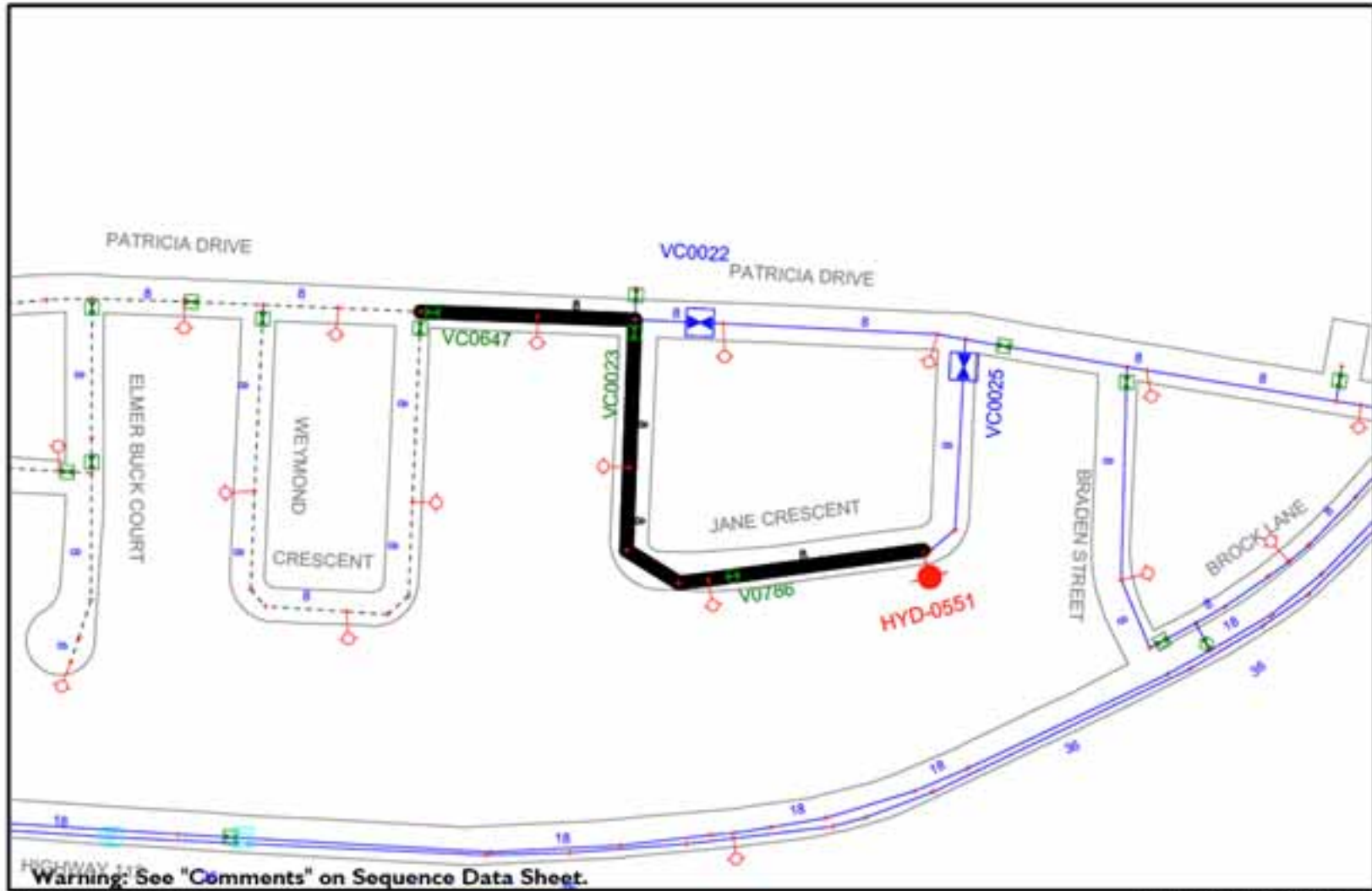






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SEQUENCE NO: 10



Warning: See "Comments" on Sequence Data Sheet.



Aqua Cad ® Unidirectional Flushing
Sequence Data Sheet

Town of Riverview - UDF 2010
Gravity

TEAM NO: I SEQUENCE NO: 10

Fire Hydrant or Drain Valve to Operate										
Fire hydrant No.	Address	Outlet		Elbow			Pressure (psi)		Measured Flow (USg/min)	Comments
		2.5"	1.5"	None	45°	90°	Static	Dynamic		
HYD-0551	19 Jane Cr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Valves to Operate									
Valve Nbr.	Flushing	After	Next	Comments	Valve Nbr.	Flushing	After	Next	Comments
VC0025	Closed <input type="checkbox"/>	Opened <input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>		
VC0022	Closed <input type="checkbox"/>	Opened <input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>		
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Flushing Time		
Dynamic Pressure (psi)	Time (min)	
	2.5"	1.5"
110-120	3	6
100-110	3	6
90-100	3	7
80-90	3	7
70-80	3	8
60-70	3	8
[50-60]	3	9
40-50	4	10
30-40	4	11

Flushing Characteristics	
Pipe Diameter (in)	
Min.: 8	Max.: 8
Required Flow (USg/min)	
15178	
Pipe Length (ft)	Flushing Time (min)
1302	

Water Quality			
	Initial	During	Final
Clear	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Particles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colored	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opaque	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Start Time: _____

End Time: _____

Crew: _____

Date: _____

Comments: used a diffuser

*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.*

Sequence	Start Date	End Date	Operator	FH Number	Address
1	4/18/2005 8:33	4/18/2005 8:50	Richard Daley	HYD-0480	1055 Highway 112
2	4/18/2005 9:02	4/18/2005 9:18	Richard Daley	HYD-0482	Highway 112
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.
7	4/18/2005 11:07	4/18/2005 11:18	Richard Daley	HYD-0579	122 Patricia Dr.

Elbow	Outlet	Static Pressure (psi)	Dynamic Pressure (psi)	Required Flow (US gal/min)	Calculated Flow (US gal/min)	Minimum Diameter (in)	Maximum Diameter (in)
45°	2½"	92	82	1,024	1,276	8	12
45°	2½"	94	82	1,024	1,276	12	12
45°	2½"	90	77	1024	1,237	12	12
45°	2½"	77	66	1,024	1,145	12	12
45°	2½"	86	60	455	1,092	8	8
45°	2½"	85	58	455	1,073	8	8

Length (ft)	Material	Age	Minimum Velocity (ft/s)	Maximum Velocity (ft/s)	Theoretical Time (min)	Actual Time (min)	V
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

Initial Appearance	During Appearance	Final Appearance	Comments General
Particles	Particles	Clear	
Particles	Particles	Clear	
Particles	Particles	Clear	Used diffuser.
Particles	Particles	Clear	
Colored	Particles	Clear	
Colored	Particles	Clear	



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.
Permission was given by the Town to release the
UDF report information for this presentation.**

<i>Description</i>	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%



City of Moncton

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Unidirectional Flushing Results Over a five year period...

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<i>Description</i>	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
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%

**Any more
questions ??????**

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