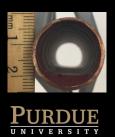
# Considerations for Repairing Water Pipes in Place: Studies, Emissions, and Specifications

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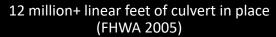


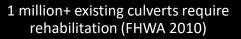


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# Stormwater culverts and repairs in the U.S.





Mechanical failures can be catastrophic (traffic disruption, public safety)













# Aging Drinking Water Pipes



#### **Repair or Replace?**

Improve water pressure Decrease water age Improve water quality

- Increase disinfectant residual
- Decrease biofilm
- Decrease metal contaminants
- Improve color/clarity
- Improve taste/odor

### Instead of replacing the damaged pipes, often trenchless rehabilitation approaches are applied

#### **Trenchless Technology Options**

Slip lining
Spiral wound pipe
Close fit pipe
Thermoformed pipe
Fold-and-form pipe

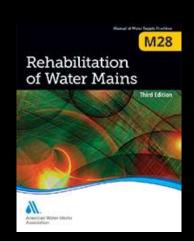
Spray-on coating (mortar vs. polymer)

Cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) 50% of all water pipes

#### **Potential Challenges for Some Options**

- Water flow diversion
- Grouting necessary
- Reduction in cross-sectional area
- Structural integrity not improved
- Host pipe must be dry
- Cost

Plastics (=Polymers) are being used for water pipe repairs because of their low cost, corrosion resistance, ease of installation, and estimated long service-lives



Non-structural = Coatings

Semi-structural = Pressure transferred to host pipe

Fully-structural = Independent of host pipe, pipe within pipe

Common approach: Chemically manufacture plastics in the field, in damaged pipes

#### <u>Education:</u> Formal Plastic Technology Education is Not Common for Water Utility, Consulting Engineers, and Construction Professionals

#### **Typical Civil / Environmental / Construction Courses**

Water and wastewater treatment
Water distribution modeling
Water and air chemistry
Environmental science
Hydraulics
Timber, concrete, asphault, steel

Statics, Dynamics, Deforms Construction management Soil mechanics Corrosion science

#### What we Add

Polymer Chemistry
Polymer Engineering
Surface Science
Construction technology
Industrial hygiene



Purdue at AWWA 2016





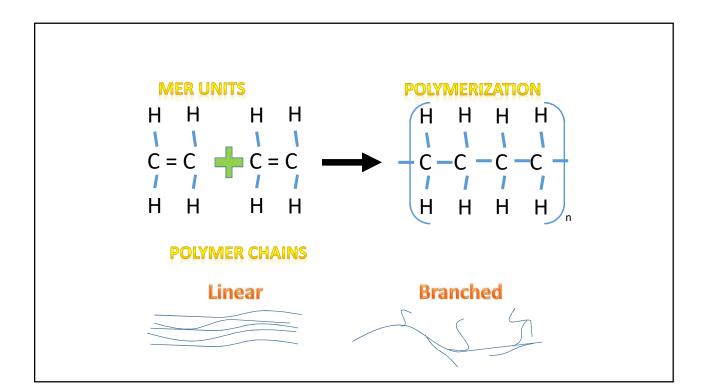
#### **Polymers** Are Not Just Used for Pipes

- □ Fluid conveyance and insulation pipes: HDPE, MDPE, PEX, PEX/AL/PEX, PP, PVC, cPVC, FRP, CIPP, and more...
- □ <u>Gaskets for flexural interfaces:</u> Ethylene-propylene-diene-monomer (EPDM), styrene-butadiene-rubber (SBR), nitrile, and more...
- □ Coatings for corrosion protection: Epoxy, polyurethane (PU), polyurea (PEUU), PU/PEUU blends
- □ Overwraps for corrosion protection: HDPE, LDPE, PP
- ☐ <u>Air and water treatment membranes:</u> Polyamide (PA), polysulfone (PSF), polycarbonate (PC), polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF), and more...
- □ <u>Chemical barrier and geotechnical assets</u> (i.e., landfills, pipes, water meters, etc.): HDPE, PET, PVC, and more...
- □ <u>Water treatment chemicals:</u> Polyaluminum chloride (PACI), polyacrylamide (PAM), polyDADMAC, and more...

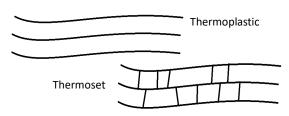
#### Let's Talk Basics....

Polymer = Many...Unit...compound

- □ <u>Long-chain</u> molecules of very high molecular weight (n = tens of thousands)
- ☐ a.k.a. macromolecules
  - 1. Mer Units, Polymer Chains
  - 2. Molecular weight
  - 3. Morphology (free volume, xtal, xlink)
  - 4. Thermal transitions (Tg, Tm, Tc)
  - 5. Viscoelasticity (HDPE HDD example)



# **Polymer Chains** (*Think Spaghetti*)





- Crosslinking
- Free volume; Disorder region, less energy required to melt or deform the polymer, HDPE vs. LDPE vs. PEX (HDPE)
- Flexible: LDPE vs. HDPE (free volume)
- Flexible: HDPE vs. PEX (chain mobility)
- Some coatings and in-situ repairs are thermosets (i.e., CIPP)

#### **Amorphous & Semi-Crystalline Polymers**

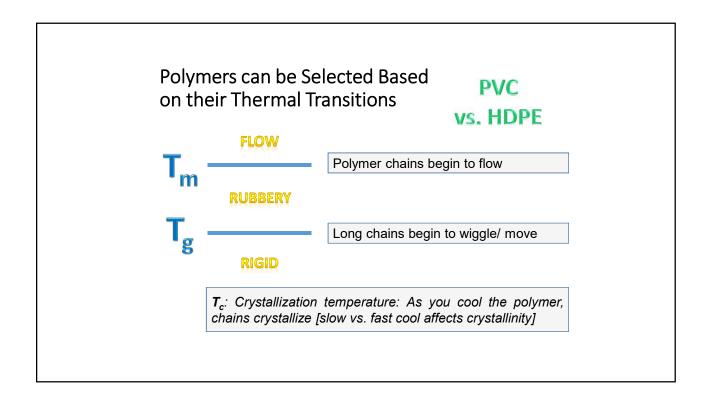
- □Some polymer chains can be tightly packed in a regular array (like a metal) = <u>Crystalline regions</u>
- ☐When polymer chains are <u>not</u> tightly packed = <u>Amorphous regions</u>
- □Crystallization can occur when heated and cooled
- □ Semi-crystalline polymers: PE (20-65%), PP, Polyester, Nylon, Polyamide, PEEK

How about that orange contractor fence?

Different Polymer Chain Sizes Provide
Polymers Different Properties

Questions
• Which one is stiffer?
More flexible?

Metals vs. Polymers
• Processing temperature lower
• Energy required to break polymer bonds lower



#### Polymers are Viscoelastic

Elastic = Recoverable Viscous = Permanent Loss

#### Silly Puddy & Velveeta Cheese

- □Long chain nature suggests reorganization during deformation / stress
- □ Polymers are both elastic AND viscous
- □ Observed by "creep" and "stress relaxation"



July 2006 Big Dig Ceiling Collapse Boston, MA

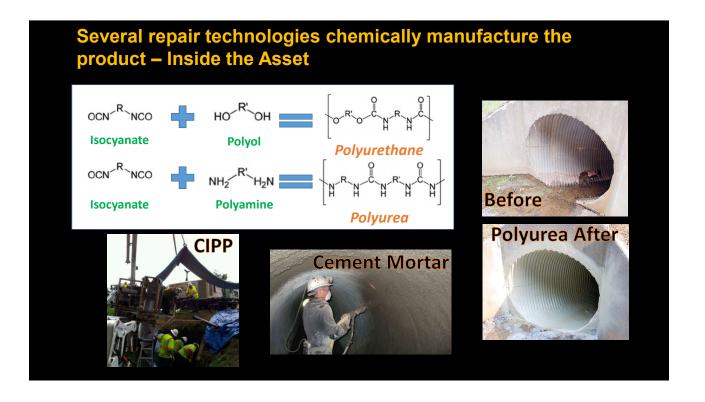
#### Certain Additives, Fillers, Reinforcements can Improve Polymer Properties

<u>Additives:</u> Improve the visual, process, environmental resistance, or degradation properties

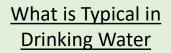
Such as absorbers, antioxidants, antimicrobials, colorants, impact modifiers, UV stabilizers, lubricants, plasticizers

Fillers: Reduce cost (i.e., CaCO<sub>3</sub>)

<u>Reinforcements:</u> Increase the structural / mechanical properties (i.e., GF, PET fiber, CNF, aramid)



# Chemical Emission vs. Mechanical Performance



Total organic carbon (TOC): 1-6 mg/L

pH 6.5 - 8.5

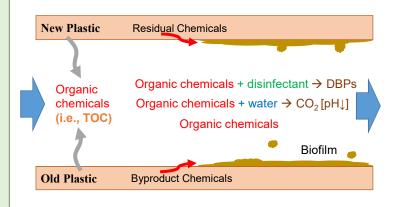
Disinfectant residual to limit microbial growth (i.e., chlorine, chloramine, etc.)

Individual contaminants

Disinfectant byproducts (DBP)

Drinking water odor: < 3 TON

#### What we Know from Polymer-Drinking Water Interaction Studies



#### **BIG Misconceptions**

EPA tests plumbing products to determine if they are safe – No they do not EPA transferred product testing authority to NSFI – No they did not

#### NSF(I) Standard 61 – "Health Effects" Testing

#### For plastic coatings... (plastic pipes = different procedures

No water testing during the first 4 days of product use No water testing for total organic carbon (TOC)

No water testing for generated disinfectant byproducts (DBP)

Water pH effect not evaluated for plastic pipe leaching

All drinking water disinfectant chemicals not considered

No organism growth impacts considered

No taste or odor impacts considered

No test results are made public even for 'approved' products

#### NOT A REGULATORY BODY, NO ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITY

Testing lab with 2,100 employees globally; all sectors, all continents except Antarctica



# For U.S. and Canada Epoxy Drinking Water Applications, Only a Few Studies have been Conducted

Year	1 NSFI approved formulation; pH 8, 6.5; Free chlorine, Monochloramine	Water Quality Impacts		
2017		<ol> <li>BADGE, BFDGE hydrolyzed and decayed</li> <li>BPA, BPF did not decay</li> <li>BPA, BPF, and triethylenetetramine (TETA) reacted with both disinfectants</li> <li>BADGE did not react with disinfectants</li> </ol>		
2007	1 NSFI approved formulation; pH 8; Free chlorine, Monochloramine	<ol> <li>TOC 6.3 mg/L (new), 1.7 mg/L (day 30)</li> <li>BPA, phenol, 4-nonylphenol (4-NP), styrene, toluene, benzaldehyde</li> <li>Odor caused "plastic/solvent-like/glue"</li> <li>Disinfectant loss occurred</li> <li>DBPs were produced (THM &amp; HAA5)</li> </ol>		
2002	5 NSFI approved formulations; 2 coatings	<ol> <li>Total BTEX ranged from 0.2 to 48 mg/L</li> <li>TOC ranged from 34 to 345 mg/L</li> </ol>		
1989	1 formulation in lab; 3 field storage tanks	<ol> <li>MIBK, o-,m-,p-xylene; ethoxy ethyl acetate; methyl benzaldehyde</li> <li>Disinfectant loss occurred</li> <li>DBPs were produced (THM)</li> <li>Water soaking caused more rapid leaching than air drying</li> <li>MIBK and xylenes detected in storage tanks</li> </ol>		

Year	<b>Epoxy Test Condition</b>	Water Quality Impacts – Studies from Outside the US and Canada
2016 (Finland)	Six old coatings were tested in the field	<ol> <li>BPF, 4-NP, 4-t-octylphenol rarely found; trace concentrations</li> <li>BPA was detected in majority of samples; Maximum (cold water) 250 μg/L and (hot water) 23,500 μg/L</li> <li>Older epoxy leached 4-20x more BPA than newer epoxy</li> </ol>
2014 (France)	3 coatings	<ol> <li>Epoxy #3 showed increasing leaching during 5 months</li> <li>BPA only found in absence of disinfectant, no BPF found at all</li> <li>2,4,6-trichlorophenol (TCP), a BPA chlorination by-product sporadically observed in the chlorinated water</li> </ol>
2014 (France)	27 old coated water tanks 200 old coated pipe sections	<ol> <li>TANKS: No BPA, BPF or TCP</li> <li>PIPES: High frequency of BPA and BPF detection, sometimes with maximum values around 1 μg/L</li> </ol>
2009 (France)	1 coating, 1 hr after installation	<ol> <li>Benzyl alcohol (345 μg/L), monoglycidyle ether of butane diol (12 μg/L), diglycidyl ether of butane diol (386 μg/L), diaminodiphenylmethane (72 μg/L)</li> <li>Total flavor number: 6 "glue and bitter almond" to 2.5 "bitter flavor"</li> </ol>
2007 (France)	Five 1-10 year old coatings were tested	<ol> <li>No detectable TOC</li> <li>GC-MS analysis found no epoxy specific compounds resulting from 4 epoxies</li> <li>1 epoxy showed evidence of leaching of 4-t-butyl phenol (4-TBP), and the presence of halogenated 4-TBP products, with a max. 2.2 μg/L</li> </ol>
2004 (Spain)	5 coatings	<ol> <li>BPA of 0.02-0.03 μg/cm², benzyl alcohol of up to 180 μg/cm²; phthalates of 0.04-0.3 μg/cm², benzaldehyde, 4-NP, etc.</li> </ol>
2002 (Korea)	3 coatings	<ol> <li>BPA from unit area of epoxy resin coating was in the range of 1.68 to 1,734 μg/m²</li> <li>Higher risk of BPA leaching to drinking water during a summer season</li> <li>Microbial growth was higher with epoxy than in a stainless steel tank</li> </ol>

#### In Summary: Epoxy Created Inside Water Infrastructure

#### In the USA and Canada

- · There has been wide variability in chemical leaching from across NSFI Standard 61 products
- · Many chemicals that are released have no US drinking water standard
- TOC level found as high as 345 mg/L
- · Free chlorine and monochloramine react with chemicals that are released
- · Regulated DBPs can be formed by leached chemicals
- · Odors can be caused

#### **Outside the US and Canada**

- There has been wide variability in chemical leaching from across products
- BPA leaching expected to be greater in summer (warmer) months
- Found 250  $\mu g/L$  BPA in cold water and 23,500  $\mu g/L$  BPA in hot water
- · Chemical leaching can occur for months, years
- · Epoxy leaching increased during the first 5 months of a 6 month study
- · Microorganisms can grow because of epoxy leaching
- · Odor and bad flavor can be caused

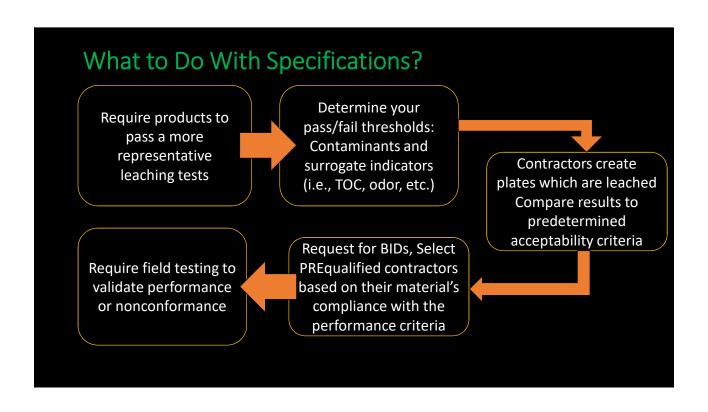
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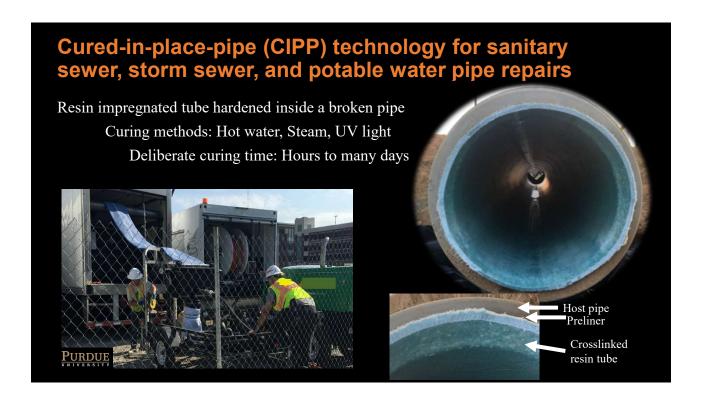
There is very little information available about chemical leaching from epoxy materials used for drinking water pipes and tanks

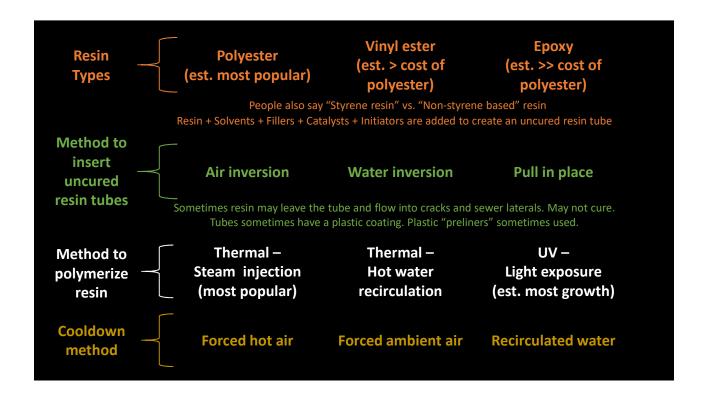
Much less information for polyurea and polyurethane coatings

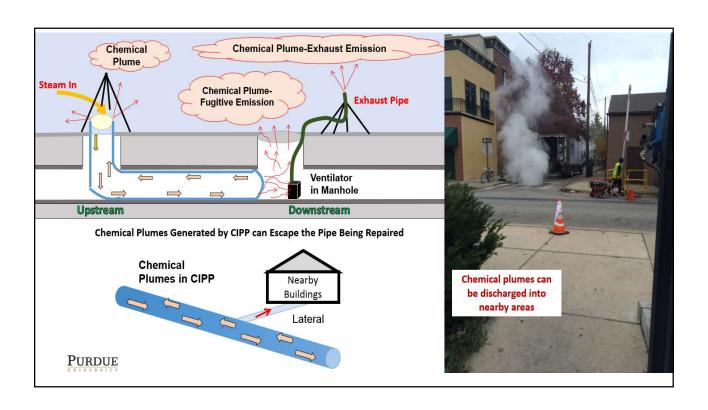
Dr. Stephen Randtke et al. (2017), Leader of recent WaterRF water pipe lining study

"Since epoxy formulations, application methods, curing times, and other factors vary among manufacturers...the results are not necessarily representative of those that would be obtained using other applications or epoxy formulations"

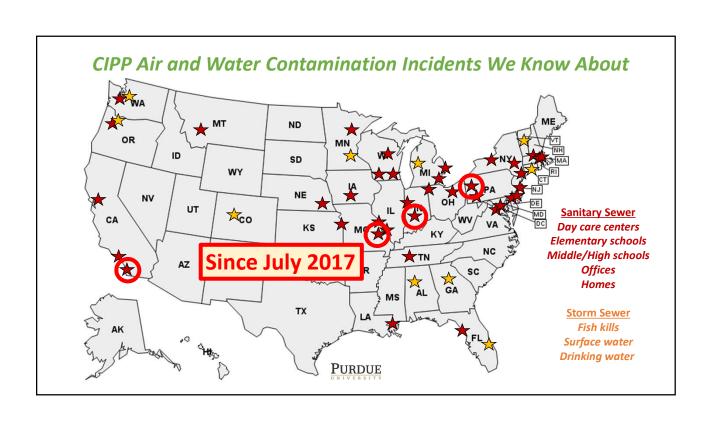








# Are chemical emissions a problem?



#### <u>Contractor and Municipality</u> <u>Statements to the Public</u>

"styrene vapor of at most few ppm"

"is not a human health risk"

"is safe for people and animals"

"it is harmless steam"

"no hazardous conditions posed"

"don't be alarmed"

"50 ppm styrene is the safe exposure level"

"open windows to allow ventilation"

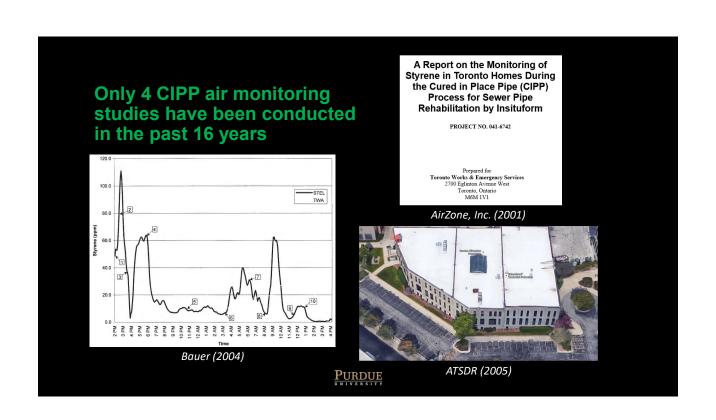
"place plastic bags filled with water and wet towels over drains/sinks/toilets"

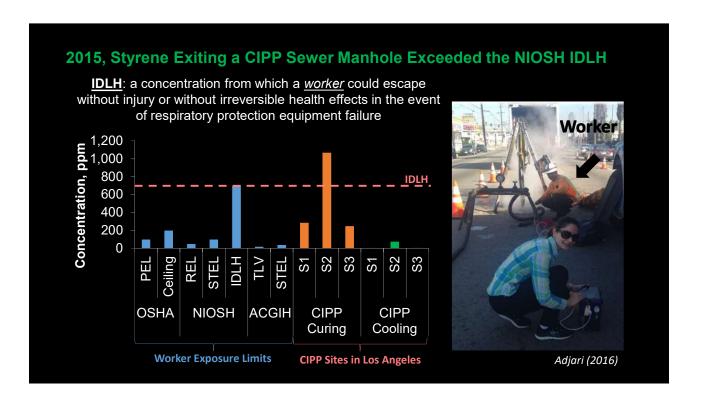
"pour 1 gallon, 1-2 cups water down drains"

"some people are offended by this odor and are fearful of it; even though the concentrations they smell present no harm"



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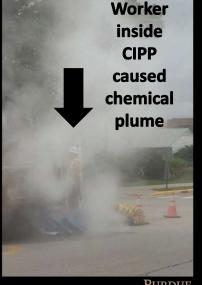


#### 2016 US NSF RAPID Response Study

To better understand materials emitted from CIPP <u>sanitary sewer</u> pipe and <u>storm water</u> pipe repair installations and their potential toxicity

#### **Objectives**

- 1) Conduct air sampling and analysis for 7 steam CIPP installation sites that use non-styrene and styrene resins
- 2) Characterize the raw materials, materials emitted, and their magnitudes
- 3) Evaluate chemical plume toxicity to mouse lung cells
- 4) Identify worksite safety issues and provide recommendations on future technology use



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Worksite Chemical Air Emissions and Worker Exposure during Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Pipe Rehabilitation Using Cured-in-Place-Pipe (CIPP)

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Scientific report files & associated video files, Environmental Science & Technology Letters, July 2017

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- General Questions
- What Can I Do?
- · Questions about Chemicals in the Air, in Building, and Exposure
- Questions about CIPP Technology

Incorrect assertions about the CIPP study

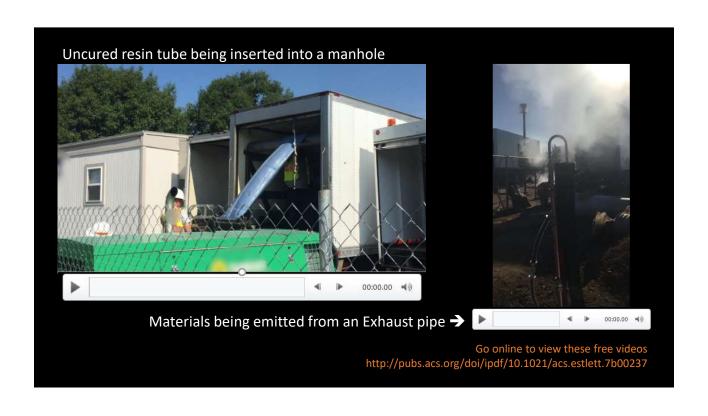
In 2016, Purdue researchers began investigating chemical emissions and exposures caused by cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) water pipe repair sites. CIPP is the most popular water pipe repair technologies used in the U.S. Because this technology uses raw chemicals in the field and manufacturers a new plastic pipe inside an existing damaged water pipe, chemicals can be emitted into the environment and enter nearby buildings. CIPP is used for sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and drinking water pipe repairs.

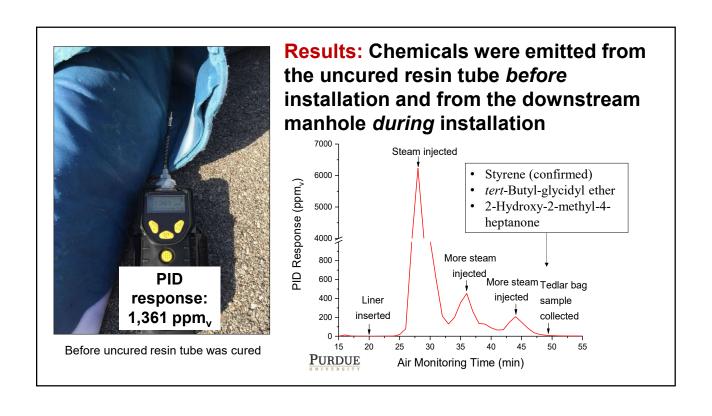
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More information can be found at

http://CIPPSafety.org or https://engineering.purdue.edu/CIPPSafety

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### We Found Several Compounds Emitted into the Air at the CIPP Sites and Some, but Not All, were Present in the Uncured Resin Tubes

Hazardous Air Pollutant

Acetone

Acetophenone

Benzaldehyde Benzoic acid

BHT

4-tert-Butylcyclohexanone

4-tert-Butylcyclohexanol

Dibutyl phthalate

Phenol

Styrene

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1-Tetradecanol

Tripropylene glycol diacrylate 1-Dodecanol

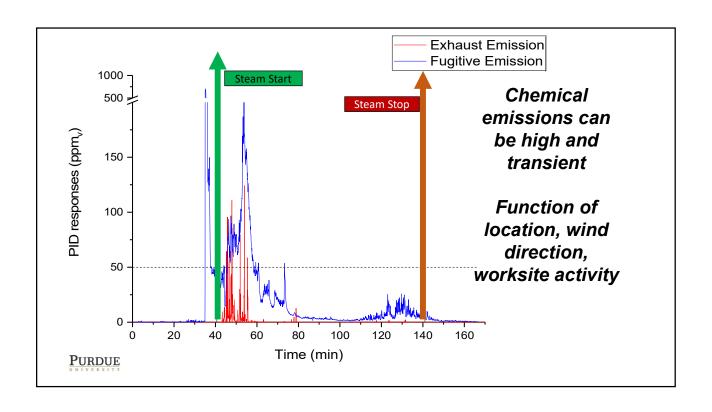
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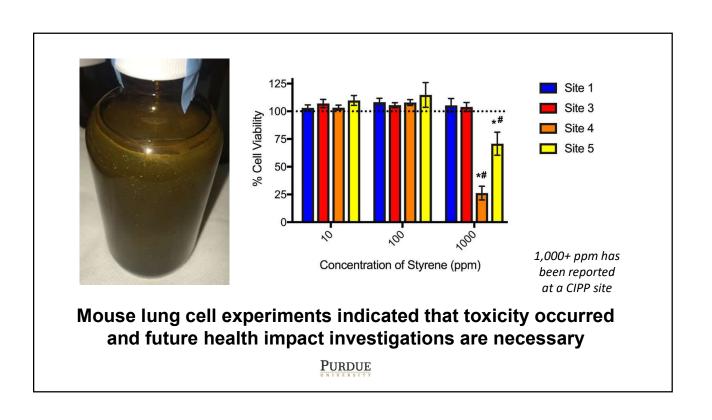
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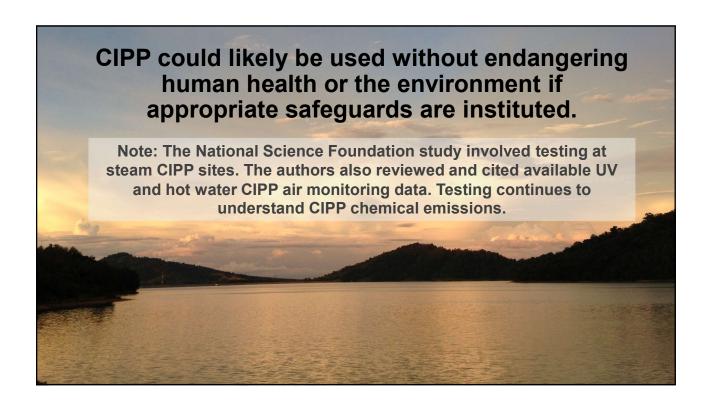
Hazardous Air Pollutant/ Ant. Carcinogen\*

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and compounds
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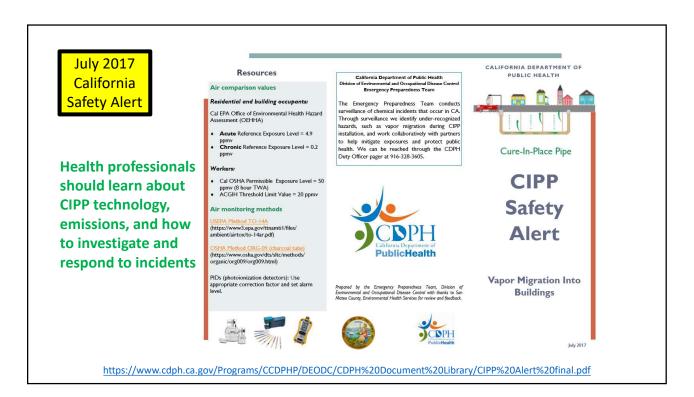
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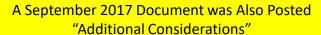






# What can be done? Health professionals CIPP installers (workers) Municipal staff who visit CIPP sites (workers) Consulting firm staff who visit CIPP sites (workers) General public







#### Cure-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) Additional Considerations for Municipalities



#### Background

#### CDPH Alert

The CDPH Cure-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) Safety Alert, issued in July 2017, is not a comprehensive engineering guide for controlling chemical releases; rather, its purpose is to raise awareness and provide some steps that should be considered by municipalities permitting CIPP projects in their jurisdiction.



#### Concerns

Studies of chemical releases during the installation and curing of CIPP are limited and protocols for controlling exposures have not been developed. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) do not describe all of the compounds present in the raw materials or emitted into the air during CIPP installation.

 $\underline{https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DEODC/CDPH%20Document\%20Library/CIPP\%20additional\%20considerations.pdf}$ 

#### **Workers should Request Help from NIOSH**

#### **National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health**

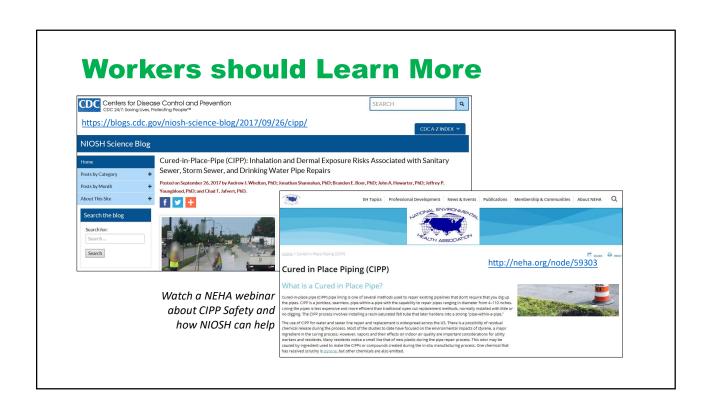
Employees, union officials, and employers can request a free Health Hazard Evaluation from NIOSH

NIOSH evaluations are done at no cost to the employees, union official, or employers

Health Hazard Evaluations help workers learn what health hazards are present at their workplace and recommends ways to reduce hazards and prevent work-related illness.

Requests can be made in writing or online <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/hhe/hheform.html">https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/hhe/hheform.html</a>

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Engineers who select, use, and oversee CIPP installations, have a professional and ethical duty to "hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public" and make only "truthful and objective statements"

- 1. Remove claims that emissions are "harmless", "do not be alarmed", purported maximum styrene levels
- 2. Require chemical emission capture, confirmatory testing, in addition to real-time monitoring
- 3. Notify current and former employees and stakeholders that short- and long-term health effects of CIPP related exposures are currently unknown



Some Engineers have already begun to remove videos that made incorrect CIPP claims. Others are upgrading their specifications to require emission capture and testing. But some do not know about or did not understand the new CIPP Safety study. Others repeat incorrect assertions.

#### Where we are today - CIPP

- ☐ Water pipes still need to be repaired
- ☐ CIPP technology use has caused harm and impacted the environment, we are uncertain about the frequency, scale, and extent of impacts
- ☐ Workers and the public are not appropriately informed about what the emissions are and consequences of exposure
- ☐ Emissions, public and occupational health risks should be investigated
- ☐ California Dept. Public Health (2017): "Utilities, engineering firms, and contractors should not tell residents the [CIPP] exposures are safe"
- ☐ Emissions should not be permitted to exit the pipe
- ☐ NIOSH has received 1 Health Hazard Evaluation request for CIPP so far



The safety of our friends, families, colleagues, and community is important. Let's make certain we do everything we can to protect them from harm.

## **Daily Herald**

Gurnee man killed in Streamwood sewer a rugby athlete called 'String Bean'

October 30, 2016 Reporters: Jake Griffin, Eric Petersen Photo: John Starks, Daily Herald

# Our Stormwater Culvert Repair Technology Study is Investigating Cured-in-Place-Pipe (CIPP) Water Impacts and Material Longevity

Contaminant Release from Storm Water Culvert Rehabilitation Technologies: Environmental & Long-Term Material Integrity Impacts, 2016-2019

- Determine the problem scope across departments of transportation (DOTs) (i.e., the extent of use of these technologies and the scale of their impacts to water quality);
- (2) Identify the effectiveness of existing construction specifications at minimizing contaminant release from rehabilitated culverts
- (3) Determine the degree structural integrity and longevity of rehabilitated culverts are compromised by chemical leaching.





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OUR PROJECT GOAL: To better understand and predict building drinking water quality and health risks posed by declining water usage and low flows.

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- ✓ Architecture and Building Design Firms
- ✓ Water Utilities
- ✓ Construction, Water, Health, and Environmental Associations and Networks
- ✓ Technology Companies
- ✓ Government Agencies

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