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American Water's Innovation Program



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### **American Water History and Operations**



American Water is the largest water and wastewater services provider in North America, headquartered in Voorhees, NJ.

American Water provide services to approximately 15 million people in more than 1,600 communities in more than 45 states and in Canada; and employs about 6,500 water professionals.

American Water owns or operates over 300 drinking water systems, 200 wastewater facilities and 46,000 miles of transmission and distribution mains.

We treat and deliver over a billion gallons of water daily

The company conducts over one million water quality tests each year for over 100 regulated parameters, and up to 50 types of water-related tests each day.

## **7 Step Innovation Process**

**Discovery (297)** 

External search for

by BI as well as

company

strategic needs of

Innovations informed



### Business Intelligence (6)

Collect internal ideas from business to focus discovery efforts on actual needs

### Due Diligence (44)

Initial evaluation of Innovations from a technical efficacy and value proposition perspective

### Enterprise Fitness Evaluation (12)

Evaluate alignment between Innovation and enterprise/asset /workforce management and legacy systems

### Validation Testing (17)

Test Innovation to determine technical efficacy, value proposition and integration abilities

### Business Case Development (3)

6

Prepare a detailed Business Case Analysis to determine value to enterprise

### Implementation (16)

Deploy the Innovation enterprise wide as appropriate



# **Smart Metering Systems**



- •Consolidation of data from 3.1 million water meters
- Commoditization of meters
- Reduction in acquisition costs
- •Data analytics for stopped meters, continuous running meters, backflow
- Integrated customer service
- Improved customer interface



## **New Pipe Formulations**

- Korean PPI PYUNGWHA CO., LTD.
- Ductile Iron strength
- Corrosion resistance of PVC



| Tests                      | <b>AWWA Requirements</b> | iPVC              |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Impact Load (for 10" pipe) | 100 foot-pounds          | 390 foot-pounds * |
| Tensile Strength at 73° F  | 7,000 psi                | 7,780 psi         |
| Modulus of Elasticity      | 400,000 psi (Cell 5)     | 485,000 psi       |
|                            | 440,000 psi (Cell 6)     |                   |
| Long Term Pressure         | 500 psi                  | 500 psi           |
| Hydrostatic proof test     | 600 psi                  | 755 psi           |
| pressure (235 psi pipe)    |                          |                   |
| Weight (pounds/foot) –     | 11.5                     | 10.6              |
| 8" SDR 14                  |                          |                   |





## **Algae Control**

Installed four LG Sonic MPC buoys in Reservoir #1 May 2014

- Solar powered buoys have on-board monitors to measure algal pigments, DO, pH, Redox, turbidity
- Adjustable ultrasonic frequency to target different algae











- ✓ OPEX savings of \$87,800.
- ✓ The Four LG buoys cost \$160,000
- ✓ Simple payback of <u>1.8 years</u>





# **Source Water Awareness**

#### WV BPH

Zones of critical concern

WV STATE

- Potential sources of contamination
- Public water supply infrastructure

#### WV DEP

- Above ground storage tanks
- Industrial multi-sector permits
- Oil and gas permits
- Mining permits
- Hazardous waste permits
- MS4 infrastructure

#### WV DOT

- Transportation infrastructure
- Emergency Response Resources

#### WVOD

Businesses

#### WVGES

Aerial imagery



### PRIVATE

#### WVU

 Aerial imagery, Digital elevation model, Parcels

#### Microsoft

Aerial imagery

#### Water utilities

- Potential sources of contamination
- Public water supply infrastructure

#### Various

MSDS

## FEDERAL

#### USGS

- National Hydrography Dataset (NHD)
- Aerial imagery
- Topography and elevation models
- Landcover, geology and soils

#### EPA

 RCRA, TRI, NPDES, CERCLIS, IRIS, OIL, PCS-ICIS, Water treatability

#### DHHS

ATSDR

#### **Census Bureau**

- Administrative boundaries
- Demographics
- DOI
  - Federal lands and facilities

#### FEMA

Floodplains and flood hazard areas

#### NLM

TOXNET

#### NOAA

CAMEO





### **Energy Efficient Wastewater Treatment**

- NPXpress is a unique nitrogen and phosphorous removal wastewater treatment that has been patented by American Water
- Significantly reduces the energy requirements to treat wastewater
- Reduce/eliminate the amount of additional carbon required for denitrification
- Reduces chemical requirements for phosphorous removal
- Testing ongoing at 7 sites.
  Projected <2 year payback</li>
- Initial 6 sites in NJ averaging 35% energy reduction, over \$400,000 in accumulated savings over a three year period -\$0.57/m<sup>3</sup> operational cost savings

