Use of Guided Long Wave Ultrasonic Inspection for Anomaly Locating and Use of Composite Repair Materials

#### What We'll Talk About Today

Introduction of team
The M-2 oil pipeline
Internal "Smart Pig" inspection
GUL inspection
Composite repair technology

#### **Team Members**

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DTS – Rick Seaver
SPEC Services – Omar Estrada
Armor-Plate – Tony Wilson





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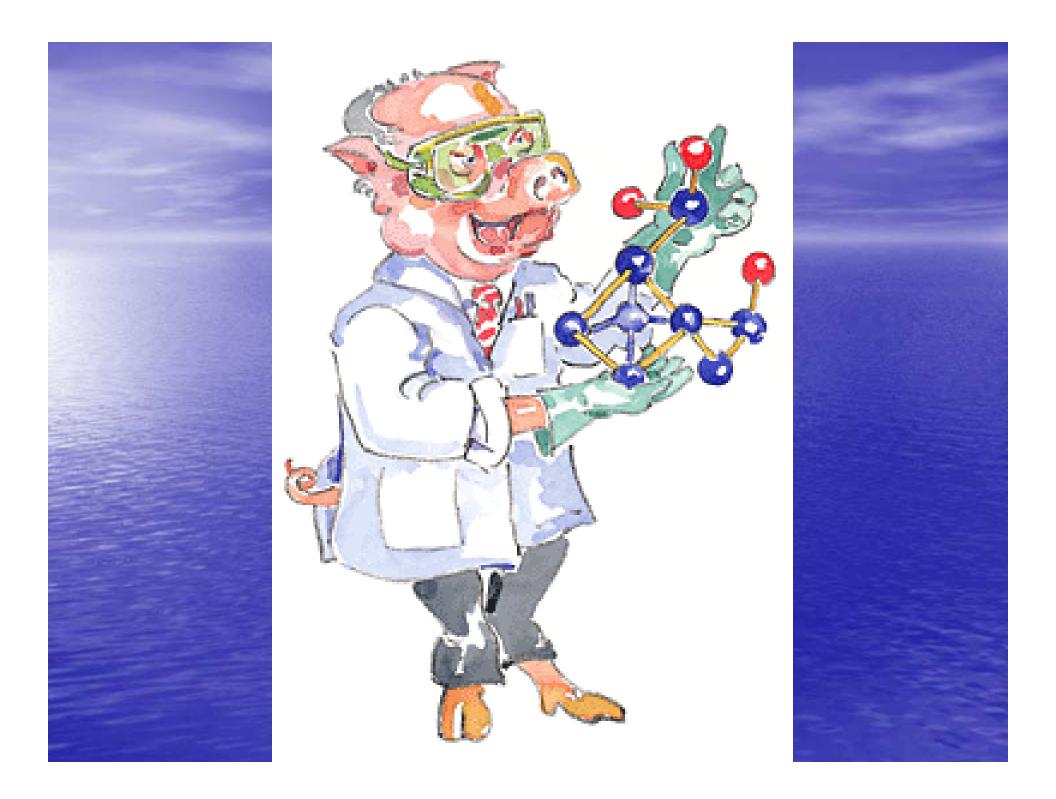
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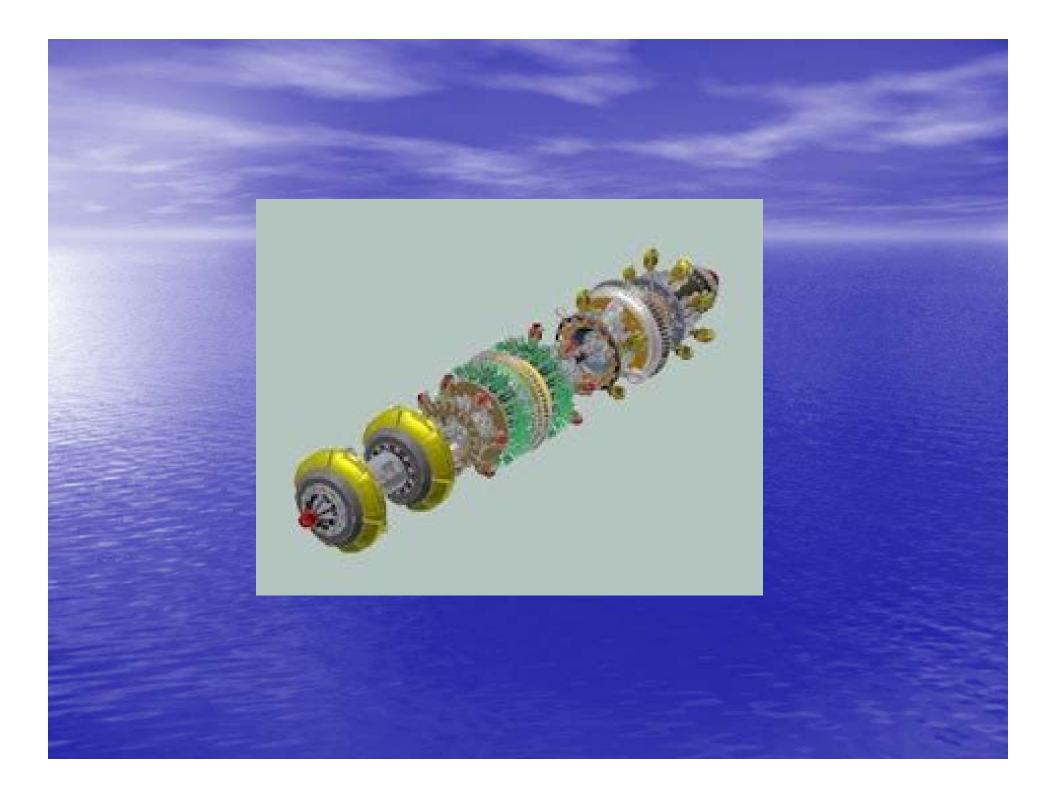
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#### 12" x 10" M-2 Oil Pipeline

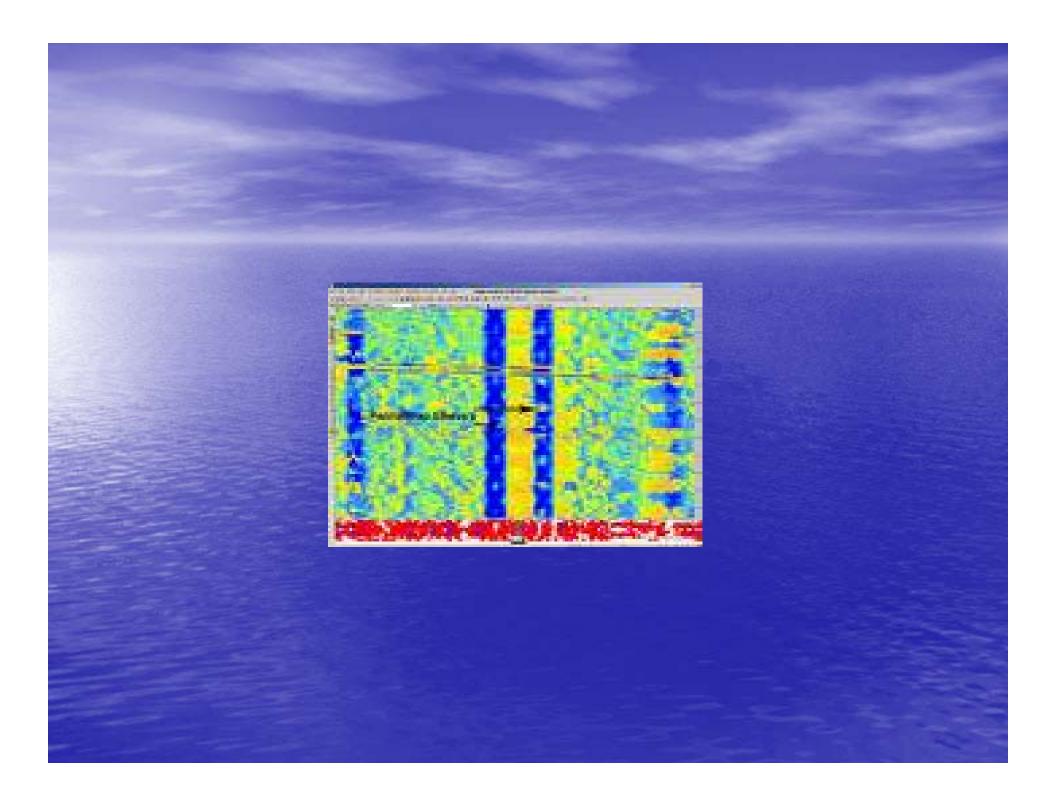
- Carries crude oil from Platforms Gail/Grace to shore
- 10.750 OD, 0.375 WT, A53 Gr. B (35,000 psi yield)
  - ANSI 300# Flanges (MAOP 740 psig)
  - Design Pressure 1,426 psig
- Operates 24 hrs/day, 365 days per year

# Internal "Smart Pig" Findings









#### Internal "Smart Pig" Findings

Line routinely inspected on a bi-annual basis
January 2004 results indicated potential anomalies

Up to 53% wall loss
Over 134.5" in length

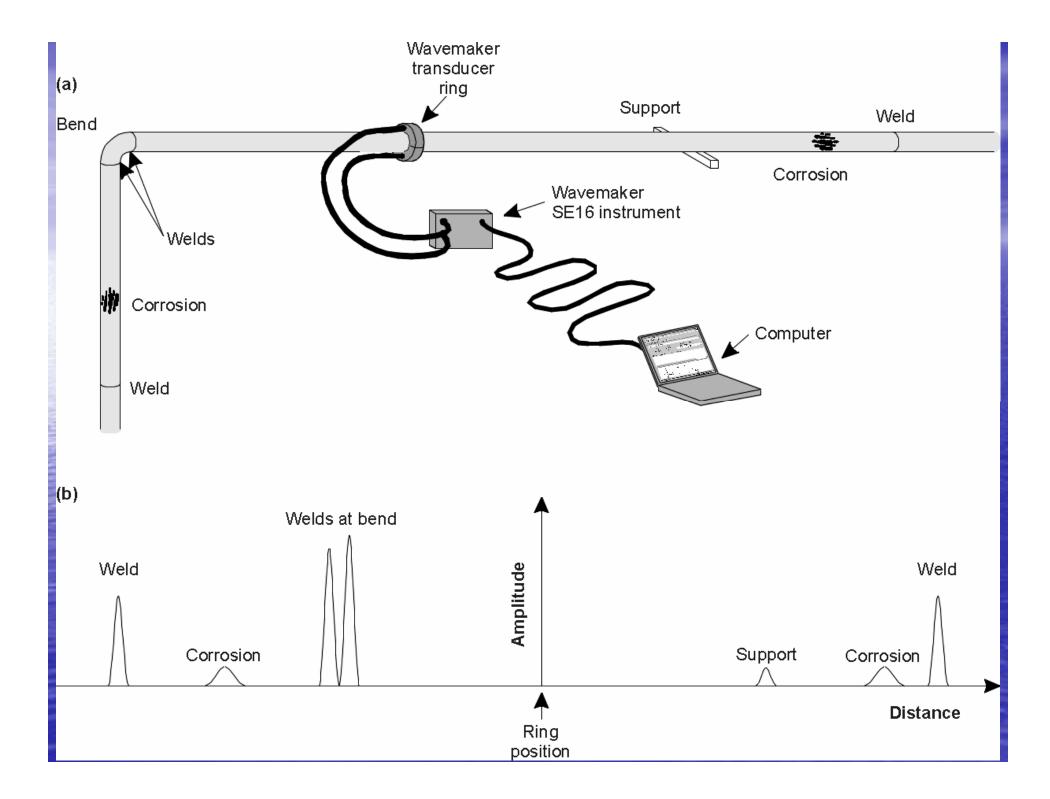
Findings plotted on maps

### Internal "Smart Pig" Findings

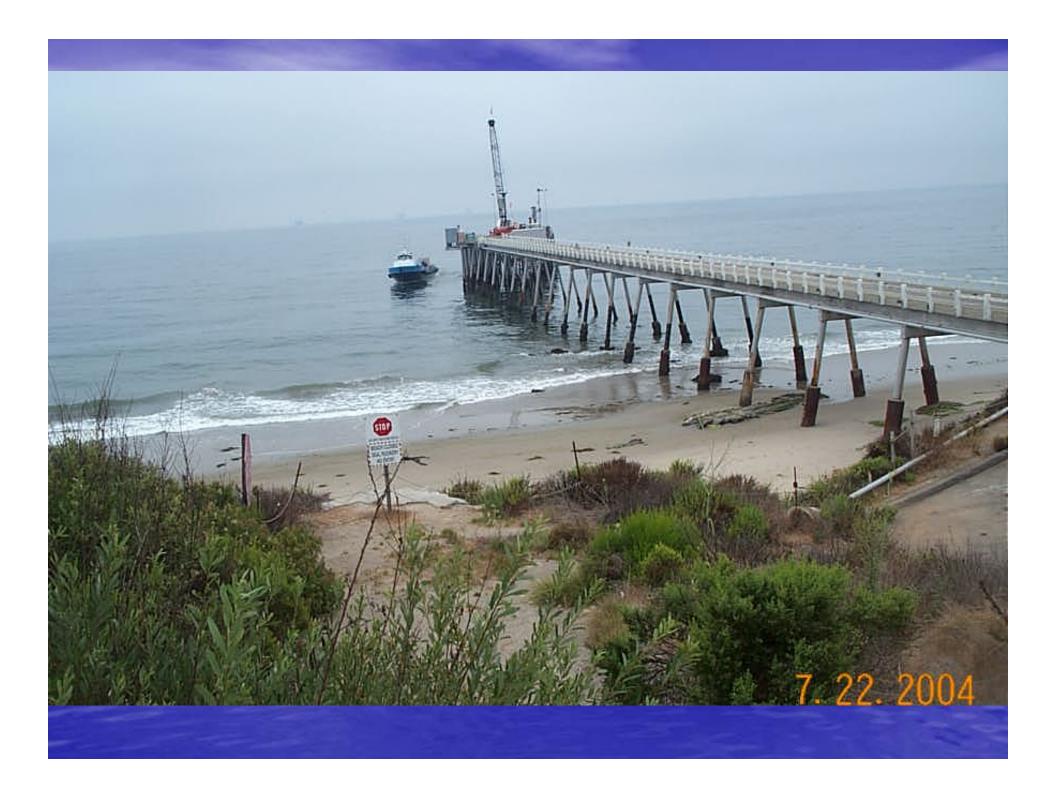
- ANSI B31.G calculations resulted in de-rate of line to 613 psi
- Uncertainty over actual wall loss
- Uncertainty over location
  - Wheel Slippage
  - Lack of benchmarks offshore
  - Pipe buried under several feet of sand in fall and summer

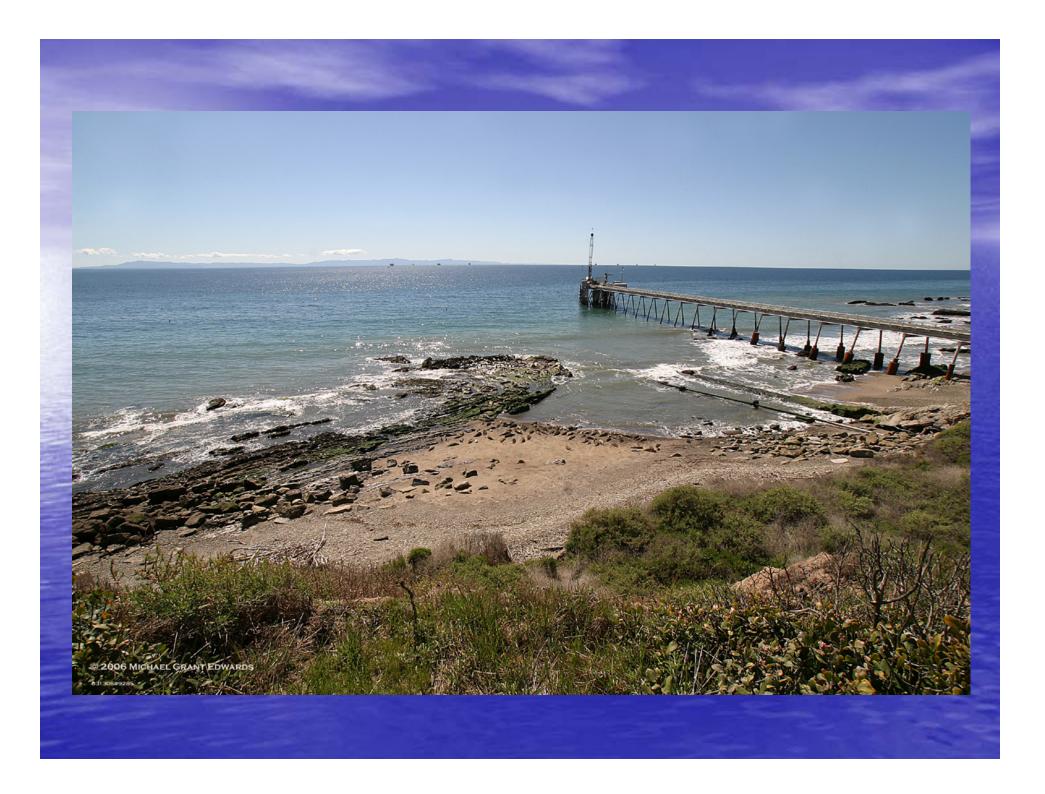
- Guided Wave Ultrasonic Inspection June 4, 2004
  - "Shoots" ultrasonic signal down pipe and looks at reflections

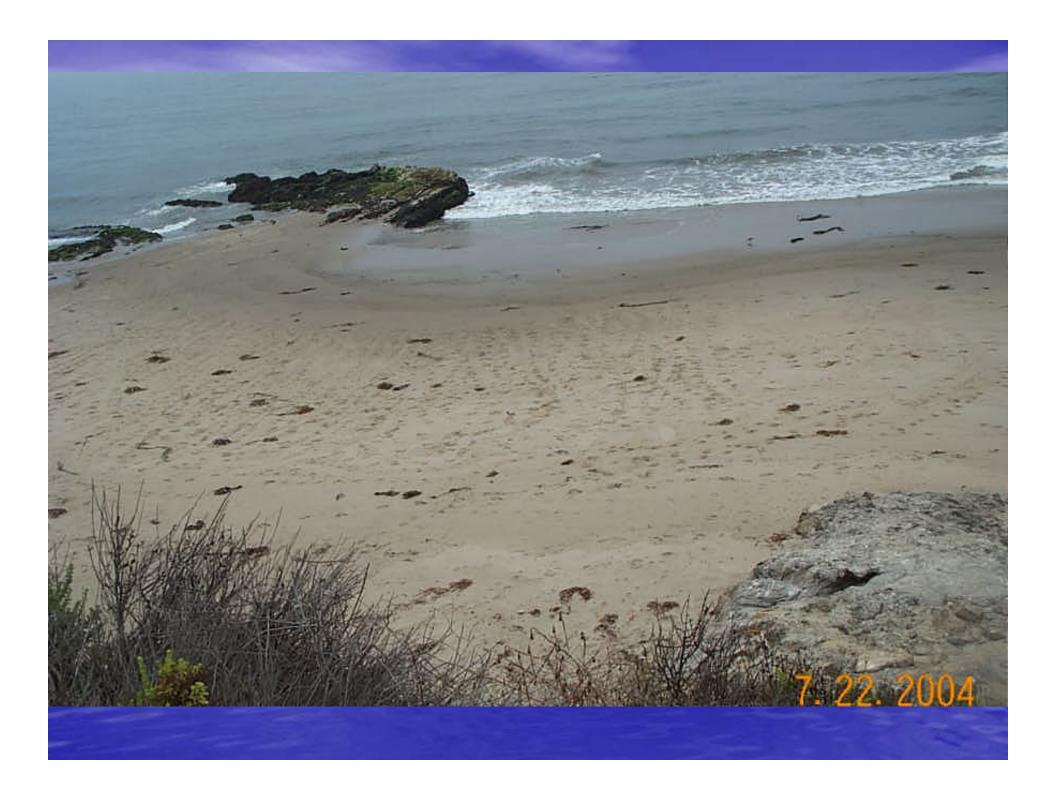


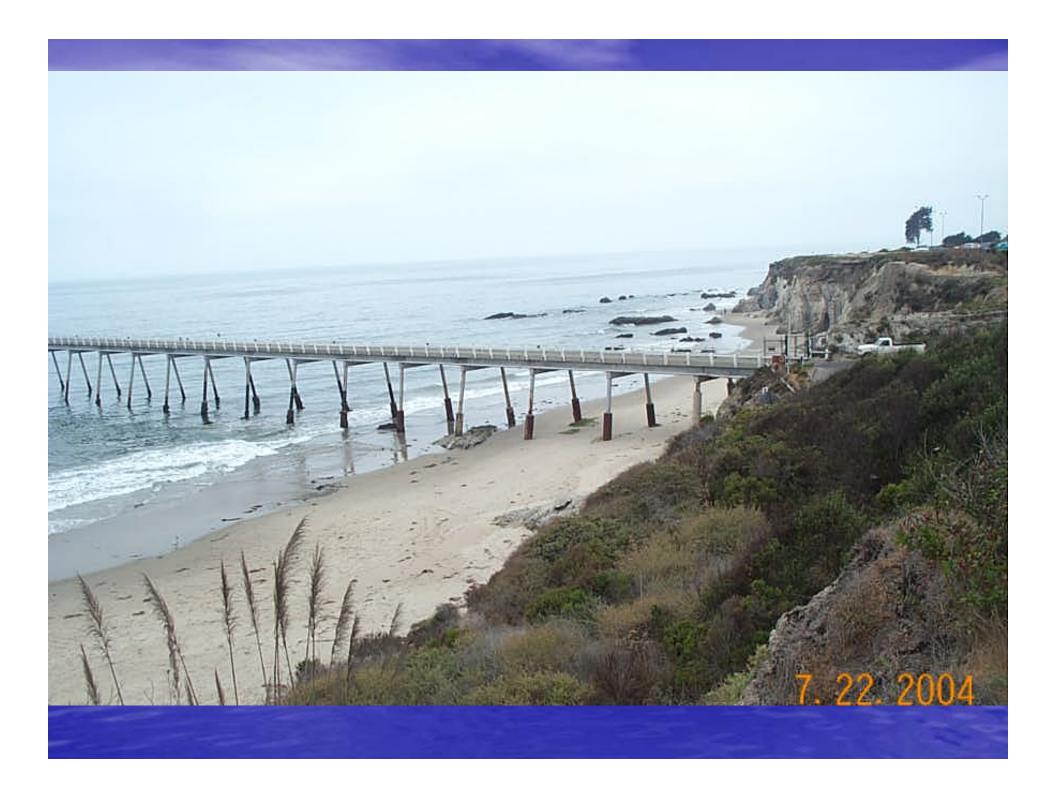


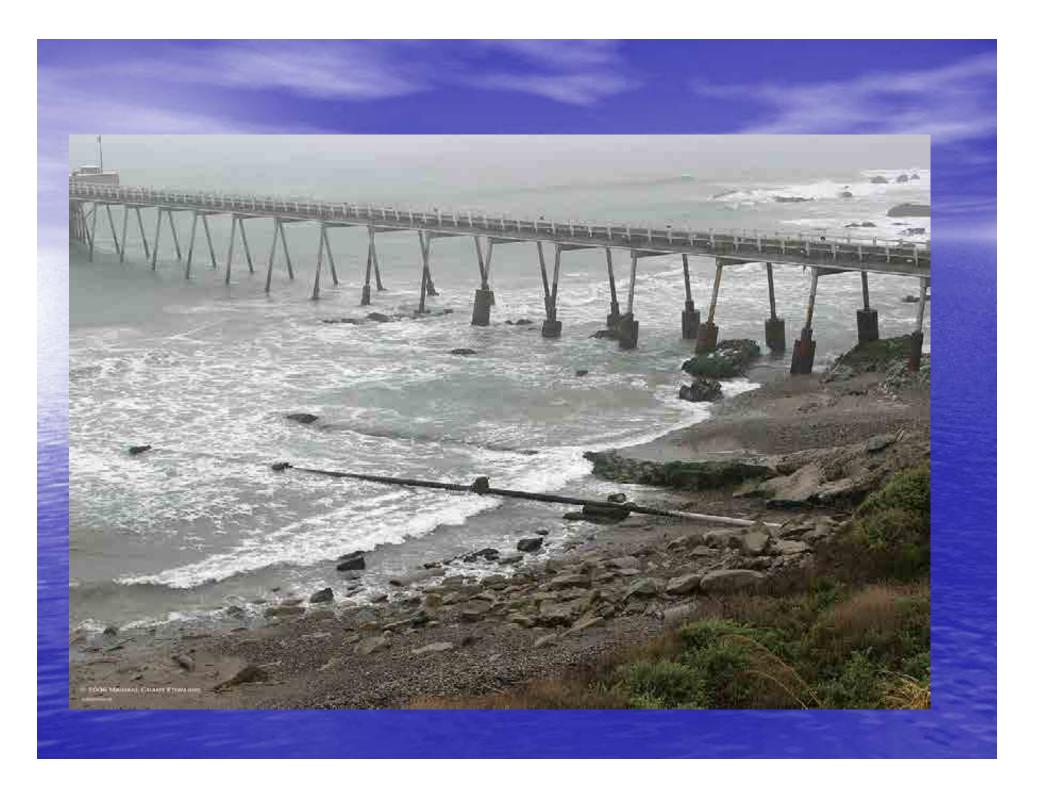
- Limited by miter bends, tees, coating, etc.
  In our case obtained between 300' to 700' look ahead/look back
  Was able to establish weld locations and
  - correlate to Internal Inspection results

















#### Shot – 89971 (Collar Location)

This shot was made on the cliff side of the grout bag with the positive direction toward the ocean.



#### Shot – 89977 (Collar Location)

This shot was made at the cliff with the positive direction toward the cliff.



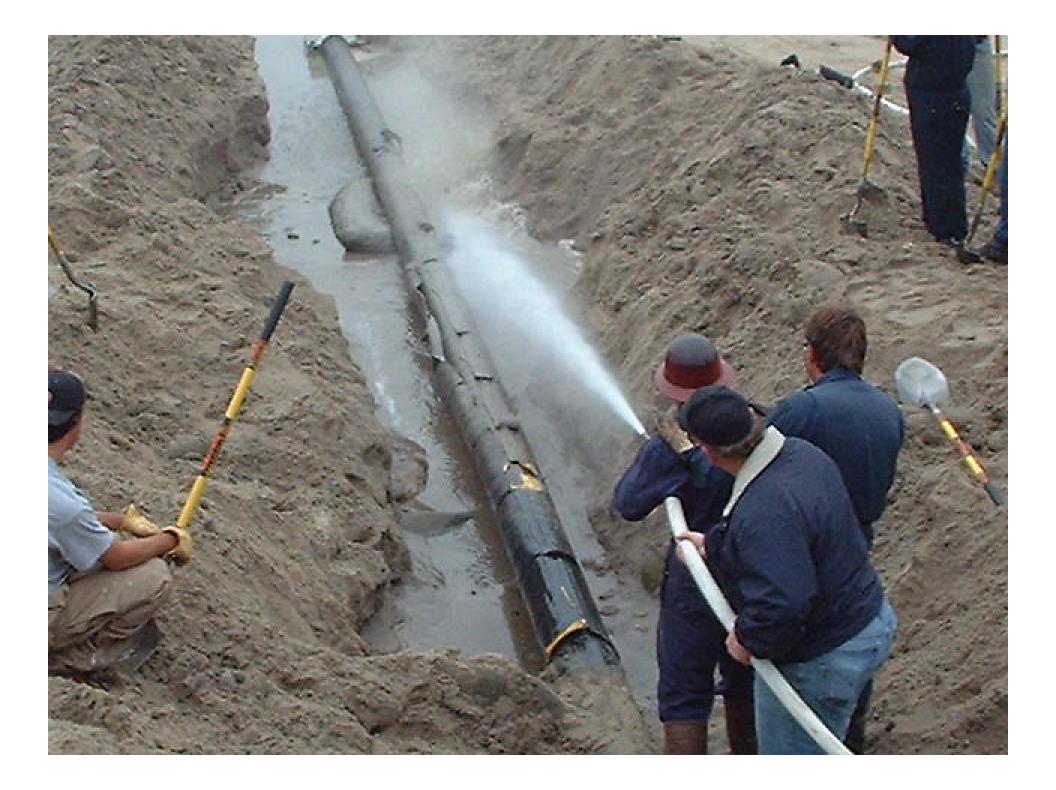
- Guided Wave Ultrasonic Inspection June 21, 2004
  - Re-excavated beach based upon correlated findings













 Located two anomalies – external scouring of pipe





#### Shot – 89977 (Corrosion Location)

Feature locations were B-Scan inspected on 6-21-2004. Over 50% wall loss found at this location. This feature was found with the Smart Pig at the 80,900.34' location.

See attached B-Scan Details of this inspection



#### Scan - Feature 80,900.34



The top half of the piping was scanned to reveal a remaining thickness ranging from .200" to .263" from a nominal thickness of .375"



The remaining thickness in this area ranged from .200" to .263"

# Focused GUL Inspection

- Hand "B-Scan" analysis carried out

# Focused GUL Inspection

- Guided Wave Ultrasonic Inspection June 21, 2004
  - Found 0.155" WT (58.6% loss) and 0.204" WT (45.6% loss)
  - Defects located within 45" of each other
  - About 12' total pipe exposed to scour
  - Subjected to RSTRENG analysis, determined true MAOP was 1188 psi, well above 740 psi

#### **Repair Method Selection**

Restore Hoop Stress

Clockspring
Pipe repair Clamp
Pipe repair Sleeve
Composite technology – Fiberglass

Provide additional scour protection

Pipe repair sleeve
Composite technology

# **Composite Repair Technology**

 Armor Plate System Selected

 Resinous Amine Compound, binary saturant and curative compounds
 Tri-axial continuous filament fiberglass wrap

Able to cure under salt water

# Composite Repair Technology

Armor Plate System Selected

 4-layer wrap found to restore full hoop stress
 2-layer wrap added for scour protection and missing coating

 Contingency Planning Included Wolded

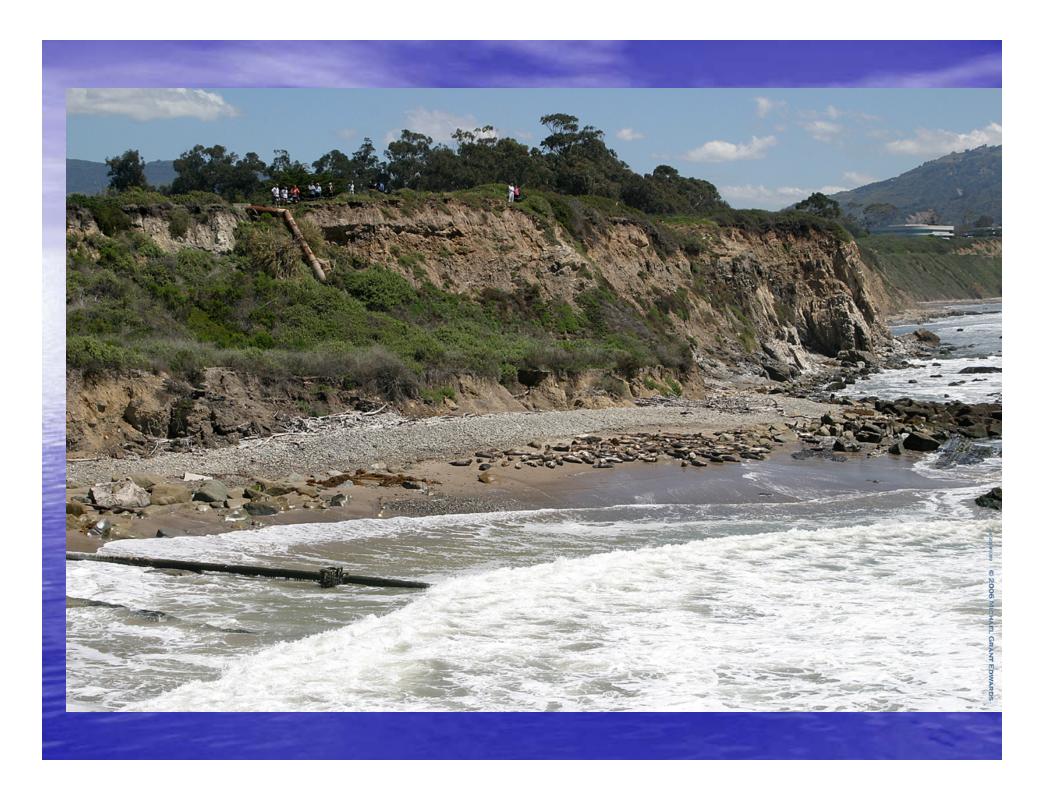
 Contingency Planning Included Welded Sleeves as Back-Up

 Project Execution Plan submitted to MMS on August 5, 2004

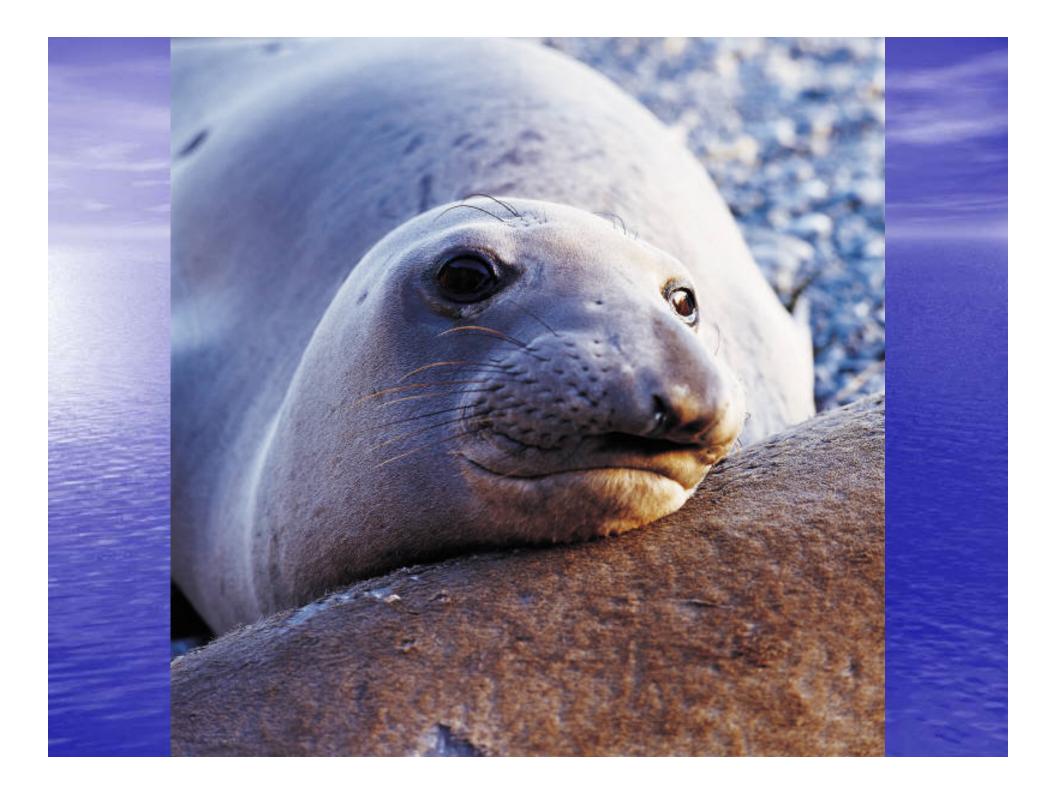
- Protection of Habitat Was Critical
  - No Mechanized Equipment on Beach
  - No Shoring
  - Very Limited Ability to Dewater

Protection of Habitat Was Critical
 – Seal Mitigation Planning











Minimize any disturbance to seals
Seal Eye Protection (Weld Arc Flash)
Continuous observation and video logging by County Environmental Monitors



- Project began October 12, 2004 (Day 1)
   Narrow late afternoon window "Slack low tide" to work in
  - Minimum 10 laborers to dig
  - Infusion of seawater was problem

October 13, 2004 (Day 2)

 Received permission to use crane-suspended dewatering pump
 Allowed pipe to be exposed, measurements taken

- October 14, 2004 (Day 3)
  - Pipe Exposed
  - Defects confirmed using hand held UT tool
  - Wrap applied along 17' length





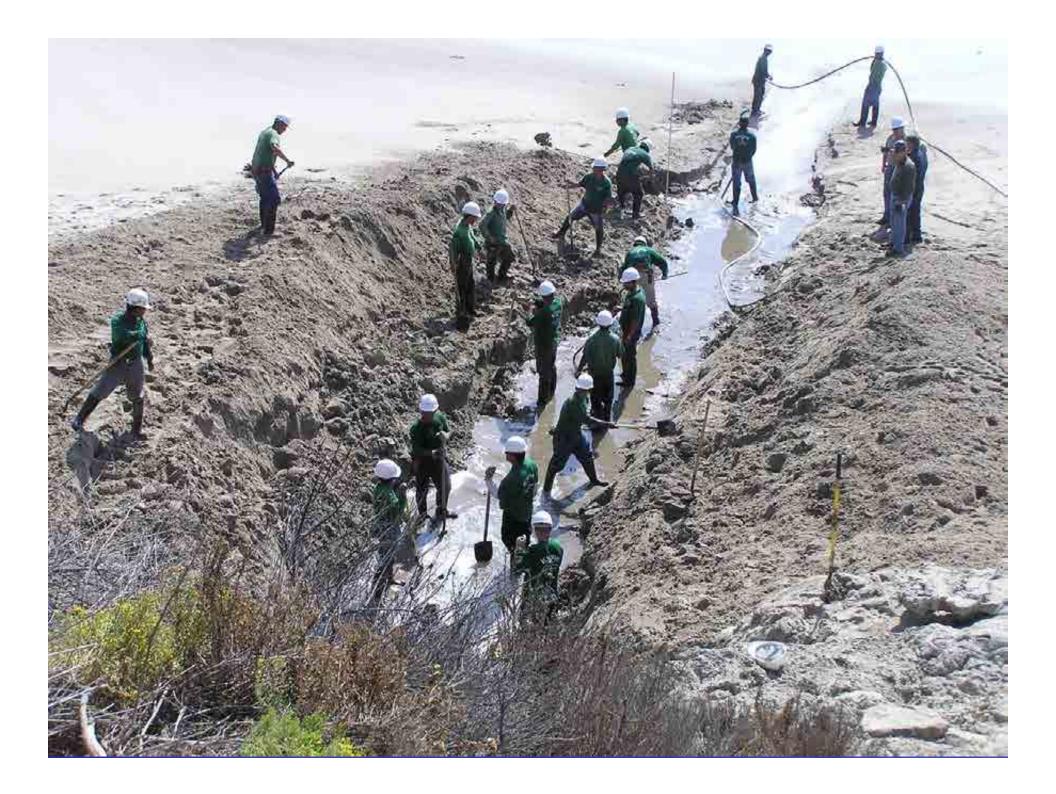






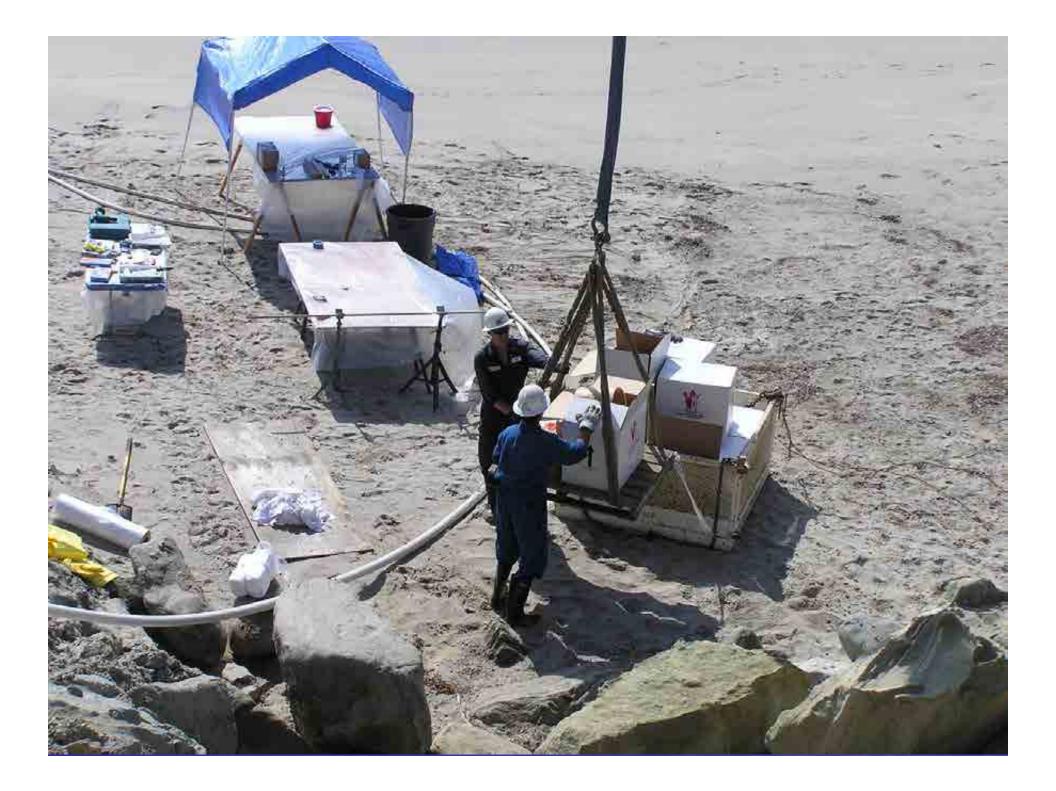


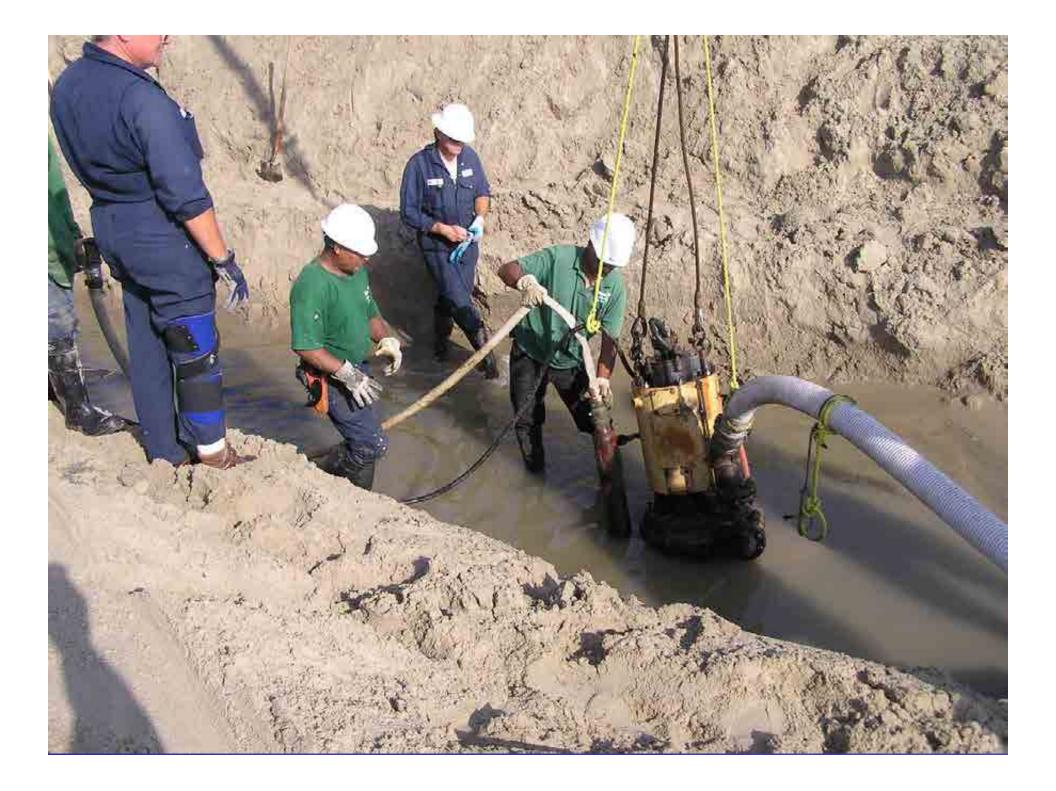






































# Project Costs

AFE funded at \$146,000

 Engineering \$10,000
 Wrapping System \$36,000
 Crane \$6,000
 Beach Labor \$15,000
 Rental Equipment \$6,000

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#### Extras

- Lack of Low Tide Window Limited Productivity
- Armor Plate Needed Crew of 5 vs. 3
- Dewatering Pump and Crane Use
- Presence of Natural Seeps

#### Recap

- Based upon "Smart Pig" inspection, we knew additional investigation was warranted...
- Focused GUI Inspection was used to locate defects...
- Hand-Held B-Scan pinpointed defects and measured them...
- Composite Repair technology was used to effect repair, under challenging conditions....
- Environment was protected at all times.