

## **Innovations in Desalination, Water Reuse, and Emerging Contaminants at American Water**

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



- Heritage dates back to 1886
- Largest U.S. water and wastewater services provider
- Serves an estimated 15 million people in more than 1,500 communities
- Approximately 6,400 employees
- Treat and deliver more than 1
   Billion Gallons /Day
- Issues facing American
  Water systems are
  representative of those
  impacting water industry
  as a whole

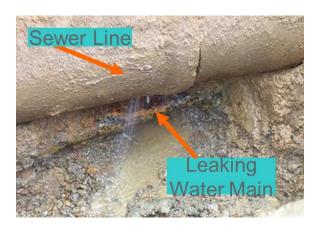


## **Addressing the Water Community's Greatest Challenges**

- **Water Supply**
- **Water Quality**
- Infrastructure
- **Customer Expectations**

Care Products May Pose

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Products Linked to Birth

Defects in Lab Animals





**Buying Guide** 

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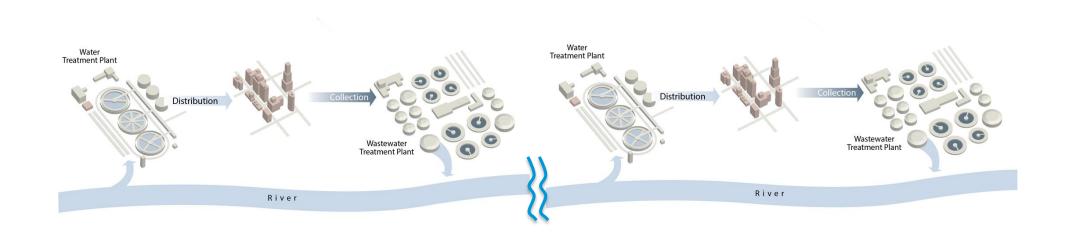






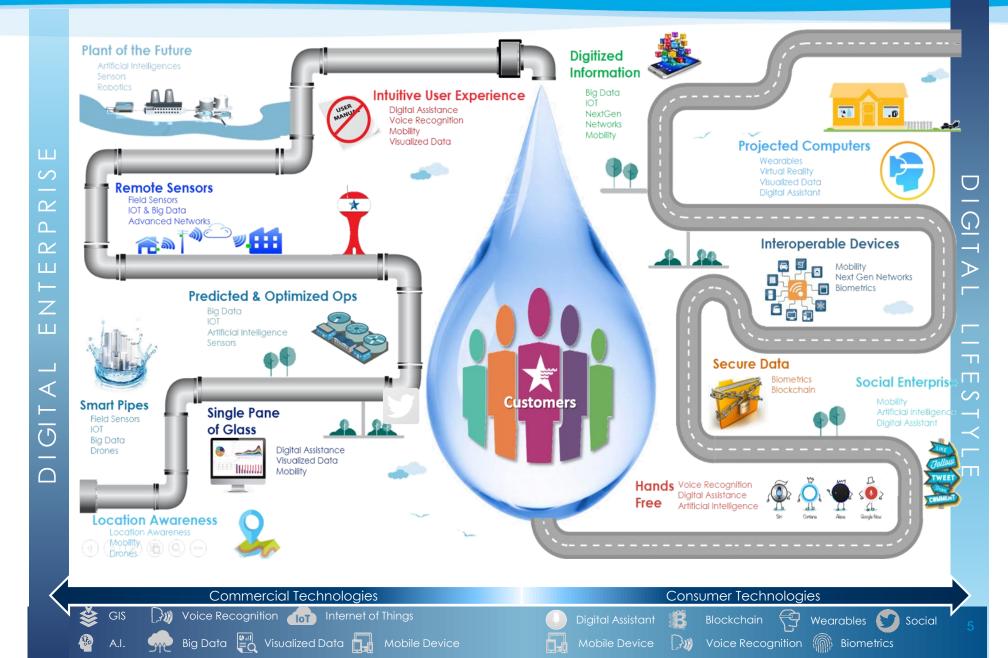


## We Produce Innovations to Meet the Challenges of Now and the Future



Clean, Safe, Reliable Water for a Sustainable Future



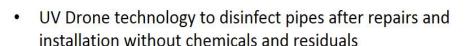


## **Research & Development Concepts**



#### Distribution

- Solutions for pipe renewal (polymer coatings) to combat aging infrastructure
- Improved infrastructure longevity through advanced pipe replacement materials



#### **Treatment**

- Improved operational efficiency through biofiltration media alternatives
- Accurate real-time water quality screening through "lab on a chip" technology

#### Customer

- Advanced sensors for early detection of a broader range of contaminant events
- Improved water quality and customer safety through:
  - Advanced meters with **UV** disinfection
  - New sensors that detect lead service lines for replacement





- Alternative source supplies for resiliency and reliability
- Rapid detection of source water quality events through satellite and drone technology

#### 2017 OUTCOMES



#### Contaminant Monitoring

Developed analytical methods and tested over 2,000 samples to support American Water's proactive monitoring of emerging contaminants

#### Public Outreach

Developed public outreach and education materials on the American Water legionella website to help customers manage water quality in buildings



#### Treatment Technologies

Tested new technologies for treatment of nitrate, perchlorate, chromium 6, cyanotoxins, and PFOS/PFOA

#### Guidance

Provided guidance & recommendations to states in technology selection and implementation for emerging contaminants



### RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Developing Solutions for Engineering and Prevention of Water Contamination



Establish a robust response effort for emergency water quality incidents through analytical instrumentation, data analytics, method development, training and support.

Develop and test advanced sensors and analytics to detect multiple priority contaminants rapidly or in near-real time Establish capabilities to identify taste and odor compounds, then develop & implement strategies to prevent taste and odor events

Establish a framework for tight integration of R&D activities to support state and corporate engineering optimization efforts

Identify key challenges that impact operational performance Develop treatment process solutions and provide support/training

# **Example Innovations in Water and Water Reuse**



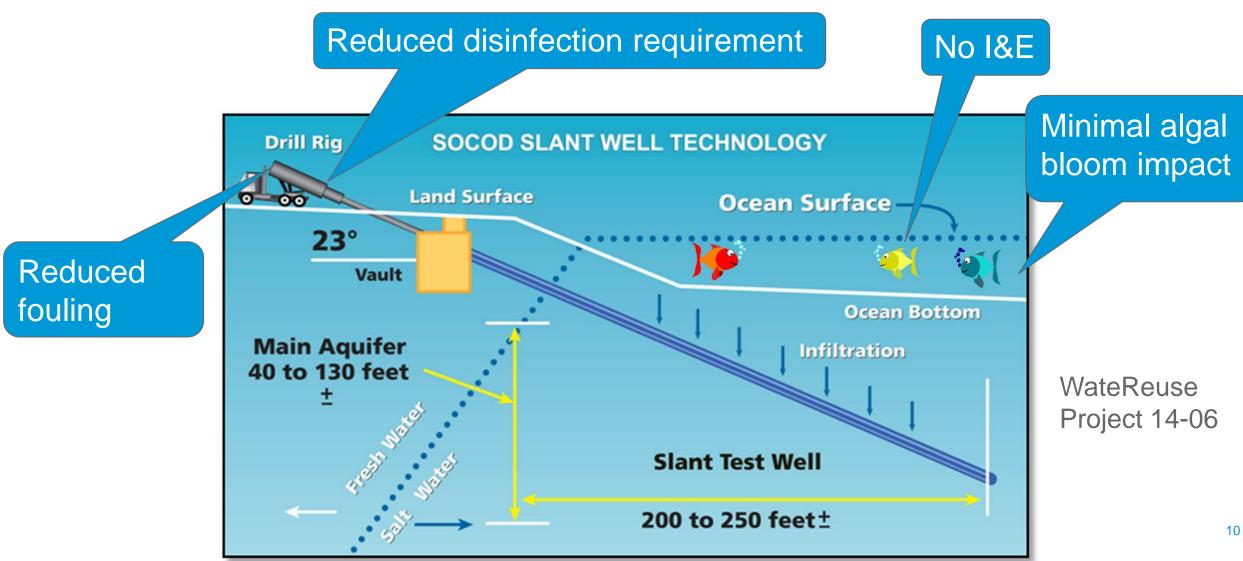
Open Ocean Intakes Are of Concern Because of Potential Impact to Wildlife and Susceptibility to Algal Blooms



- Algal blooms
- Impingement and entrainment (I&E)
- Pumping 45.1 mgd
   =>10.2 million fish larvae
   entrained/yr (W. Basin;
   Tenera Environmental)
- Subsurface intakes required where feasible (CA Ocean Plan, 2015)



## Slant Wells Provide Resiliency, Disinfection, and Minimizes I&E

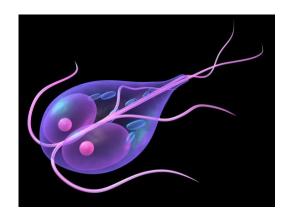




### **Supporting Safety and Reliability of Potable Reuse: Research Grants**

 Evaluation of Pathogen Reduction



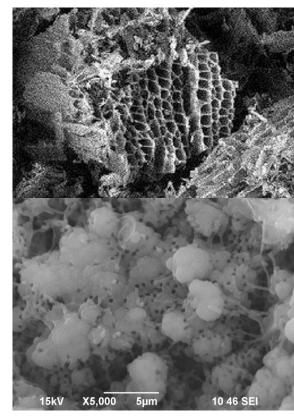


 Ozone-Biofiltration for Contaminant Removal





 Activated Carbon and Biofiltration for Regulated and Emerging DBP Control





Source Protection Through Inventory, Sensors, and

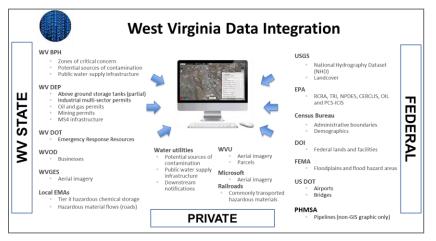
**Response Planning** 

### Define critical area









## Identify potential sources of pollution

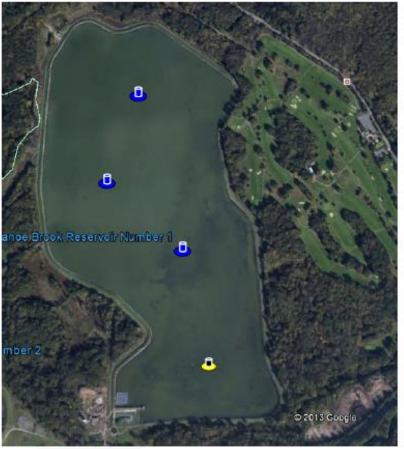
Employ early warning systems





## Algae/Cyanobacteria Control with Ultrasonic Systems

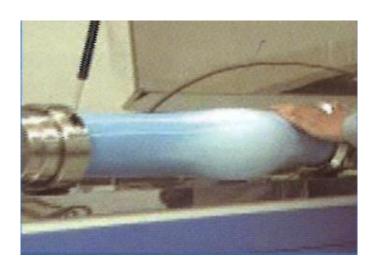






## iPVC Pipe for water main replacement offers greater resiliency for water main replacement



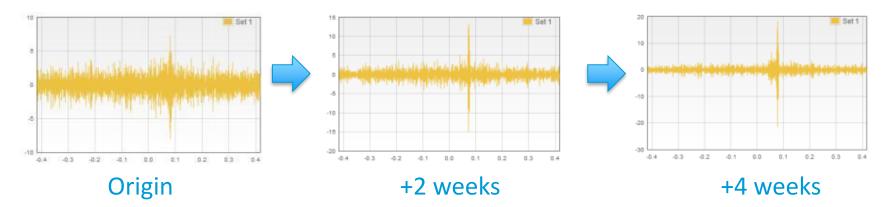








## **Advanced Leak Detection & Pinpointing Using Monitors**



Echologics EchoShore –DX 11 leaks found in the first month and 45 leaks in the first 5 months of operation. Credited with 2.3 MGD of water loss reduction.





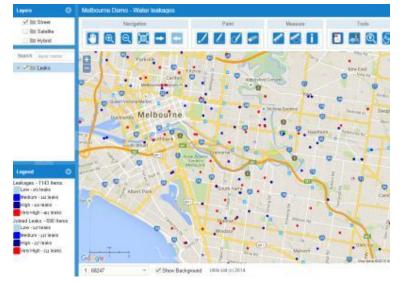


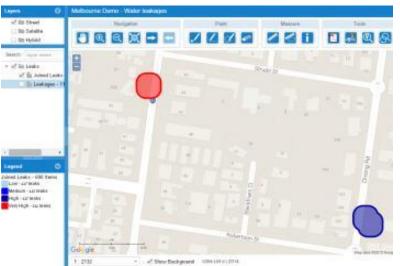


## **Leak Detection from Space**











## **Summary**





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