

# ***Managing the Impacts of Climate Change on Water Systems***

**AEA Conference – Tuesday March 9, 2021**



# *Today's Agenda*

- Integrated Solution Background & Benefits (could add a slide on how company started)
- Technology Overview "How We Do It"
- Applications and Analytics
  - SSO and CSO Monitoring
  - Optimized Cleaning
  - Inflow & Infiltration
  - H<sub>2</sub>S Monitoring
  - Pump and Lift Station Protection
  - Source Drinking Water Applications
- MySmartCover (GUI) Demonstration

# *How Founded*

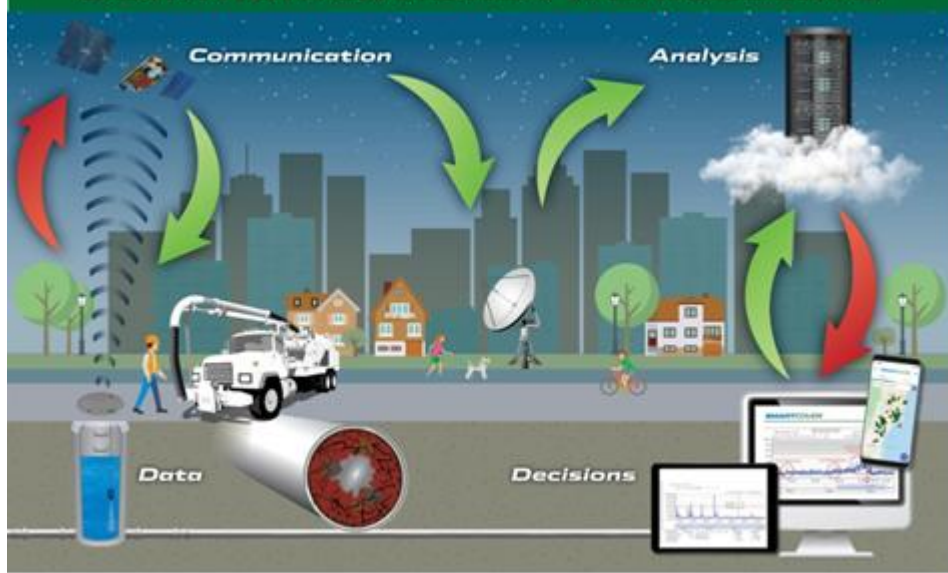
- Founded by two elected water agency officials
  - Greg Quist, Ph.D. (Rincon MWD, SDCWA, Yale, UCSB)
  - David Drake, EE (SDCWA, Rincon MWD, CalTech, USC)
- Installation and Operations
  - 500+ active installations at public and private utilities throughout North America
  - Excess of 220 million hours of operational experience
  - Responsible for saving an estimated 40,000 spills
- Industry Innovator - 17 Patents



# *SmartCover Integrated Solution*

## INSTANT INFRASTRUCTURE

### *Communications Architecture*



- Robust sensors purpose built for sewers
- Real-time remote sewer monitoring
- Secure and reliable satellite communications
- Data stored on redundant, secure servers
- Data analytics provide actionable insights
- Easy-to-use web-based interface
- Customized alarm and advisory settings
- Access data via any web-enabled device

# ***LEVERAGING IoT FOR RESILIENCE***

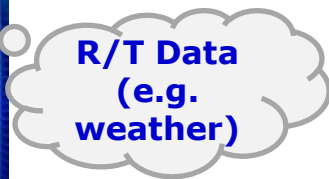
## **SMART TECHNOLOGY FOR WASTEWATER OPERATORS**

- Real-time collection system monitoring, reporting and spill prevention
- **Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) & Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO)**
- **Inflow & Infiltration (I&I)**
- **Optimized cleaning**
- Real time condition assessment
- Capital project prioritization
- **H<sub>2</sub>S monitoring**
- Storm & surface water monitoring
- Rain, river and tidal data overlay



# How We Do It

## INSTANT INFRASTRUCTURE



External Data  
Feeds



Level sensing  
H<sub>2</sub>S, pressure, etc.

- Full 2-way communications
- DoD level reliability
- Variable transmission with base protocol:
  - 5 min measurement (alarm)
  - 10 min data points
  - 60 min transmissions



# ***UPTIME ANYWHERE, ALL THE TIME***

## **INSTANT INFRASTRUCTURE**



Iridium data transmission is impervious to power outages and severe weather.

- Iridium network includes 66 active satellites
- Low orbit Earth and polar caps
- Global, redundant coverage
- Small horizon visibility
- Mission critical reliability
- Used by the U.S. DOD
- No issue with underpasses or trees
- 100% reliability during hurricanes, blackouts, sever weather patterns



# HARDWARE COMPONENTS



- **E-Box:** computer, data transmission, power management, digital radio
- **PowerPack:** primary battery cells, 2-year lifespan
- **SubSonic Dual Sensor:** 0" to 79" range
- **Antenna:** E-Square or E-Dot flush mount, snowplow resistant, traffic rated
- **Cable:** 15', 25' or custom
- **Dashboard:** web-based reports and analytics
- ***No confined space entry***





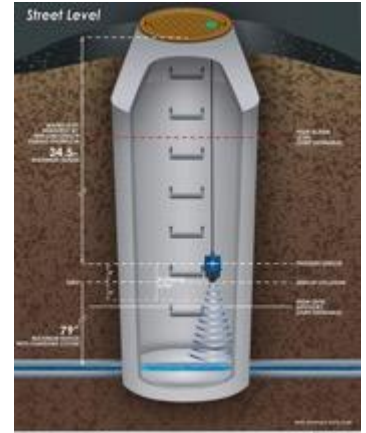
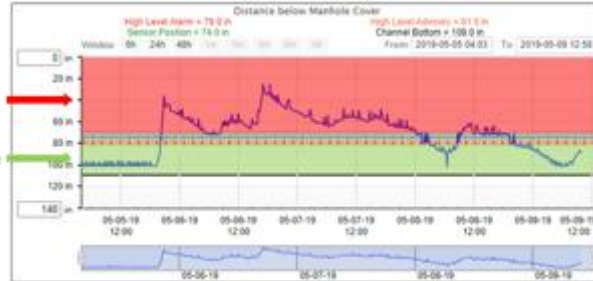
# ***SUBSONIC<sup>®</sup> DUAL SENSOR***



- Full dynamic range of your manhole
- Accuracy on narrow inverts
- Low maintenance
- Ideal for remote locations

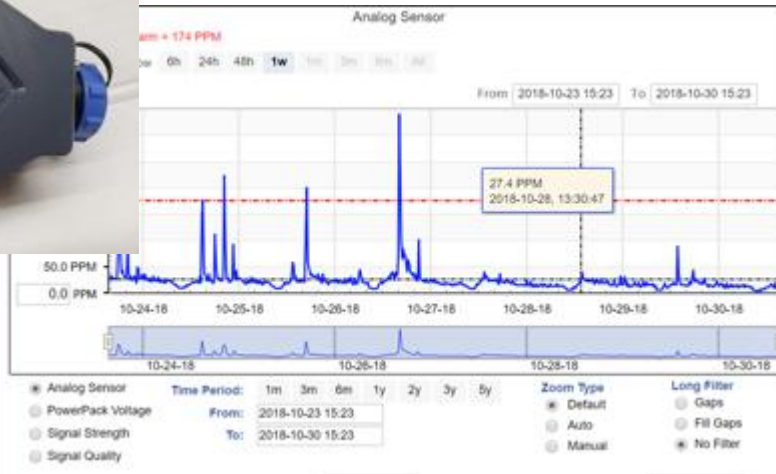
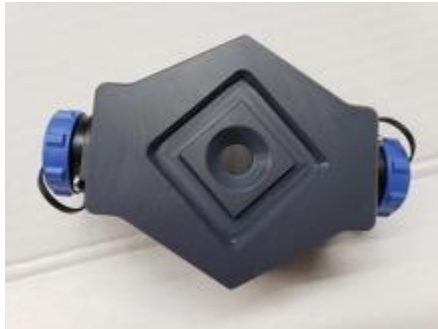
Pressure Sensor Mode

Ultrasonic Sensor Mode



# HYDROGEN SULFIDE MONITORING

## H<sub>2</sub>SCENTS® BENEFITS AND FEATURES



- Min. 3-month calibration interval
- Common interface – integrates with existing SmartCover dashboard
- Measures 0-1,000 ppm
- Ability to overlay H<sub>2</sub>S data with level, flow, or rain data

# INSTALLATION

## INSTANT INFRASTRUCTURE



- Easily attaches to any manhole or hatch
- One step satellite comms activation
- Bracket mounts: flip, side
- Slide impact shield available
- ***No confined space entry***



# ***SCADA/DATA INTEGRATION***

## ***APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE (API)***

### SOLUTION

- Standardized programming interface using modern data formats
- HTTPS (Web) based
- JSON (Javascript Object Notation) responses
- Easy to interface with using almost any programming language
- Secured using (JWT) JSON Web Tokens and TLS Encryption

# MOBILE APPLICATION

UNDERGROUND INSIGHTS ON THE GO

An advertisement for the SmartCover Mobile App. On the left, two smartphones are shown: one displaying a map with green location pins and another showing a data table. The background is a dark green banner with white text. The main headline reads 'YOUR SEWER MONITORING JUST GOT EASIER'. Below this, it states 'SmartCover Mobile App Now Available for iOS and Android'. A paragraph follows: 'Easily puts your sewer status at your fingertips – get the insights you want, when and where you need them. The app complements the SmartCover software and is FREE to all our users. It's the latest piece of gear for working on the front lines!'. At the bottom left are the App Store and Google Play download buttons. At the bottom right is the SmartCover logo and the tagline 'WE'VE GOT IT COVERED™' with the website 'SmartCoverSystems.com' below it.

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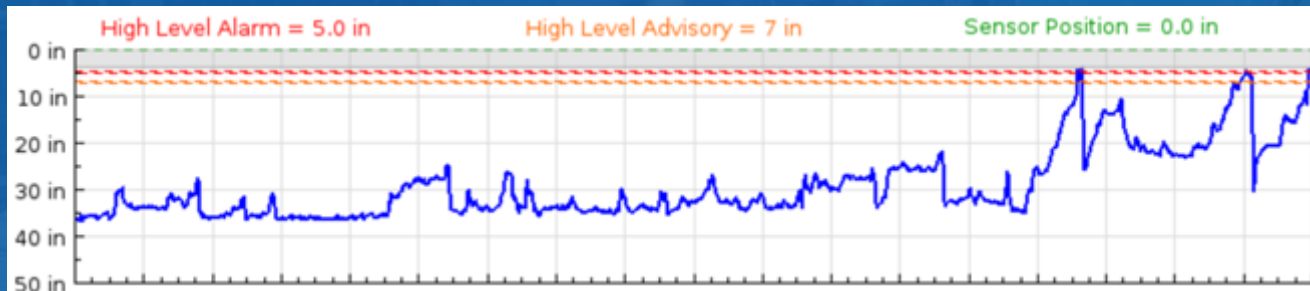
- iOS and Android compatible
- Unlimited users
- FREE to all users
- Available through Google Play and Apple App Store



# Applications & Analytics

# TREND ANALYSIS

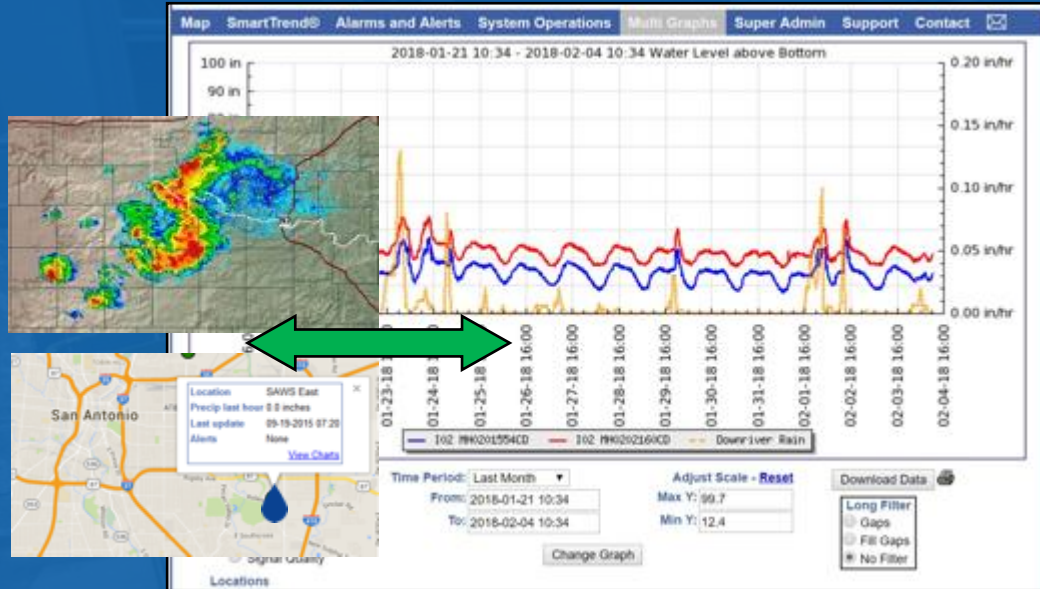
PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE: SmartTrend®



- Daily automated scan of level & flow
- Identifies anomalies
- Issues notifications and alerts
- Dry season vs. wet season
- Planned vs. reactive response
- Prioritize resource allocation
- Lowers risk and costs

# DATA INTEGRATION

## RAIN, TIDE, RIVER, STREAM OVERLAY



- U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) doppler radar and other data sources
- Multiple sites
- Hourly updates
- Download data to spreadsheets
- NO MAINTENANCE
- Automatic software updates
- 0.62 miles or 1km<sup>2</sup> area

# ***SSO Prevention and CSO Monitoring***

**COLLECTION SYSTEM CLEANING OPTIMIZATION & SSO PREVENTION**



# ***SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS***

## **High Flows**

- Severe surge from rain or weather system
- Capacity of the system is overwhelmed
- Can be combination of capacity and blockage
- Pump failure

## **FROG Blockage**

- Fats, Roots, Oil, Grease (FROG)

## **Hot Spots**

- Often there are sites with repeat occurrences
- Mitigate with adequate warning





# ***Spill Elimination***

## ***Long Term Benefits for Small Utility with Big Problem***

### **SITUATION:**

- Full time field staff: 2
- Miles of pipeline: 94 gravity-only wastewater system
- Manholes: 2,000
- Lift stations: 0

### **PROBLEM:**

- Historical average spills per year: 10
- Facing ~\$400,000 annual fines + clean up costs + litigation expenses
- Not enough resources: limited staff and traffic management for regular cleaning and maintenance

**SOLUTION:** remote sewer monitoring and AI-based analytics to determine when and where there's a blockage

### **RESULT:**

- A **99% reduction in spills since installation** (November 2006)
- Estimated net savings: > \$2.5MM
- Unit at the corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Rocket Road ensures a sewer spill doesn't disrupt the next SpaceX project

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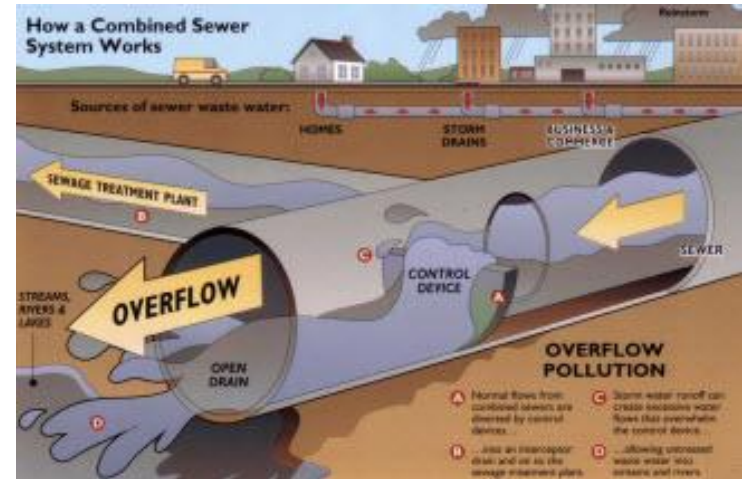
### **SMALL UTILITY: HAWTHORNE, CA**



# COMBINED SEWER SYSTEMS

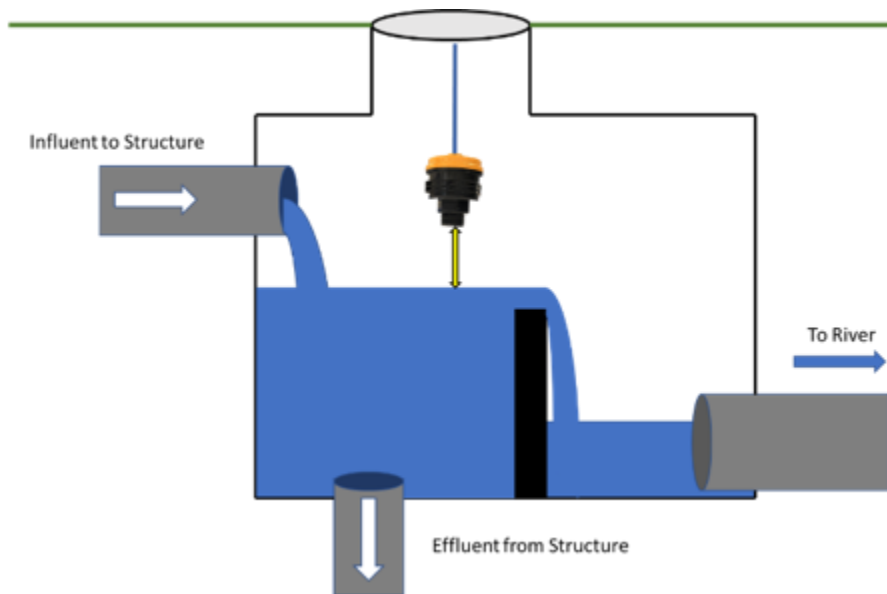
## COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (CSO) BASICS

- Sewer systems that use the same pipes to collect:
  - rainwater runoff
  - domestic sewage
  - industrial wastewater
- Transports all wastewater to a sewage treatment plant under dry conditions
- Combined sewer systems are designed to overflow
- Normally: treated and then discharged to a water body



# COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS

## DIVERSION STRUCTURE BASICS



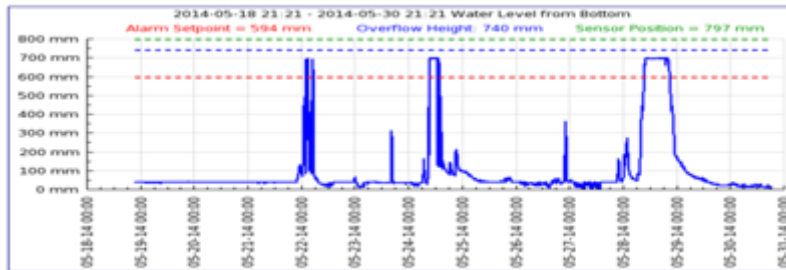
- Standard weir equations used for flow calculation
- No two control/diversion structures are the same!
- Sensor location flexibility is key
- Reliable real-time data during storm events is key

# CSO MONITORING

## MONITORING RANGE OF LOCATIONS



- Monitoring for normal water levels
- Detect start/stop times of overflows and durations
- Flow quantity
- Built-in public notification



# **COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS**

## **REGULATORY COMPLIANCE**

### **Regulatory reporting requirements:**

- Event occurred
- Start/stop/duration
- Volume
- Notification

### **How Quickly to Report**

- Many states are 24 to 48 hours
- New York: 2 hours to Dept. of Environmental Protection; 4 hours to public
- MA – New regulations just implemented



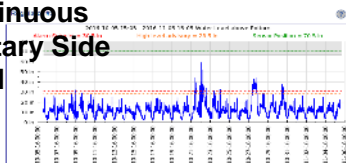


# CSO MONITORING: RESULTS

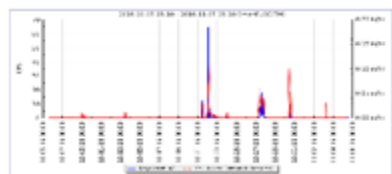
## START/STOP/DURATION/VOLUME OF OVERFLOWS

### Regulator #2: Hudson River Community, NY

Continuous  
Sanitary Side  
Level



Rain and  
Overflow



Weir  
Overflow  
Rate



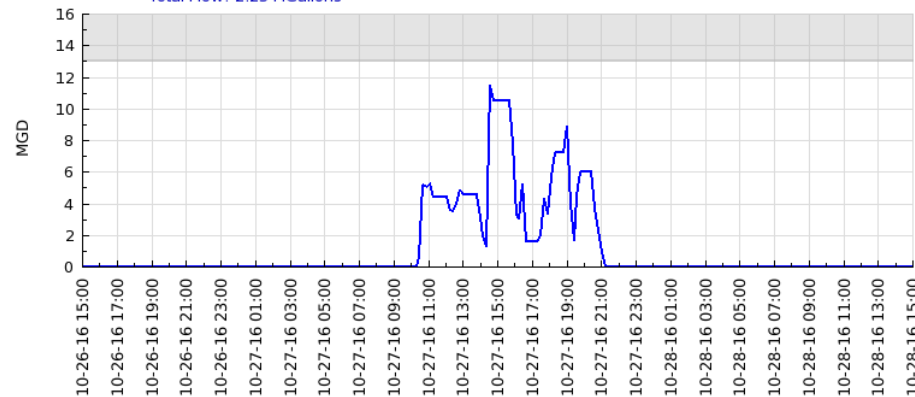
Single  
Storm  
Event

### Regulator #2



2016-10-26 15:05 - 2016-10-28 15:05 SmartFLOE(TM)

Total Flow: 2.23 MGallons



# ***PROBLEM: HIGH FREQUENCY CLEANING***

## ***CURRENT: CLEANING JUST IN CASE***



Go from "just in case" to  
"as needed" saves valuable  
resources

- Pipes are cleaned on a frequent schedule (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually)
- No system visibility between cleanings
- Accelerates pipe deterioration
- Demand on resources:
  - Personnel
  - Equipment: trucks, infrastructure
  - Management
  - Capital funding
- "Just in case" repetitive cycle results in costly, unnecessary cleanings



# SmartClean® TREND ANALYSIS



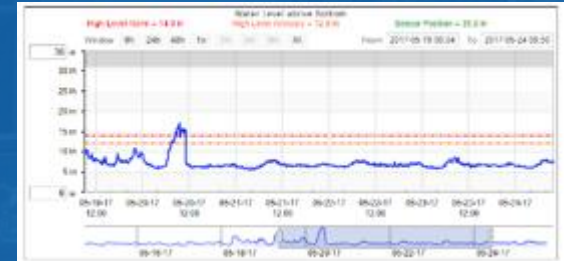
**Normal Pattern**



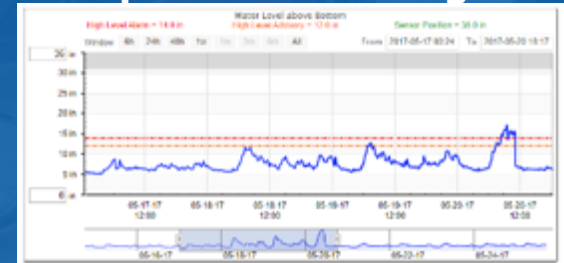
**Grit Build Up**

- Monitors multiple segments
- BOTH up and downstream
- Detects blockages from most common causes -- Fats, Roots, Oils, Grease (FROGS).

US Patent 9,482,568

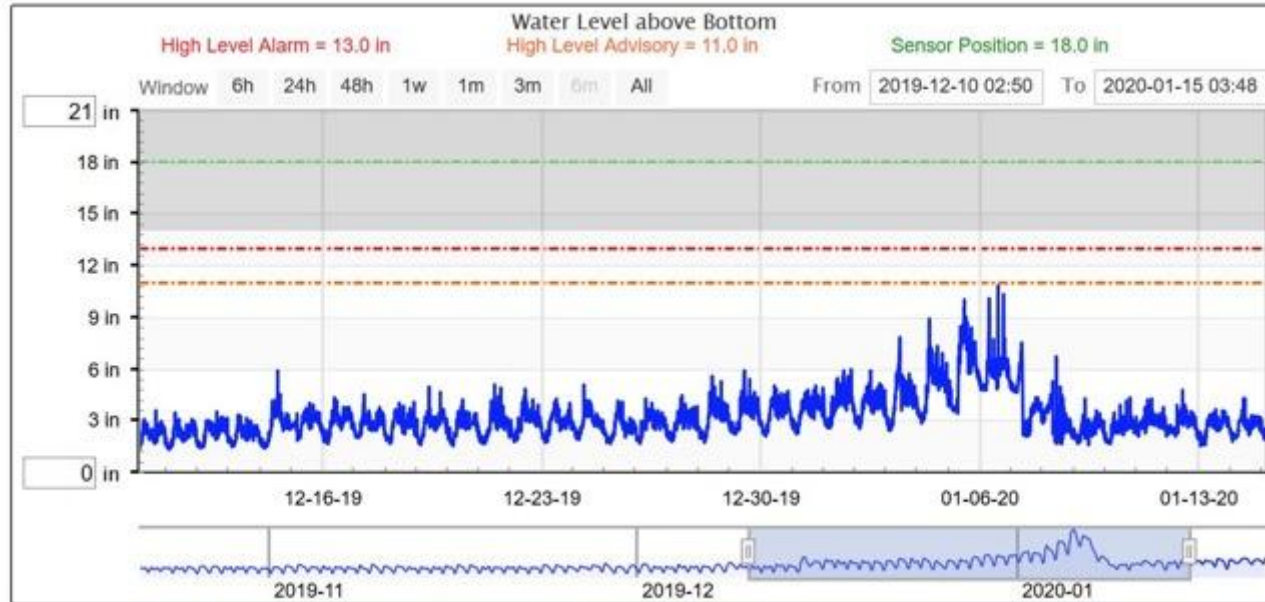


**Upstream Blockage**



**Downstream Blockage**

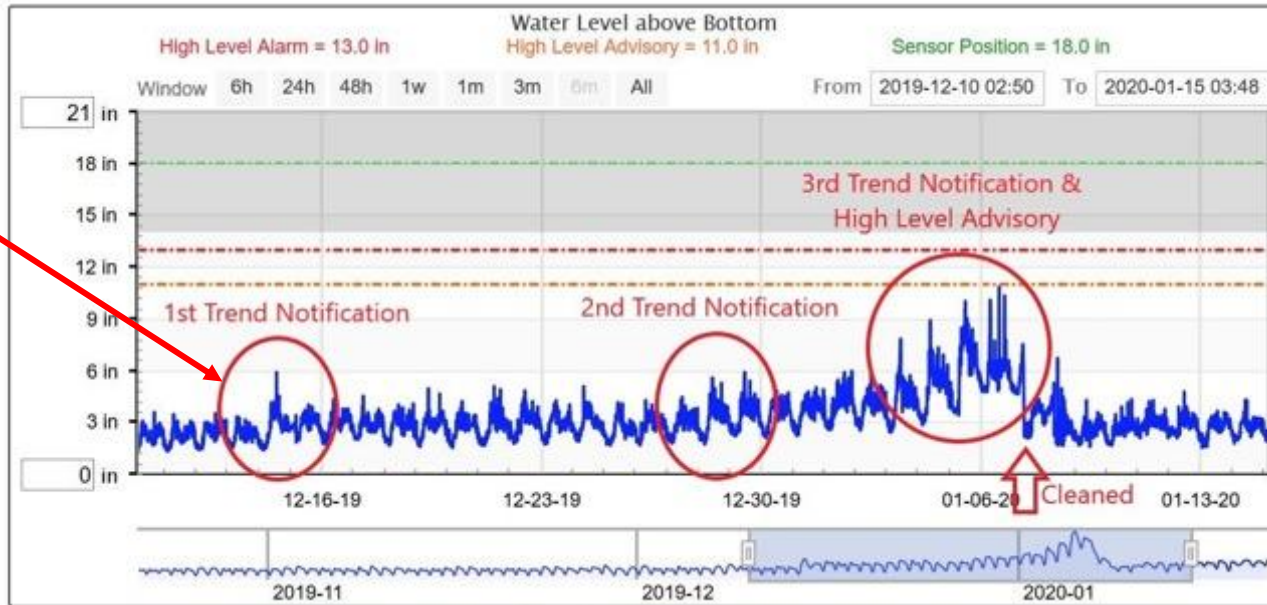
# SmartClean® *EARLY WARNING*



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**1<sup>st</sup> Advisory  
3 Weeks Prior  
to Required  
Cleaning**

**Helps Trigger  
and Prioritize  
Cleaning  
Activity As  
Needed**



**= NO SPILL!**



# ***REDUCE CLEANINGS WITHOUT SPILLS***

## ***BIG COST SAVING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION***

### **SITUATION:**

- EPA Consent Decree with an estimated cost of \$1 billion
- High frequency cleaning (HFC) at 824 sites

### **PROBLEM:**

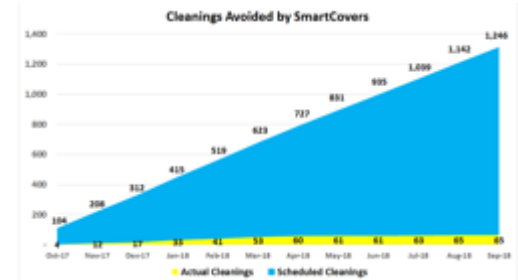
- Cleaning whether needed or not – no way to know
- Heavy concentrated rainfall during seasonal storms
- 1,246 cleanings expected at over 200 high risk locations
- Significant resources, crews and traffic management dedicated to cleaning

**SOLUTION:** SmartClean® remote sewer monitoring and patented AI-based analytics to determine when and where to clean

### **RESULT:**

- Cleaning as needed shows a **95% reduction**
- Only 65 cleanings as indicated by the sewer status reports and NO SPILLS

### **LARGE TEXAS UTILITY**



# ***CASE STUDY: SAN ANTONIO, TX***

## **FIFTH LARGEST COLLECTION SYSTEM IN THE U.S.**

San Antonio Water System (SAWS) system:

- ~ 5,589 miles of sewer main
- ~110,655 manholes
- 3 WW treatment plants

2009: Spill prevention program begins

2013-2015: Consent decree CMOM leads to high frequency cleaning schedule:

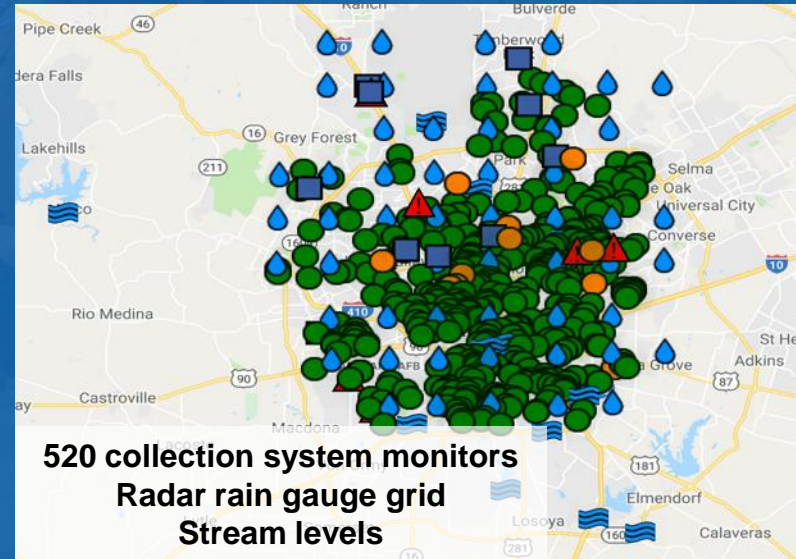
- 204 monthly cleaning sites
- 620 quarterly sites

2015-2016: 12-month, cleaning optimization pilot

2018: Expanded SmartClean® program

- 200 sites added
- 5-year service agreement

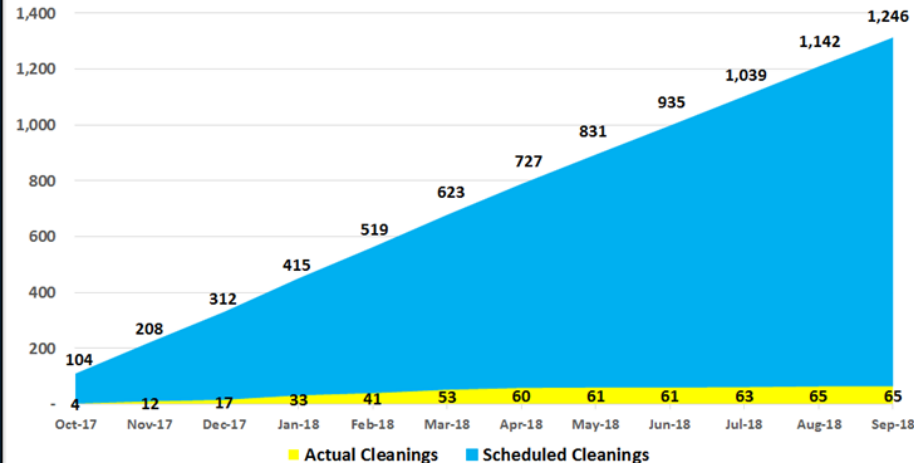
### **Current System Deployment**



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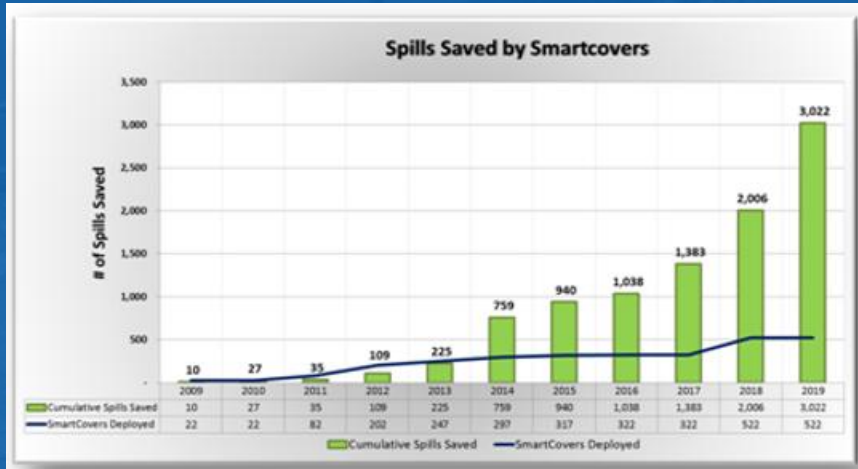
Cleanings Avoided by SmartCovers



|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Expected Cleanings                              | 1,246       |
| Actual Cleanings                                | 65          |
| Reduction in Cleanings                          | 95%         |
| Estimated Cost/Cleaning                         | \$500       |
| Estimated All-In Cost of Expected Cleanings     | \$623,000   |
| Average Cost of SmartCover Optimization Program | \$289,960   |
| Projected Average Net Savings                   | \$333,040   |
| Projected Annual Average ROI                    | 115%        |
| Projected 10-Year Net Savings                   | \$3,330,400 |

# CASE STUDY: SAN ANTONIO, TX

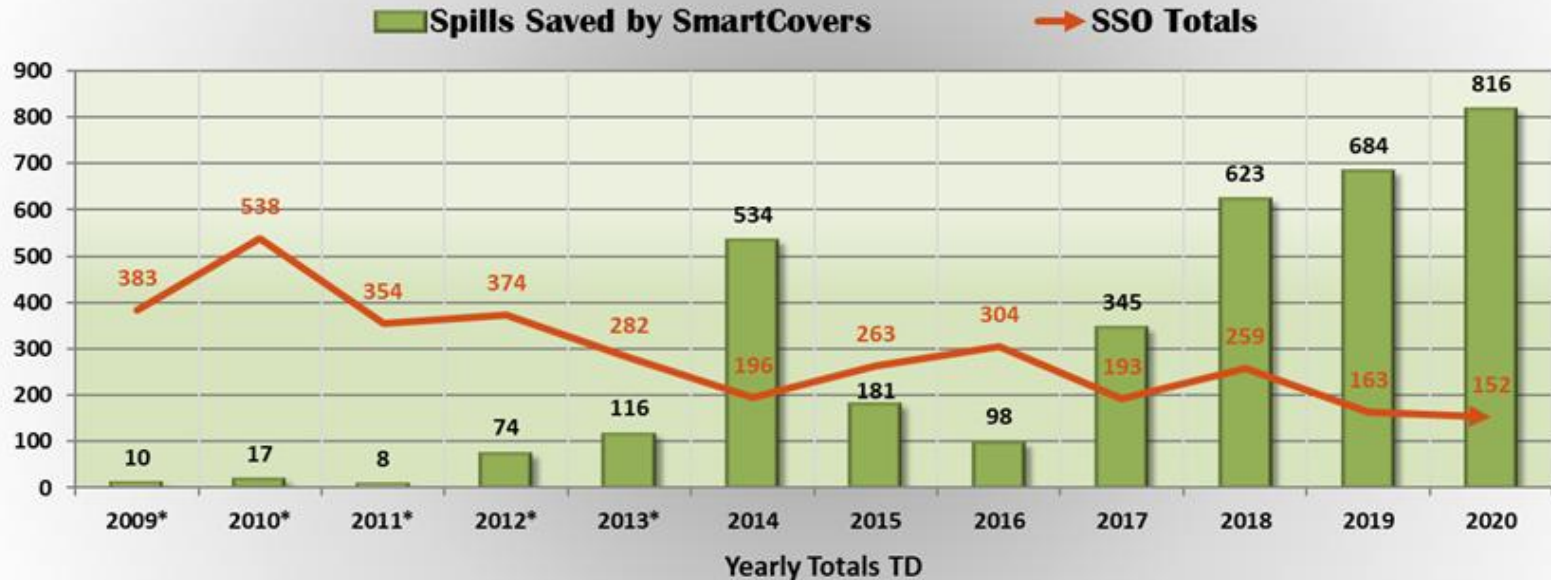
## FIFTH LARGEST COLLECTION SYSTEM IN THE U.S.



|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Spills Saved between 2009 - 2019   | 3,022        |
| Estimated Average Cost/Spill       | \$5,000      |
| Gross Savings from SSOs Saved      | \$15,110,000 |
| SmartCover Program Cost 2009- 2019 | \$3,640,000  |
| Projected 10-Year Net Savings      | \$11,470,000 |
| Annual ROI                         | 315%         |

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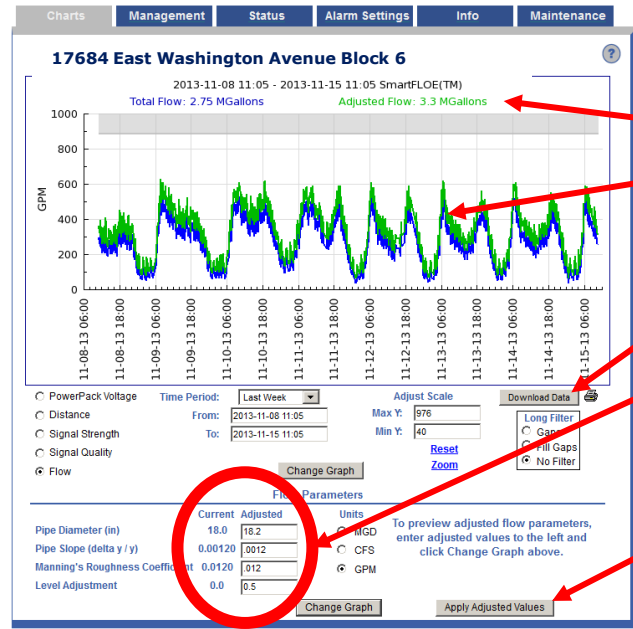
## **FIFTH LARGEST COLLECTION SYSTEM IN THE U.S.**





# I & I APPLICATIONS

## FLOW APPLICATION: SmartFLOE



- Patented application
- Adjusted flow curve and total flow
- Download displayed data
- Mannings Equation – Open Channel Flow
  - Pipe diameter
  - Slope ( $\Delta y/y$ )
  - Roughness coefficient, pipe material
- Store changed parameter settings
- Adjustable parameters for:
  - Error correction
  - Modeling
  - Calibration to AV meter

# Mannings Equation

## Estimating Open Channel Flow

$$Q = \frac{1.49}{n} * A * R^{\frac{2}{3}} * S^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Where:

Q = Flow Rate, (cfs)

n = Manning's Roughness Coefficient (unitless)

A = Flow Area, (sf)

R = Hydraulic Radius, (ft)

S = Slope of Energy Gradient, (ft/ft)

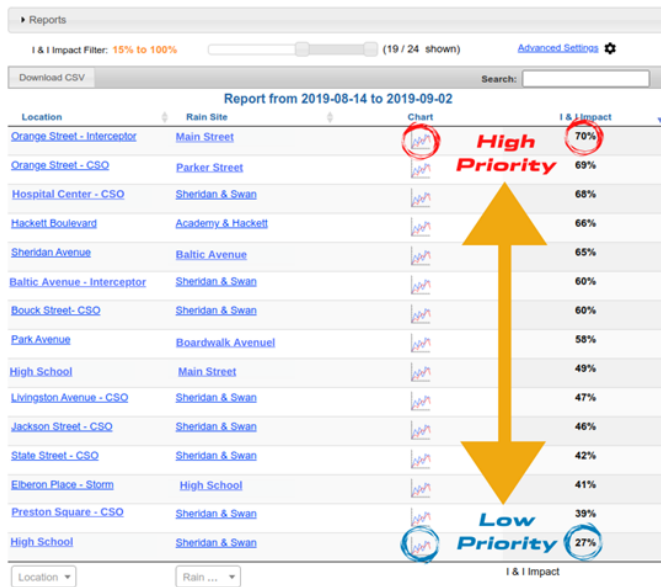
Adjustable parameters for:

- Error correction
  - Modeling
  - Calibration to AV meter
- Under the **correct conditions**, Manning's equation and level only will provide results nearly as accurate as more expensive and labor-intensive area-velocity (AV) meters
  - Weirs, flumes, or other appropriately engineered structures can use level measurements to directly calculate flow, and these results are well accepted and do not require AV meters for flow determination.

# I & I APPLICATIONS

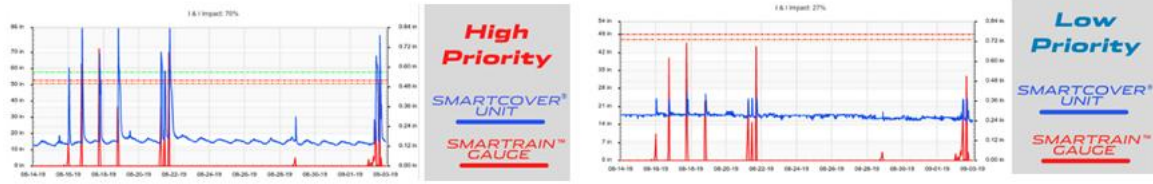
PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE: IInSight™

## Inflow and Infiltration Report



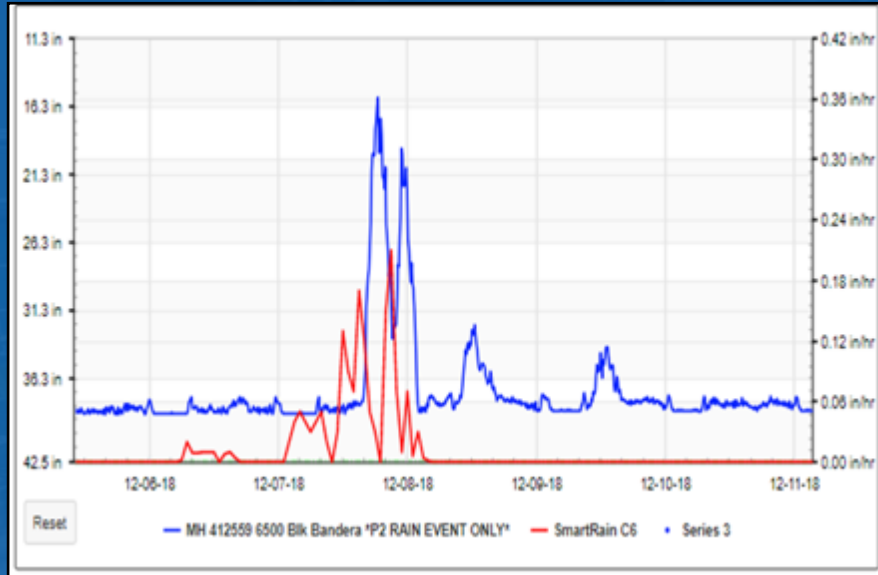
I&I Impact Report can provide:

- Insights on when and where I&I is occurring
- Location ranking for where the I&I impact is highest
- Quantifying the correlation between localized rainfall and sewer response
- Analyzed data from single or multiple rain events
- Focused I&I inspection, rather than global



# I&I APPLICATIONS

PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE: IISight™



- Once the composite graph is selected, click and hold on the lower left corner and drag to the upper right corner, the selected area expands for inspections
- Both signals in detail
- NOTE slight delay from rain to sewer level
- Isolate more details, i.e. a single manhole vs. upstream rainfall

# ***PROBLEM: HYDROGEN SULFIDE***

## ***LACK OF VISIBILITY IN COLLECTION SYSTEMS & PLANTS***

- Bioreactions within a collection system and wastewater treatment plant processes generate Hydrogen Sulfide ( $H_2S$ ).
- The presence of  $H_2S$  can cause:
  - Sewer pipe crown corrosion leading to reduced pipe life and risk of catastrophic failure
  - Corrosion of treatment plant process equipment leading to premature failure
  - Escalation of wastewater treatment chemical costs
  - Negative impact to chemically enhanced primary treatment (CEPT) processes
  - Community odor complaints



# ***SOLUTION: H<sub>2</sub>Scents®***

## ***REAL-TIME REMOTE HYDROGEN SULFIDE MONITORING***

- H<sub>2</sub>Scents® enables reliable, real-time measurement of H<sub>2</sub>S levels over extended periods of time.
- Knowing where the H<sub>2</sub>S problem is allows for targeted mitigation strategies
- Applications where the H<sub>2</sub>Scents® system can be deployed include:
  - H<sub>2</sub>S studies (collection system and treatment plant)
  - Monitoring odor and corrosion hot spots
  - Chemical dosing optimization for H<sub>2</sub>S control
- Municipal locations where the system can be deployed include:

|                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| • Force main discharges  | • Headworks/bar screens        |
| • Pump station wet wells | • Aerated grit basins          |
| • Gravity lines          | • Primary clarifiers           |
| • Siphons                | • Solids dewatering operations |

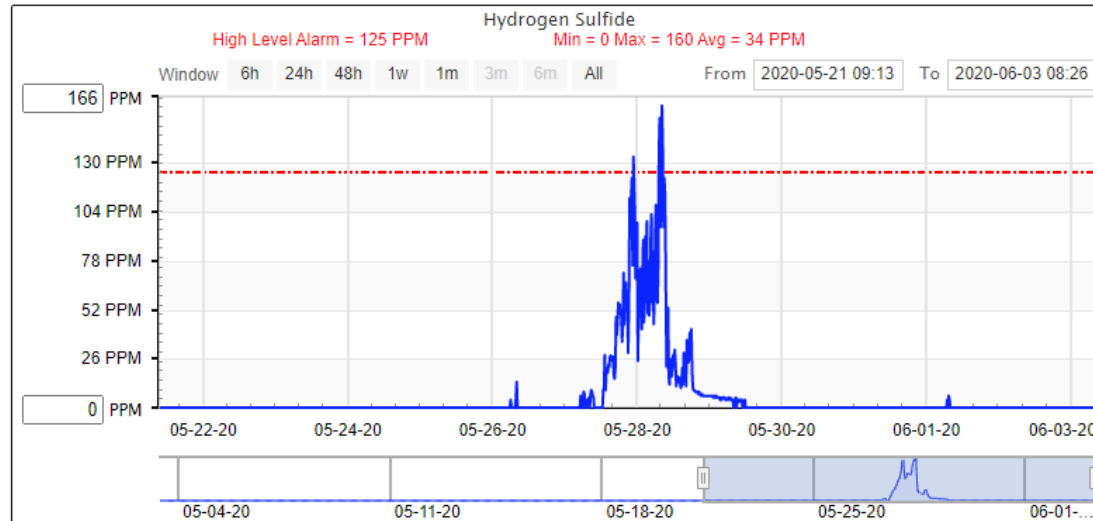


# ***H<sub>2</sub>Scents<sup>®</sup> System Monitoring Example***

## **Detected Chemical Feed Interruption**

● **MH 13552 - H2S (Archived)**

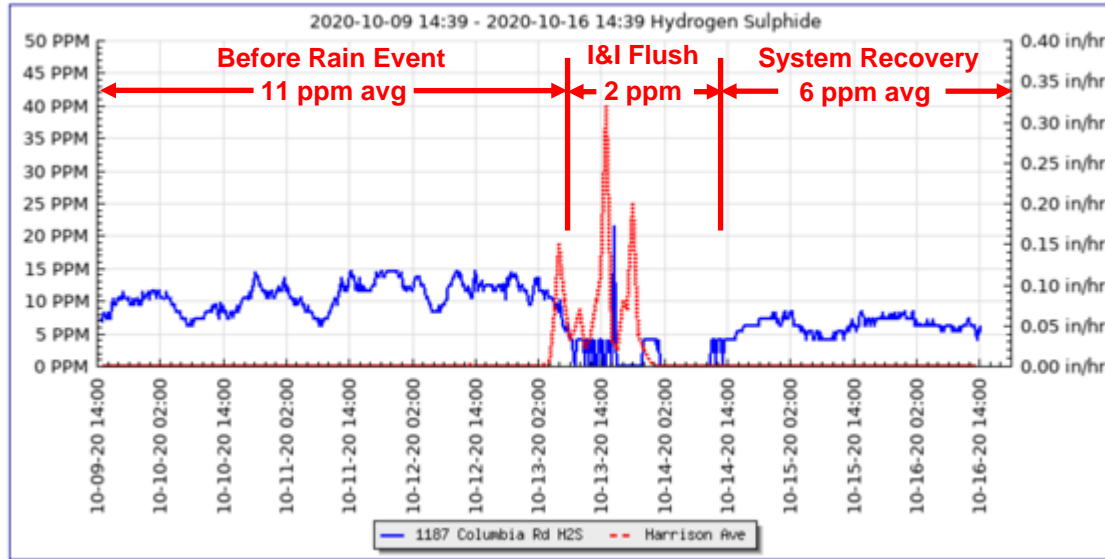
[Static Charts](#) ?



- System located in OH
- Chemical feed ran out at a remote dosing site
- Customer received an alarm notification when H<sub>2</sub>S exceeded trigger value
- **Resulted in a quicker response and less down time to avoid community odor complaints**

# *H<sub>2</sub>Scents<sup>®</sup> System Monitoring Example*

## Measured Impact of Rain (I&I) on H<sub>2</sub>S Levels

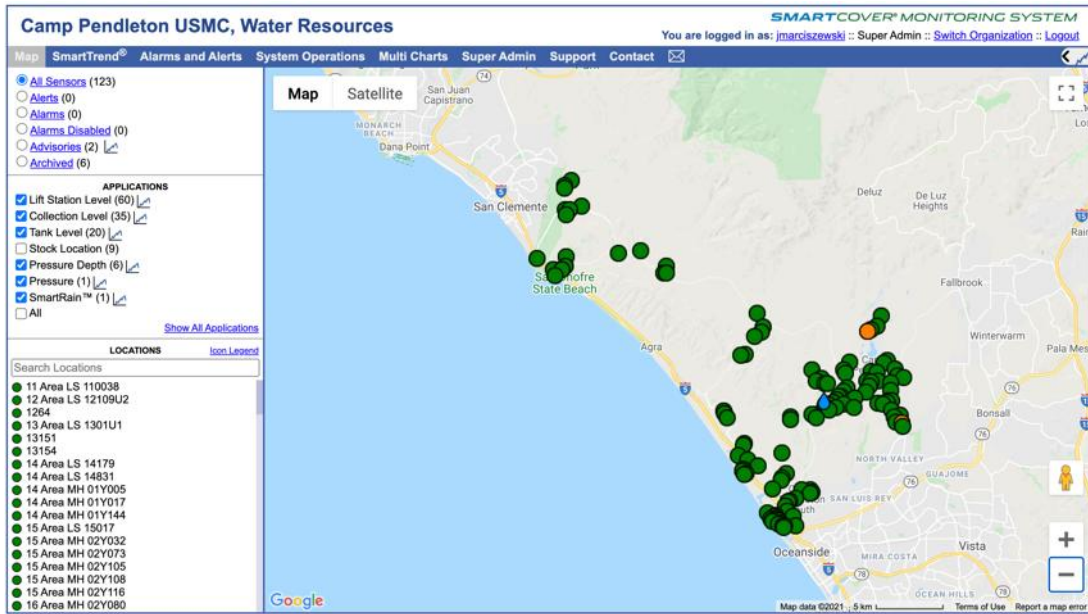


- System located in MA
- Rain event had a significant impact on H<sub>2</sub>S levels (82% reduction) in first 24 hours
- After the rain event, average H<sub>2</sub>S levels remained 45% below pre-event levels for days
- **Demonstrates potential to use H<sub>2</sub>Scents<sup>®</sup> to reduce odor control chemicals during rain events**

# Source Water and Other Case Studies

# Camp Pendleton, U.S. Marine Core Base

## SmartCover Deployed Across A Range of Applications



- Wastewater System: 237 miles of widely dispersed infrastructure, including gravity mains, force mains, and laterals -- ranging from 4" to 36" in diameter, 62 lift stations, and 3,140 manholes.
- Water System: 24 wells, 375 miles of water mainlines, and 23 reservoirs.
- Daytime population of 70,000 people.
- Need visibility to identify key issues before disruption, including SSOs, Lift station visibility, and Water tank levels.
- Want military-grade, satellite comms to assure unparalleled uptime



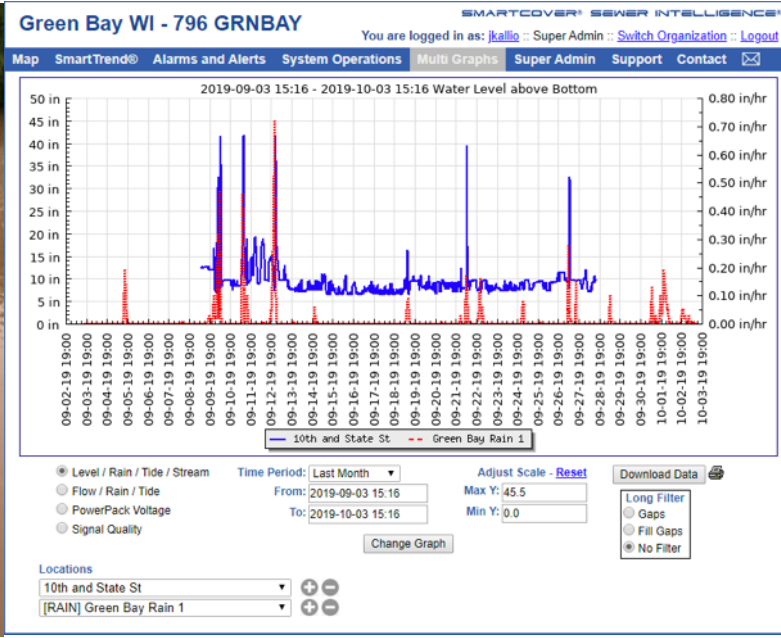
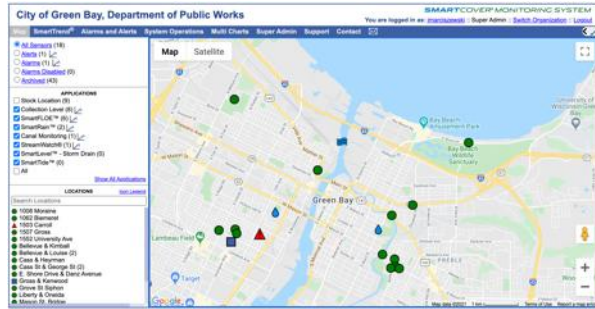
# ***Camp Pendleton: Tank Level Monitoring***

**Tank Levels and Water Pressure**



# Green Bay, Wisconsin

## Monitoring Rapid Rise and Fall of the East River



**According to David Wiesman, Superintendent at the City of Green Bay**

*"Rapidly rising river levels have historically presented significant challenges with regard to spills. Our ongoing use of SmartCover, along with our adaptive deployment approach, is enabling Green Bay to respond quickly with data-based decisions for managing inflow and infiltration, as well as gain insights into longer term planning, maintenance and capital improvement decisions."*

# ***BLACK SWAN SEWER MANAGEMENT***

## ***ANTICIPATE UNEXPECTED EVENTS WITH REMOTE MONITORING***

### **SITUATION:**

- Black swan event: drunk driver knocks down 2 power poles
- 2AM New Years Day
- Pre-event mitigation: deployment of remote monitoring by SmartCover

### **PROBLEM:**

- Seven lift stations without power for extended period of time
- Nearby Pacific Ocean is critical to protect from spilling
- Limited crew and generators

### **RESULT**

- Three crew members shuttling 2 generators around manually relying on SmartCover reports to triage the sites with level rising
- NO SPILLS, no reports to write
- Happy New Year!



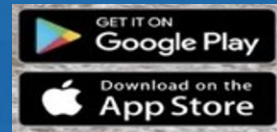
**LOS ANGELES AREA UTILITY**

## Utility Benefits

### INSTANT INFRASTRUCTURE



- 7/24 Communications: Satellite more reliable to cellular
- Single platform providing many benefits
- Automated, done-for-you trend data analysis
- NO CONFINED SPACE ENTRY
- Integration with NOAA and USGS for real-time analysis / forecasting
- Alarm feature for authorized or unauthorized entry
- Extended 2 year battery life gives off-grid assurance
- Multiple remote access methods: Desktop, Mobile app, API





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