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Alternative Pipe Material Choice provides Trenchless Solution

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Recent Advances in Underground Pipeline Engineering & Construction



Case Study

City of Edmonton
Alberta, Canada



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Original Design

Specified Materials :	PVC RCP w/ Liner
Installation Method:	Direct Bury
Burial Depth:	Min. Depth 12 feet Max. Depth 33 feet
Project Length:	2240 ft

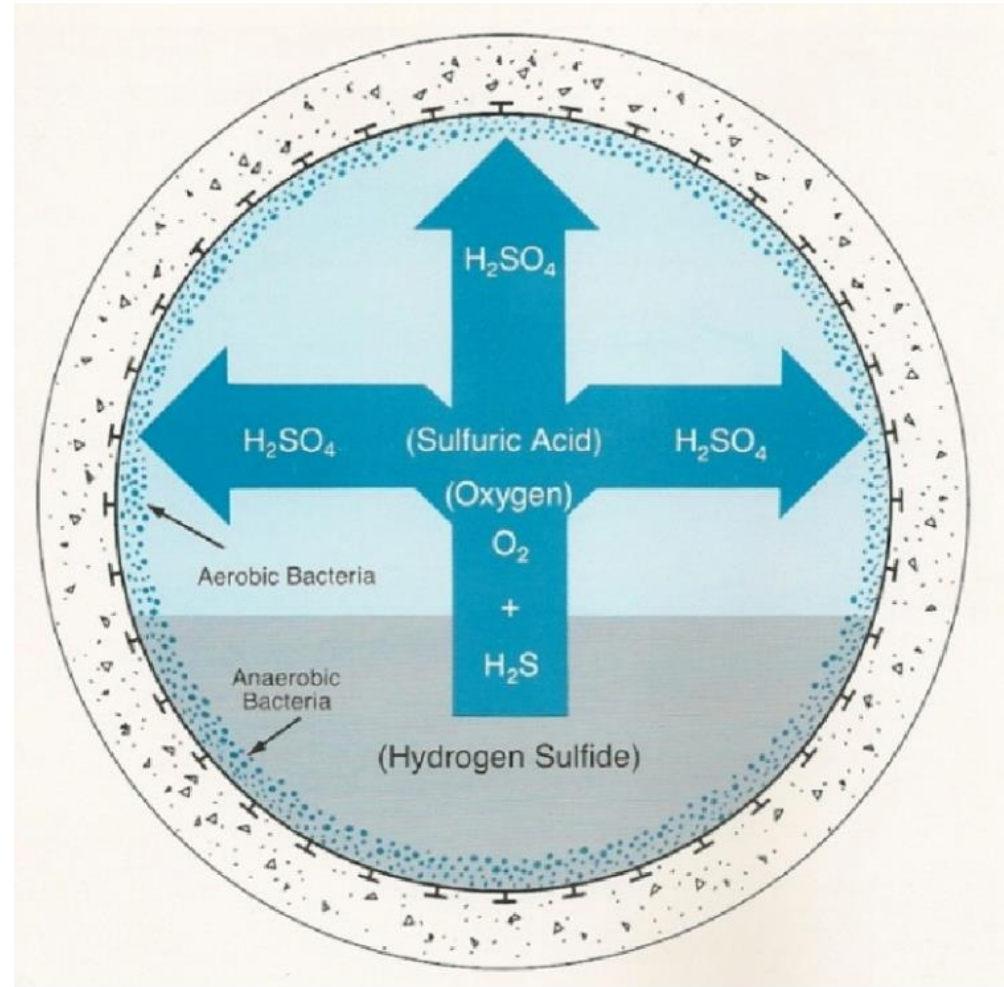


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Why do you need a liner?



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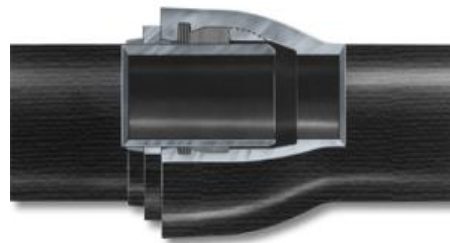
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Corrosion Resistant Pipe Materials

- ” PVC
- ” Fiberglass Pipe
- ” High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)
- ” Ductile Iron with Epoxy Liner
- ” Concrete with Plastic Liner



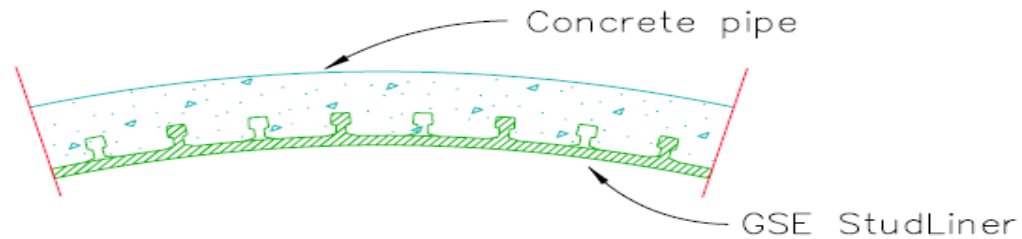
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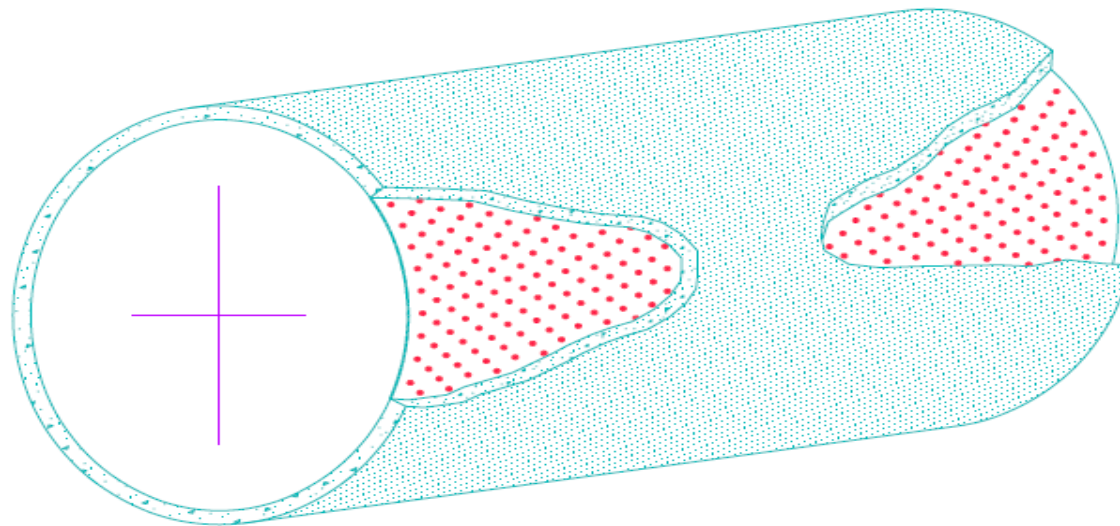
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HDPE Lined Concrete Pipe



Partial Section Thru Pipe



Concrete Pipe With GSE StudLiner

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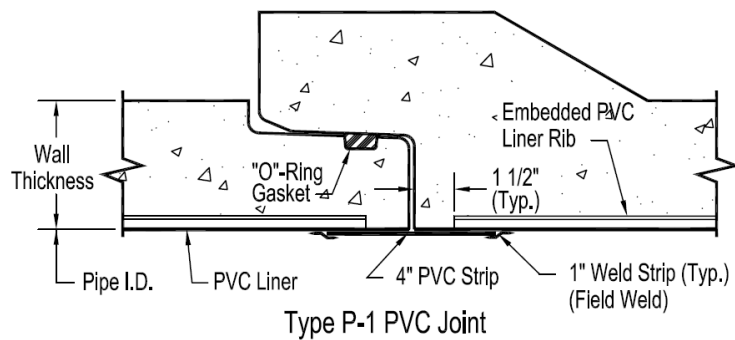
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PVC Lined Concrete Pipe



Reinforced Concrete Pipe With PVC Liner



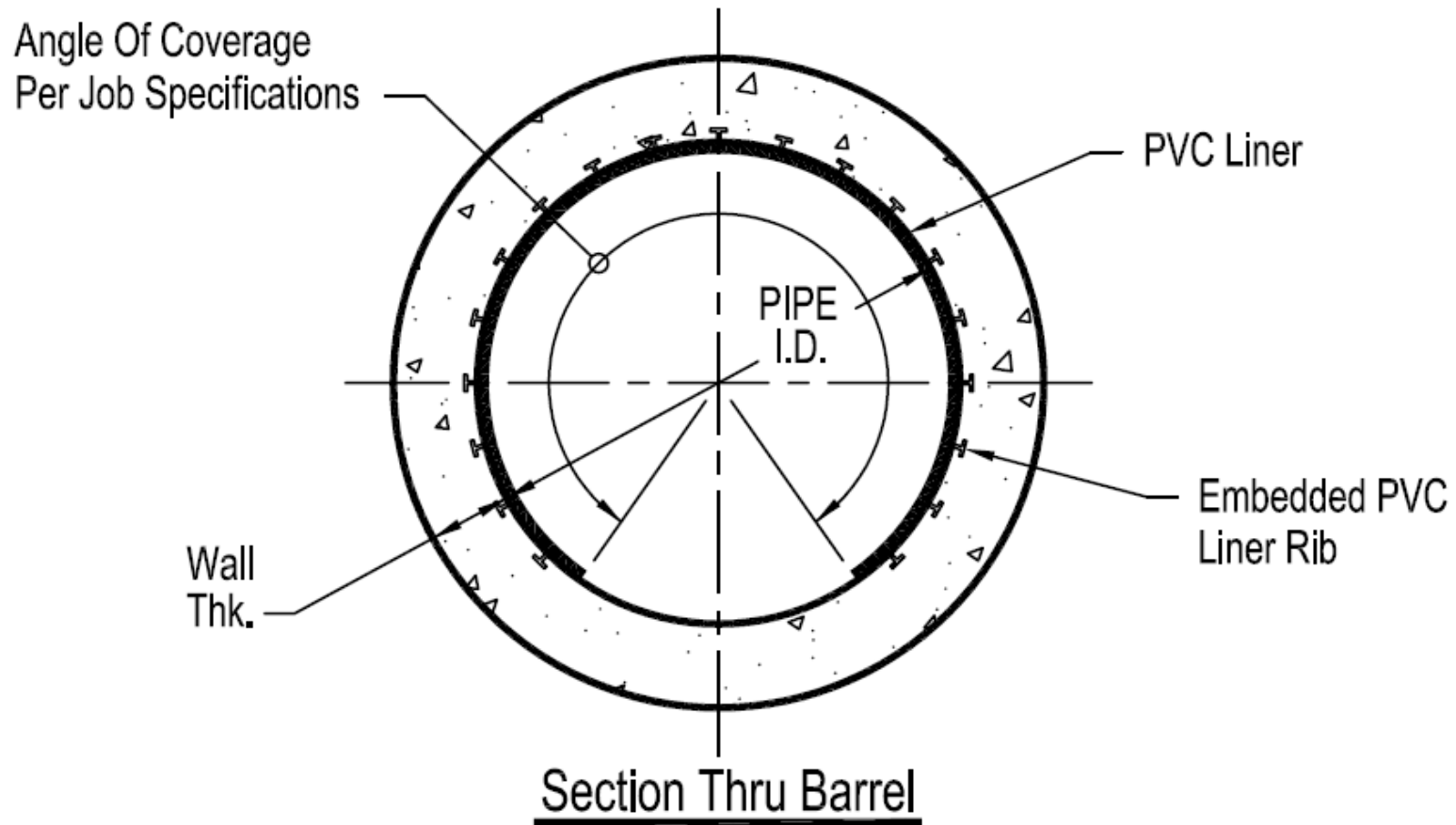
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PVC/HDPE Lined Concrete Pipe



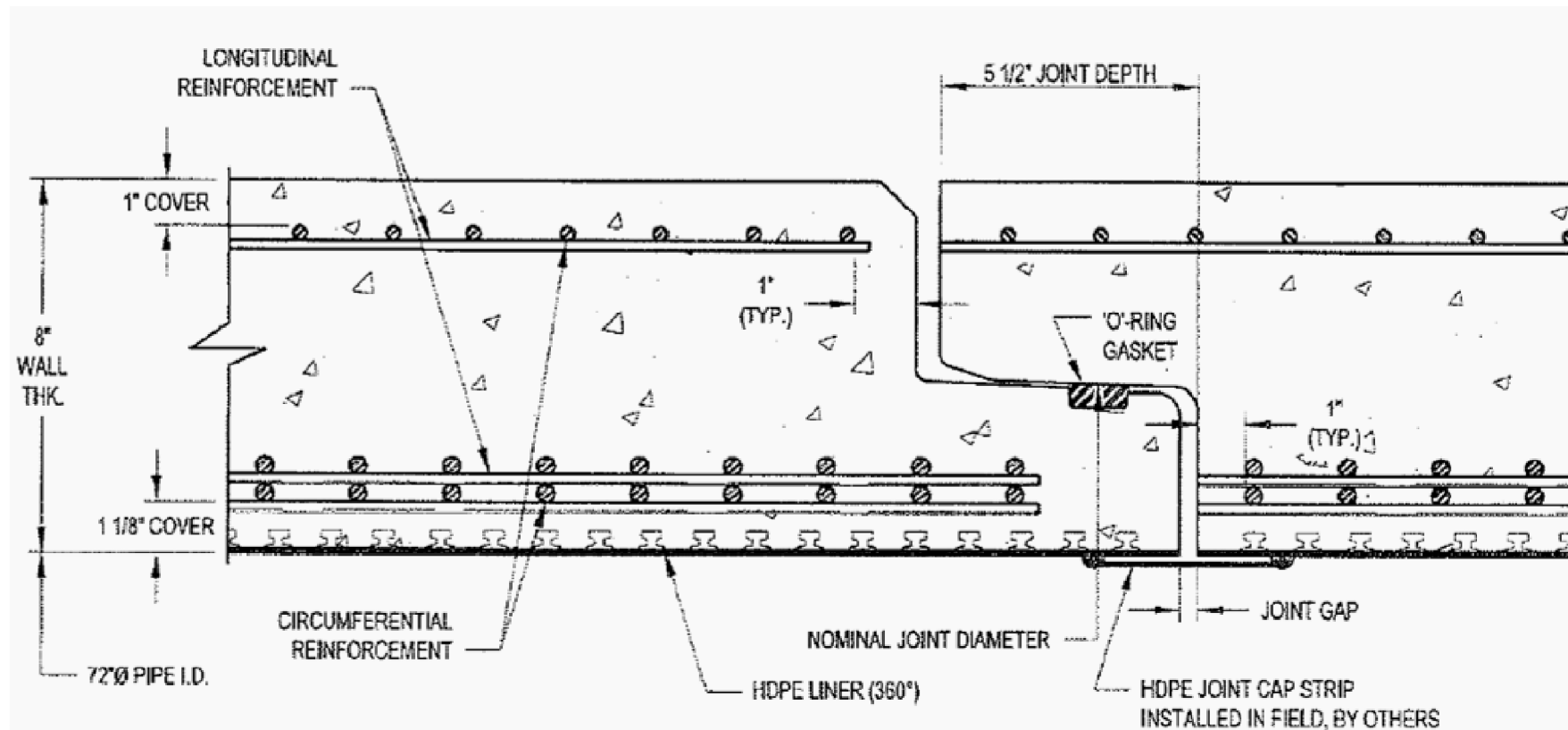
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PVC/HDPE Lined Concrete Pipe



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Difficult conditions

- “ Poor Soil Conditions
- “ High Water Table
- “ Potential High Sulphide Concentration

Significant risks caused bids to be considerably higher than expected.



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Alternate Proposal – Michels Canada

- “ Trenchless Installation
- “ Pipe Materials: 1. FRP Jacking Pipe
2. Steel Jacking Pipe w/ FRP Carrier Pipe (Two-Pass)

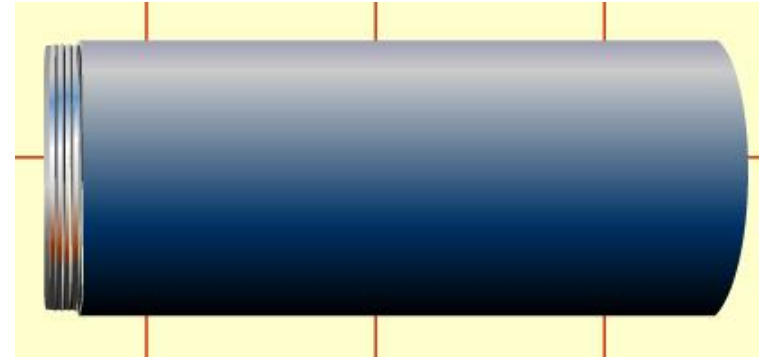
This Alternate Bid was Less Expensive than the Direct Bury Original Proposals



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FRP Jacking Pipe



Steel Jacking Pipe
(Casing) for Two-
Pass Tunnel
Section

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Construction began April 2012 with a 20 months construction schedule

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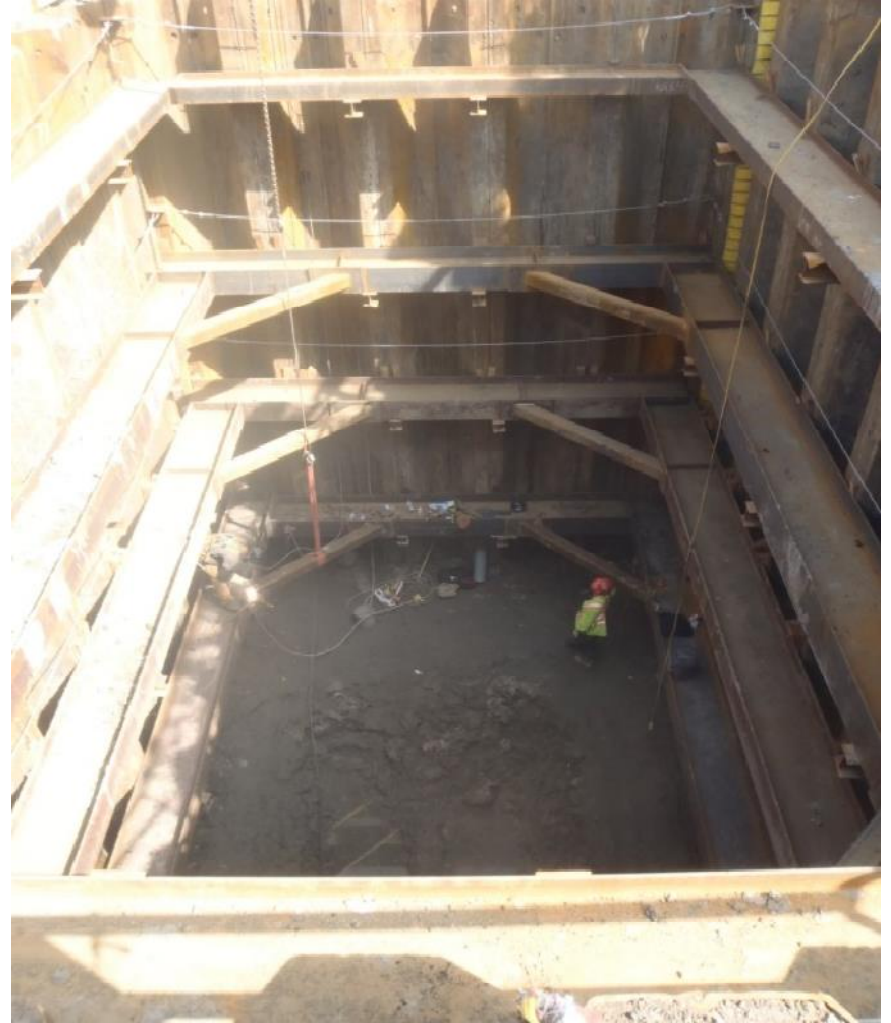
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Shafts

- “ 11 shaft locations
- “ Interlocking Steel Sheets
- “ Dewatering Wells
- “ Concrete Floor Slabs



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End Seal

- “ Low Strength Concrete
- “ Steel Face Plate
- “ 1 inch Thick Rubber Launch Seal



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Akkerman SL52

Microtunneling

Boring

Machine (MTBM)

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**Akkerman
Jacking Frame
840 Tons
Capacity**

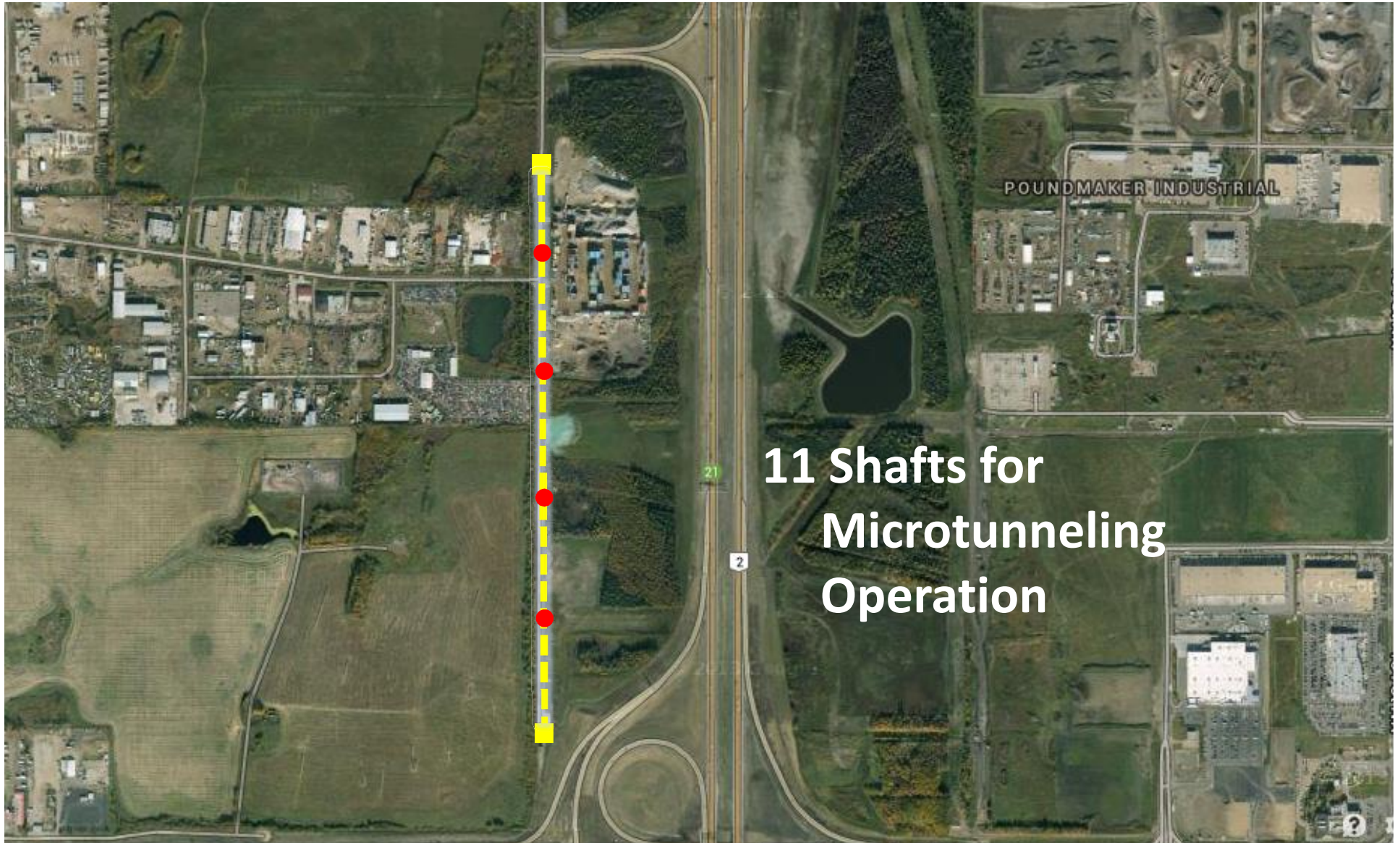
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Difficult conditions become more difficult

- “ Peat located directly above pipe zone
- “ Potential for pipe flotation
- “ Required additional geotechnical investigation



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What is Peat?

- “ Peat is highly organic soil derived mainly from plant remains.
- “ Extremely compressible
- “ Known to be problematic for pipe installations



FRP Lined Concrete Pipe



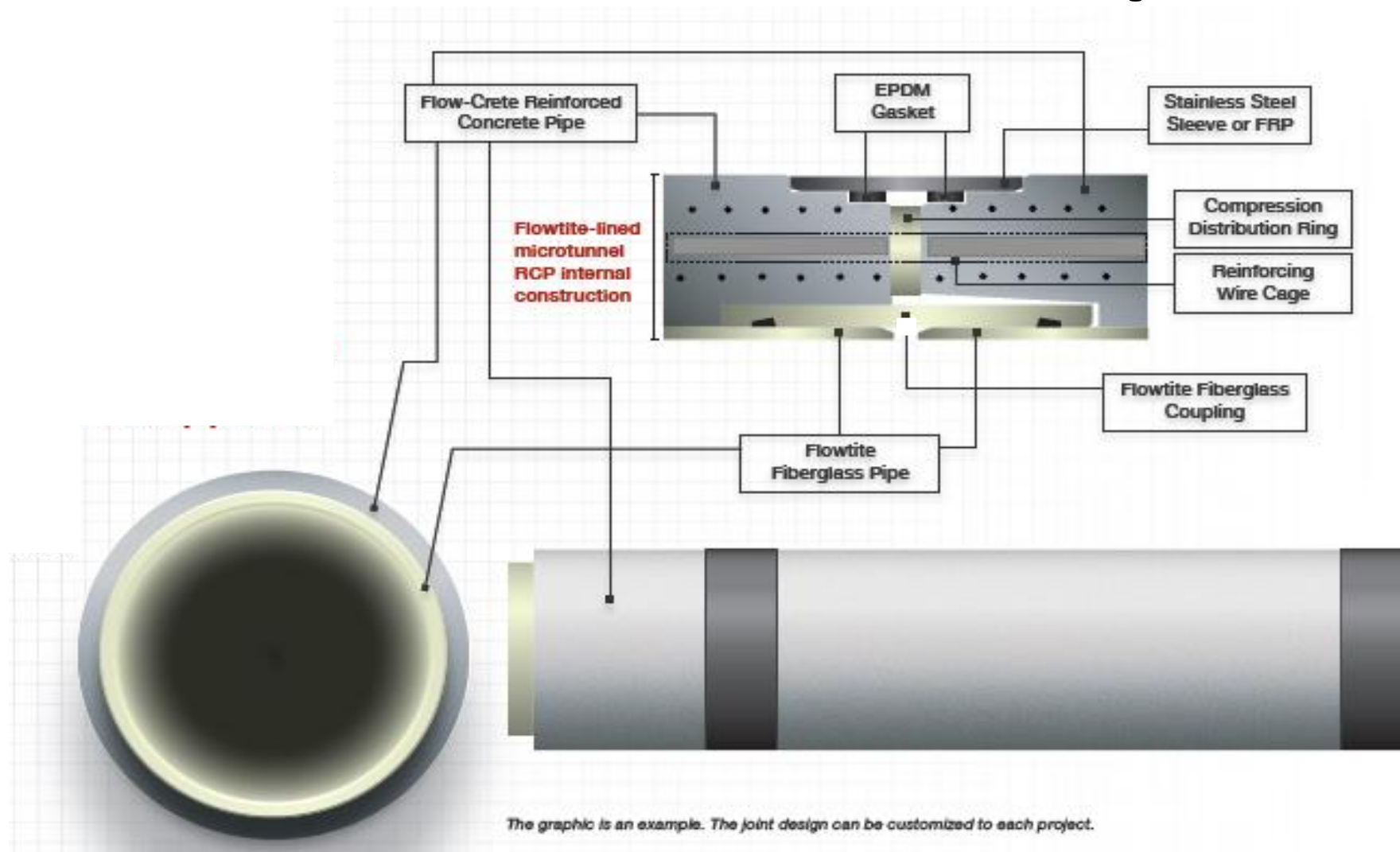
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Product Comparisons

Liner RCP Product	Corrosion Resistance	Joint Corrosion Protection Required	Gravity Sewer	Pressure Sewer
PVC Liner	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
HDPE Liner	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
FRP Liner	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



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FRP Lined Jacking Pipe



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Change of Microtunneling Pipe

- “ To reduce the risk of buoyancy due to peat zones, FRP Lined RCP Jacking Pipe in lieu of FRP Jacking Pipe
- “ FRP Lined RCP Jacking Pipe used in two of the five final tunnel drives.
- “ FRP Liner provided same corrosion resistance as FRP jacking pipe.



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- 1400 LF DN48 Flowcrete Jacking Pipe (FRP Lined RCP)

- Long jacking drive of 1000 ft



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Lessons Learned

- “ Value Engineering (creative solutions) can provide considerable cost savings
- “ Alternate Materials provide added value to project and can reduce risk.
- “ Microtunneling (trenchless technology) can be a more cost effective solution than traditional open cut installation. Especially in poor soil conditions.
- “ Microtunneling can be successfully installed in difficult ground conditions.



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