



West Lorne Welded Steel Standpipe
Remotely Operated Vehicle Inspection and Report
November 4, 2020



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December 4th, 2020

Ontario Clean Water Agency 17 Myrtle Street Aylmer, ON N5H 2H1

Att: Mike Taylor, Senior Operations Manager

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Re: LMS Job #LM20119

Remotely Operated Vehicle Inspection and Report (ROV) – West Lorne Standpipe (SP)

Mr. Taylor,

An ROV underwater camera tank inspection was performed at the above-mentioned potable water storage facility on November 4th, 2020. The ROV unit and tether cable were disinfected in accordance with AWWA-C652-19 Method #2 guidelines (200ppm solution) prior to entry into the tank interior. Landmark's ROV equipment is designated for potable water use only.

A thorough inspection of the structure including the protective coating & lining system, tank components, ladders, landings, handrails and appurtenances was completed.

Please find a comprehensive report enclosed as follows;

1) Welded Steel Standpipe Inspection Report

Pages 1 – 5

2) Photographic Record of Report

Pages 6 – 25

- Photographs are numbered in accordance with the corresponding numbers throughout the report.
- 3) Protective Coatings & Linings Report
- 4) Quotation #Q20267 for all recommended upgrades and repairs
- 5) ROV Video

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the content of this quotation, please contact us at 905.319.7700.

Yours sincerely,

LANDMARK MUNICIPAL SERVICES

David Baker,

NACE Certified Coating Inspector – Level 2, CIP #329173



Fall Arrest Update

Effective December 1st, 2016, the CSA Group updated its standards relating to fall arresters and rigid rail systems. The update has resulted in the previous standard, Z259.2.1-98 (2011) (the "2011 CSA Standard"), being separated into two new standards: (a) CSA-Z259.2.4-15 – Fall Arresters and Vertical Rigid Rails; and (b) CAN/CSA-Z259.2.5-12(2016) – Fall Arresters and Vertical Lifelines.

The impetus for the changes to the 2011 CSA Standard was driven by an incident in which a worker was critically injured while using a rigid rail type of fall protection system in 2014 – a copy of this notice is included at the end of this report. The Ontario Ministry of Labour's investigation into the matter revealed a weakness in the design of some Class Frontal-Fixed Rail Ladder Fall Protection Systems, which may not adequately protect workers who fall backwards or who squat and roll backwards into a fall while connected by a body harness to the trolley which slides along the vertical rail.

Particular to our review of the subject potable water storage facility is CSA-Z259.2.4-15 – Fall Arresters and Vertical Rigid Rails ("2016 CSA Standard"). Generally, the revisions included in the 2016 Standard fall into 3 categories: (i) increased compatibility requirements between fall arresters, harnesses, and vertical rigid rail systems. These changes can primarily be found in sections 4.3.5, 4.4, and 4.5; (ii) the addition of 4 new mandatory testing requirements for rigid rail systems, which can be found in sections 5.3 through 6.4; and (iii) new marking requirements in sections 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3.

As per section 5.3.1, all new testing requirements must be met in order for the rigid rail system to be certified as compliant under the 2016 CSA Standard.

Landmark has followed up with the CSA Group in an attempt to determine the status of the exiting FRL's system compliance. In the case of fall arresters and vertical rigid rails, it appears that the current system has not been certified by the CSA Group with respect to the new 2016 Standard.

Please refer to quotation #Q20267 for pricing to remove and replace the existing fall arrest system with Honeywell Safety Products – "Soll GlideLoc" which is compliant with the new 2016 Standard.



This report has been prepared by Landmark Municipal Services for the Ontario Clean Water Agency in order to provide the facility owner with a detailed description of the following:

The present condition of interior and exterior coatings, any pitting and/or corrosion on the interior of the water retaining vessel, the apparent condition of exposed foundations and the status of and recommendations for upgrades on safety equipment and other facility appurtenances.

Landmark Municipal Services has not performed a design review, an ultrasonic, x-ray, or destructive and/or non-destructive testing unless stated in the report. Comments and recommendations are based on visual inspection only and represent Landmark's professional judgement in reference to industry standards and best practices. This report may be based on information provided to Landmark which has not been independently verified. Its accuracy is limited to the time period and circumstances in which it was made. It was prepared for the specific purposes described in the report.

Any estimates regarding construction costs represent Landmark's judgement in light of our experience. Since Landmark has no control over market conditions, we do not make any representations or guarantees whatsoever with respect to such estimates or their potential variance from actual construction costs or schedules. Landmark accepts no responsibility for any potential losses.

In the case of subsurface, environmental or geotechnical conditions, the report may be based on limited testing and on the assumption that such conditions are uniform and not variable either geographically or over time. Landmark makes no other representations or warranties whatsoever and accepts no responsibility for any events that may have occurred since the report was prepared.



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WELDED STEEL STANDPIPE INSPECTION REPORT

Landmark Contract No.	Inspection Date	Last Known Inspection Date
LM20119	4-Nov-20	Unknown
Inspector	Report Date	Inspected By
P. Furtado	4-Dec-20	Unknown

OWNER / CONTACT

Owner	Village of West Lorne	Contact	Mr. Mike Taylor	
Droinet Location	West Large Standains	Title	Senior Operations Manager	
Project Location	West Lorne Standpipe	Phone	226-545-0414	
Address	1171 Jane Street	Cell:		
Address	West Lorne, ON	Email	mtaylor@ocwa.com	

TANK DESCRIPTION

Constructor	ETS Towers (Landmark)	Tank Capacity	645,900 Imperial Gallons / 2,936.32 m ³
Tank Type	Welded Steel Standpipe	Year Built	1984
Dwg's Available	Yes	Tank Diameter	32 ft. / 9.75 m
Dwg's Reviewed	Yes	HWL	127 ft. / 38.71 m - AGL
Coating System	Epoxy / Urethane	Tank Height	129 ft. / 39.32 m - AGL
Lining System	Ероху	Grade Elev.	704 ft. / 214.58 m - ASL
Age of Paint	Unknown	Roof Type	Welded Steel Umbrella Roof

REPORT SUMMARY

Repairs performed during inspection	Photo No.		Photo No
Aircraft Warning Light bulbs changed	110-111	1	
		1	
		1	
Recommended Repairs		1	
<u>Siteworks</u>		Mixing System	-
		Design, supply and install passive or active mixing system	154
<u>Security</u>	1	Fall Arrest System	
Remove ladder cages to permit safe and effective rescue	72	*Please review cover letter for latest information reg	_
Straighten ladder gate at bottom of ladder	64	Standard CSA-Z259.2.4-15 (Fall arresters and Vertical	Rigid Rails)
		Remove and replace fall arrest system on vertical ladder	65-73
Valve Chamber / Pit	In-	'D' Ring required at bottom of ladder	65
Surface prep and paint valve building door, valves, and	26-34	Replace 4pcs corroded 'D' rings with S.S.	69, 74,
piping	20 54	mephase special conductor of small side.	79, 85
Supply and install 20 L.F. of aluminum kickplate on valve	23		
pit handrail	25		
Repair broken downspout on valve building	12		
Replace corroded baseboard heater in valve pit	34	<u>]</u>	
<u>oundations</u>		=	
Repair 25 L.F. of loose parging around tank perimeter and	38-49		
touch-up			
Support Structure	<u> </u>	Confined Space & Rescue System	
		Rescue port base required at hatch to tank interior	106
		Rescue port base required beneath top landing	87
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Anchorage	<u> </u>	1	
		<u>]</u>	
<u>Accessories</u>		Coatings, Linings and Metal Condition	-
Apply anti-slip coating to smooth ladder rungs	65-85	Refer to Protective Coatings & Linings Report	
nstall 60 L.F. of additional 2" kickplate on intermediate	71, 75, 80,		
andings	86	1	
Permanently seal blowout panel with aluminum plate	104-105	1	
Replace mushroom vent with 16" S.S. Frostproof combination vent / vacuum relief unit	106-107		
nstall 60 L.F. of 5" kickplate on roof handrail	89-91	╣	
Perform chlorine analysis / stratification test	05-31	1	
nspect, repair, test, and calibrate impressed current		╣	
cathodic protection system	16, 155-156		
Supply and install L.E.D. aircraft warning light c/w new	110	1	
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Safety Inspection and Report (SIR)	2021	
Clean, Inspect and Report (CIR)	2021	*SIR included in CIR
Remote Inspection & Report (RIR)	2024	*3 yrs after CIR*

		Photo No.
ANCHORAGE		
ARE BASE PLATES DETERIORATED OR IN POOR CONDITION?	N/A	
ARE ANCHOR BOLTS & NUTS DETERIORATED OR IN POOR CONDITION?	N/A	
ARE ANCHOR BOLT CHAIRS DETERIORATED OR IN POOR CONDITION?	N/A	
ARE ANCHOR BOLTS TIGHT?	N/A	
CONDITION OF STRAP ANCHORS?	Good	37-48
REPAIRS OR MAINTENANCE REQUIRED		

ACCESSORIES			
LADDERS	* To Roof	Fair* - Smooth round rungs	65-85
	* On Roof	None - Stair treads	88
LANDINGS (x 4)		Kickplate only 3" - 60 ft of 2" required	71, 75, 80, 86
REST SEATS		N/A	
VALVE PIT HATCH	* Size	N/A	
	* Condition		
ROOF HATCHES	* Size	36" dia. steel hatch	106, 113-11
	* Condition	Hatch does not fully open because of antenna structure*	113
VENT	* Type	12" Aluminum mushroom vent	106-107
	* Condition	Poor - Coarse screen only - Replace with 16" S.S. Frostproof	106-107
	Condition	combination vent / vacuum relief unit	100-107
VACUUM RELIEF	* Type	30" blowout panel	104-105
	* Condition	Poor - Not self resetting - Cap with aluminum plate	104-105
PAINT RAIL ACCESS (Inspect coupl	ings by P.Eng prior to each use)	Roof couplings - Inspect prior to use	95-101
PAINT RAIL		None - Use roof couplings	
ROOF HANDRAIL		Poor* / 60 ft. kickplate required	89-91
GROUND LEVEL TANK ACCESS		2 pc - 36" bolted manways	38, 56
RISER AND OVERFLOW PIPING	12" inlet/outlet, 8" overflow	Good	52-53, 154
CATHODIC PROTECTION	* Type	Impressed Current - Corrpro Canada Inc.	16, 137
	* Condition	Poor - Broken ice guard inside tank / Survey recommended	155-156
TANK GROUNDING		None	
LIGHTINING PROTECTION		None	
OBSTRUCTION LIGHTING		Good - Bulbs changed; Upgrade to L.E.D. recommended	110-111
ANTENNAE	* Cable Routing * Anchorage / Mounting	Good	68, 92, 108
* Surveys / Warning Signage as per Safety Code 6: Health Canada		None	
CHLORINE ANALYSIS / STRATIFICATION TESTING		Recommended	
MIXING SYSTEM		None - Recommended	154
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REPAIRS OR MAINTENANCE REQUIRED

*See Separate Coatings and Linings Report

Apply anti-slip coating to smooth ladder rungs

Install 60 L.F. of additional 2" kickplate on intermediate landings

Permanently seal blowout panel with aluminum plate

Replace mushroom vent with 16" S.S. Frostproof combination vent / vacuum relief unit

Install 60 L.F. of 5" kickplate on roof handrail

Perform chlorine analysis / stratification test

Inspect, repair, test, and calibrate impressed current cathodic protection system

Supply and install L.E.D. aircraft warning light c/w new controller

Design, supply and install passive or active mixing system

Photo No.

FALL ARREST SYSTEM			
LADDER LOCATION	SYSTEM TYPE	COMMENTS	
* To Valve Pit	None	Less than 9ft	25, 27
* To Roof	Aluminum TS Rail	Remove and replace fall arrest system	65-84

REPAIRS / UPGRADES OR MAINTENANCE REQUIRED

Remove and replace fall arrest system on vertical ladder

*Please review cover letter for latest information regarding CSA Standard CSA-Z259.2.4-15

(Fall arresters and Vertical Rigid Rails)

Photo No.

TRANSFER STATION 'D' RINGS			
LOCATION	YES / NO	CONDITION	
* To Roof	Yes	Corroded - Replace with S.S.	69, 74, 79, 85
* On Roof	N/A - Handrail		
* At Bottom of Vertical Ladder	No	Required	65

REPAIRS OR MAINTENANCE REQUIRED

Replace 4pcs corroded 'D' rings with S.S.

'D' Ring required at bottom of ladder

CONFINED SPACE & RESCUE				
RESCUE PORT BASE				
LOCATION	YES / NO		CONDITION	
* At Top of Vertical Ladder	No		Required	87
* At Hatch to Tank Interior	No		Required	106

REPAIRS OR MAINTENANCE REQUIRED

Rescue port base required at hatch to tank interior

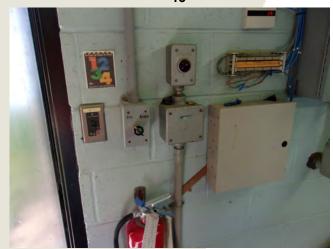
Rescue port base required beneath top landing









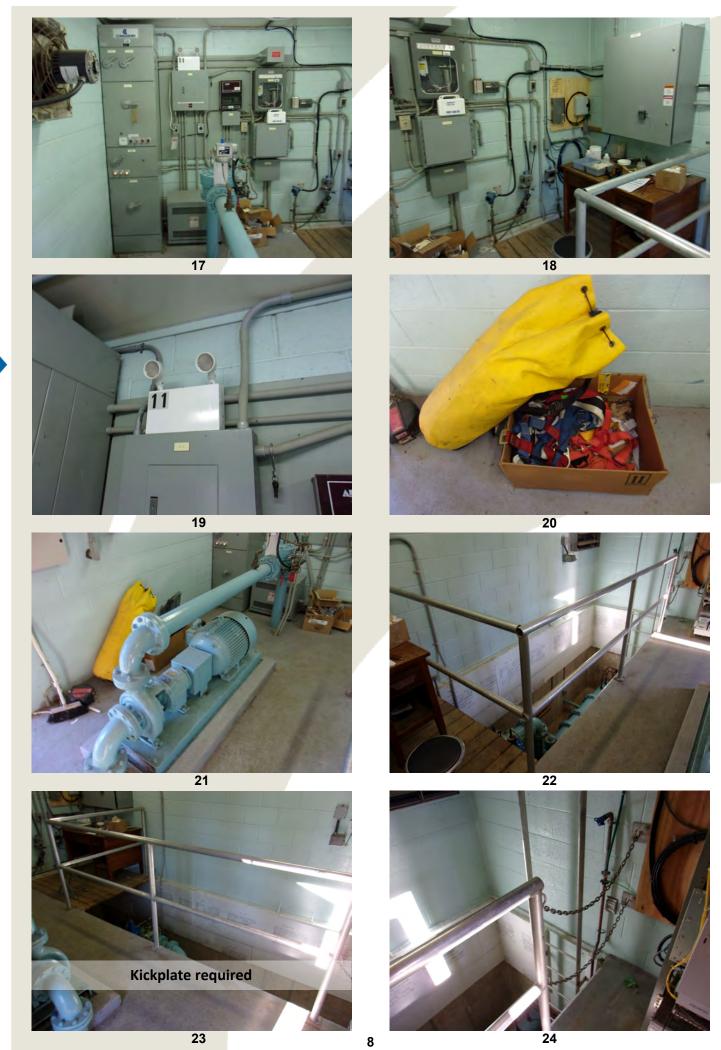








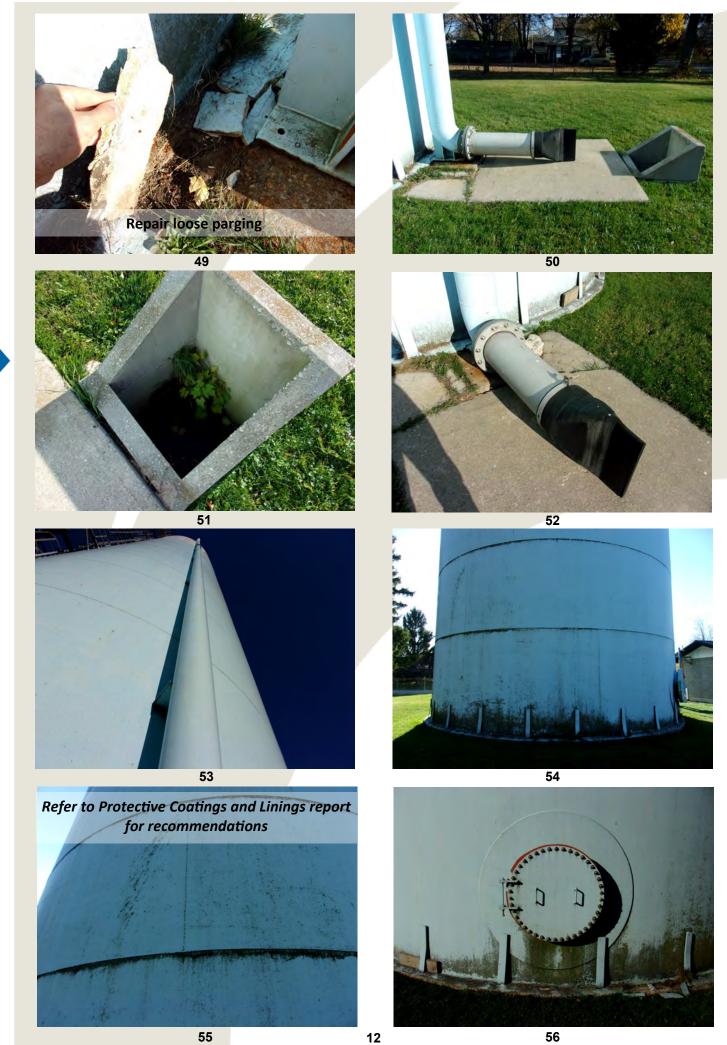


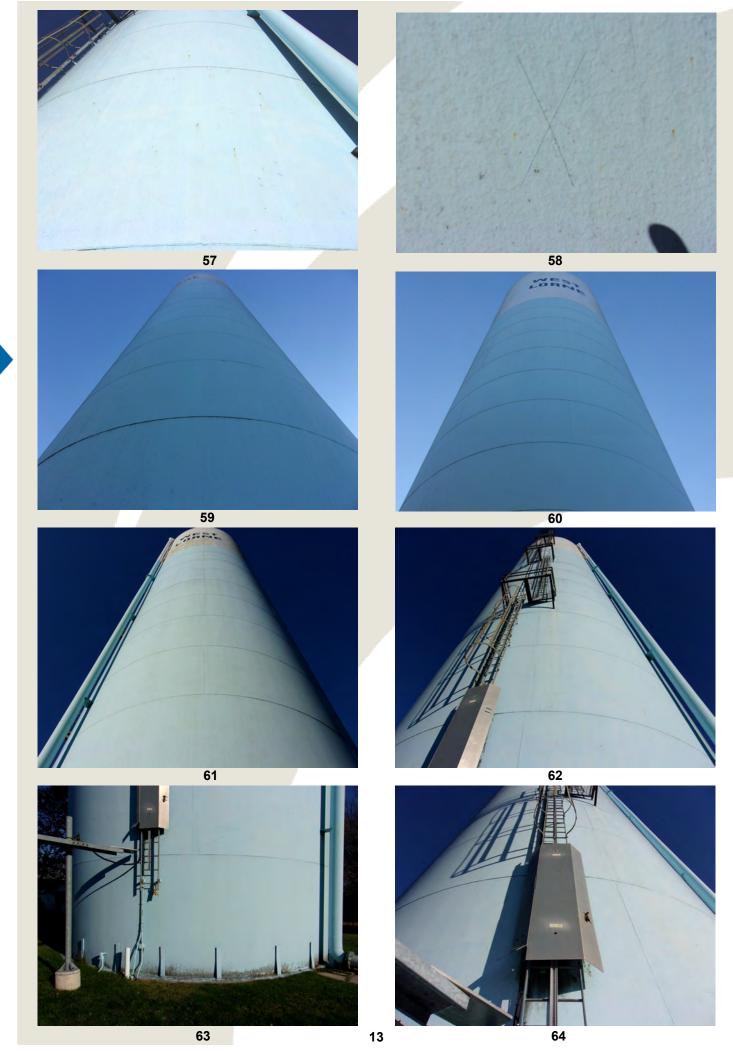




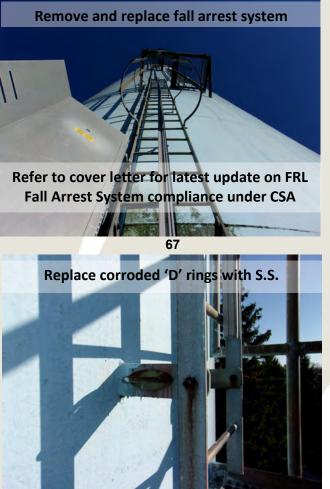


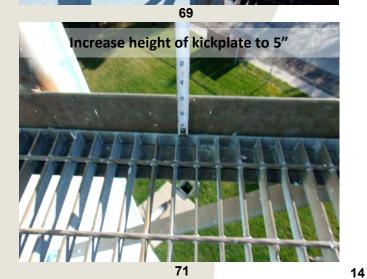






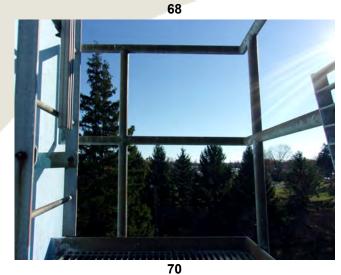




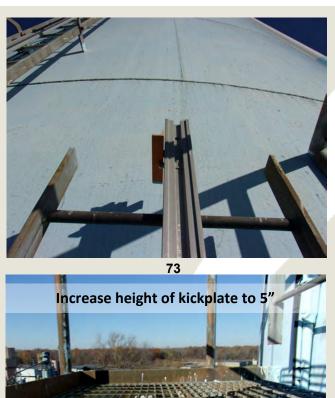


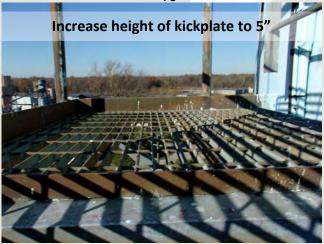




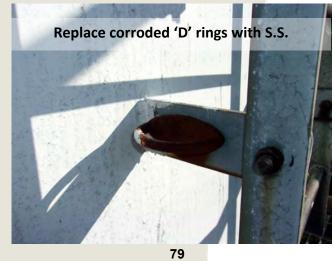








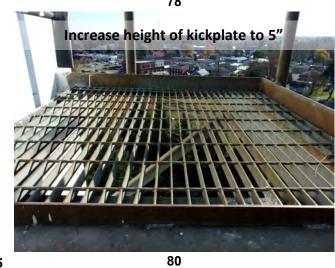






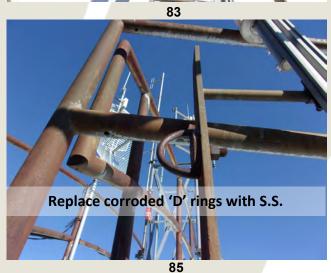




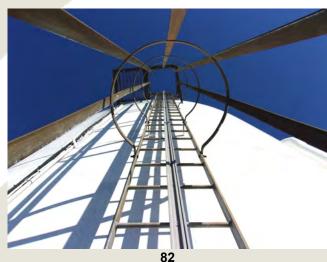




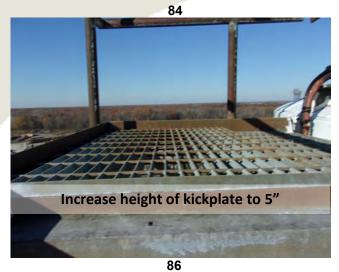




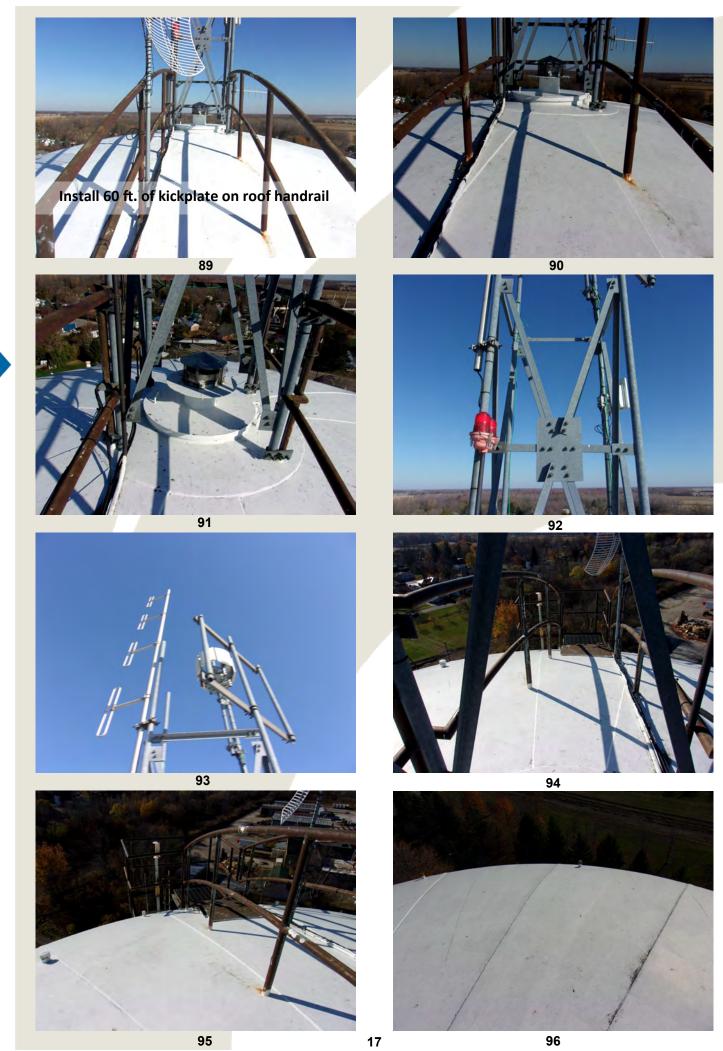








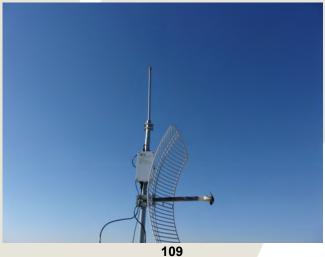
















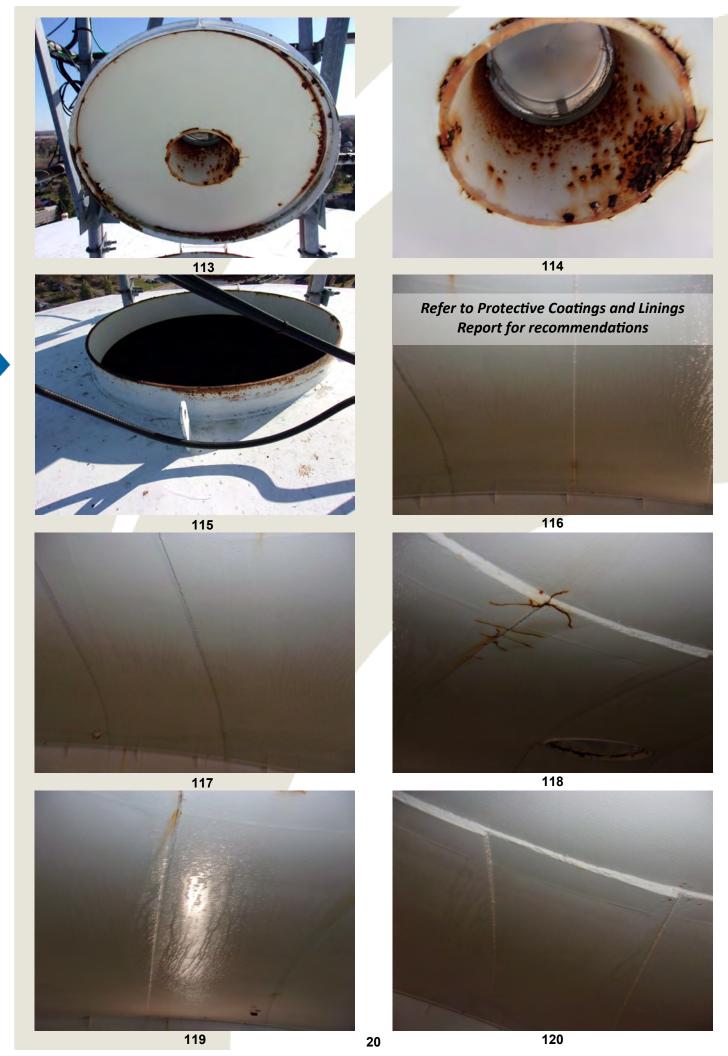


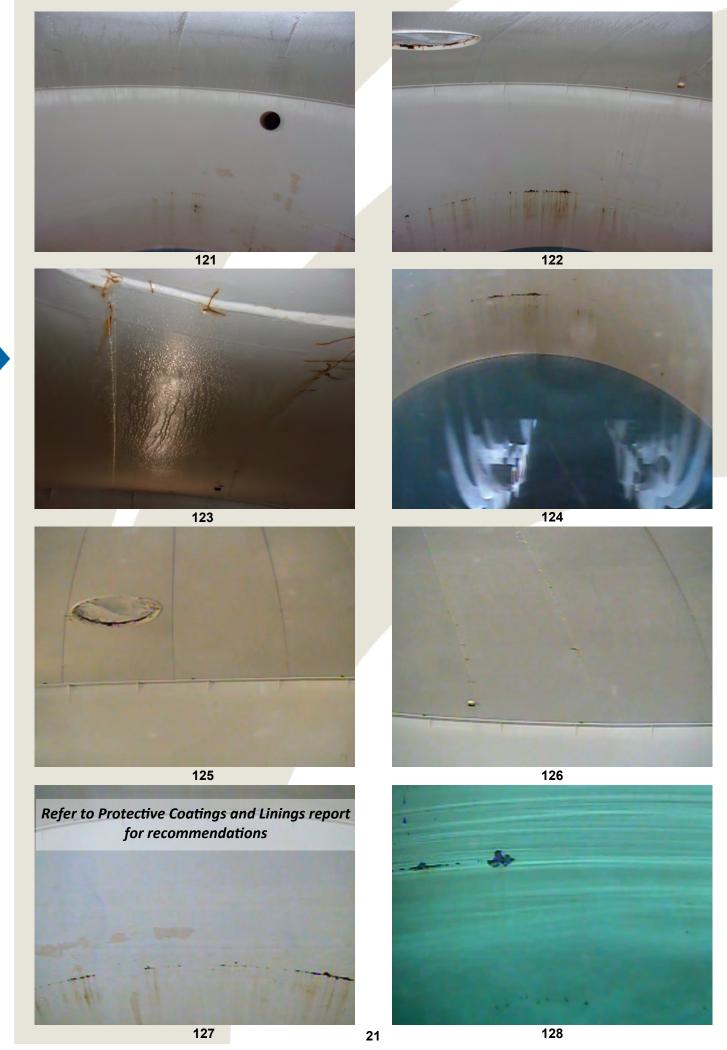
Refer to Protective Coatings and Linings report for recommendations



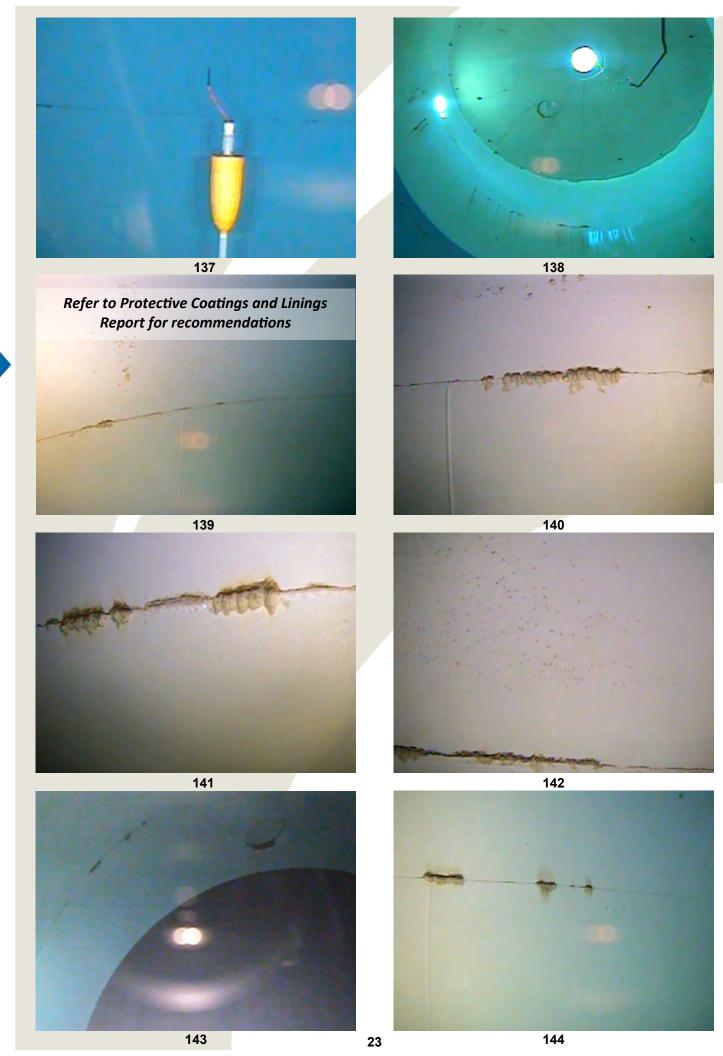


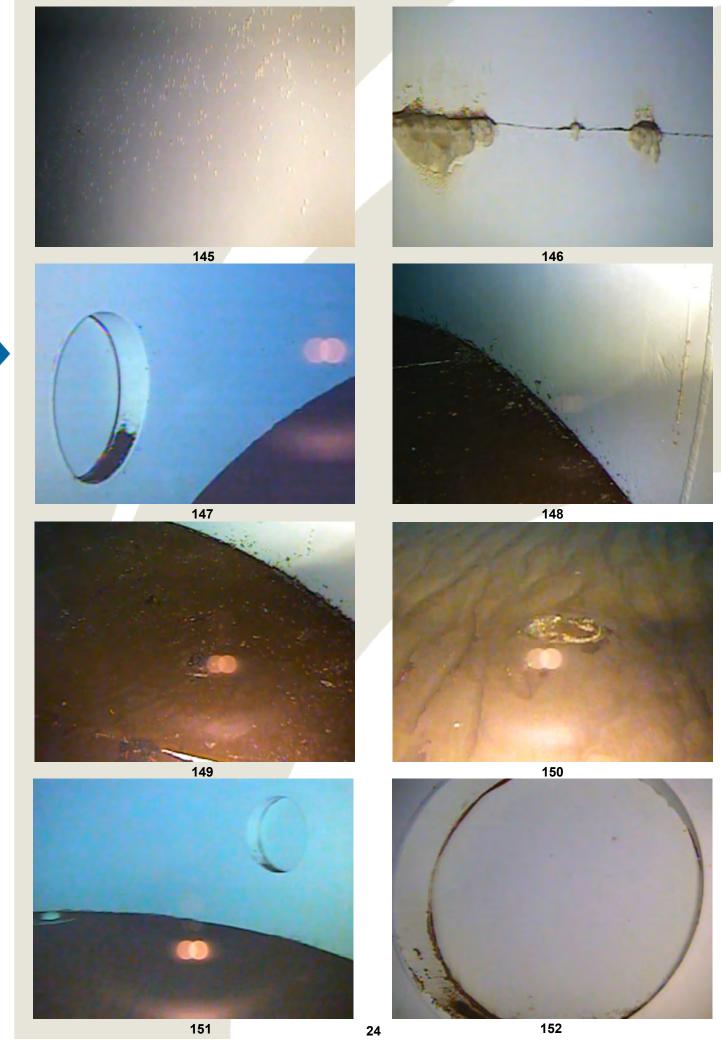
























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Re: LMS Job #LM20119

Remotely Operated Vehicle Inspection and Report (ROV) – West Lorne Standpipe (SP) –

Protective Coatings and Linings Report

Mr. Taylor,

An ROV underwater camera tank inspection was performed at the above-mentioned potable water storage facility on November 4th, 2020. The ROV unit and tether cable were disinfected in accordance with AWWA-C652-19 Method #2 guidelines (200ppm solution) prior to entry into the tank interior. Landmark's ROV equipment is designated for potable water use only.

Note: Possible issues and defects can only be visually assessed with the ROV. The following are our findings in relation to the current condition of the coating and lining system:

Exterior

The exterior of this tower is coated with what appears to be an epoxy / urethane type of system. The shell is fairly sound but has considerable chalking and loss of sheen. There are some stone chips from grass cutting operations on the lower sections, but otherwise there is little to no appreciable corrosion, delamination or mud cracking.

The roof has a few large areas of delamination between the topcoat and the previous coat, likely the result of insufficient surface preparation or improper conditions during application. The handrail and other appurtenances such as vent and hatch frames have considerable surface corrosion.

The valve chamber piping and valves have moderate corrosion over much of their surfaces, and the entrance door exterior is very weathered.

Adhesion testing Adhesion was performed in accordance with ASTM D3359 - 97 Method A –
Standard Test Methods for Measuring Adhesion by Tape Test and results were: 4A Trace peeling
or removal along incisions or at their intersection.



Interior

The interior of this tank is lined with what appears to be an epoxy which is in fair condition. There are numerous areas of corrosion and delamination and it appears that the lining is becoming porous with age and is no longer providing good barrier protection. This damage has likely been exacerbated by ice movement, especially near the high-water level where ice capping occurs, as most of these areas are along weld seams.

The condition of the cathodic protection system is not known, but it is obvious by the mineralization of some of the damaged areas that it was at least operational at one time. This should be tested to ensure correct calibration and repaired accordingly (if required).

The video shows that ice sheeting has damaged the wire protection conduit on the floor of the tank, and the wire appears to be continuous, but it may be shorted.

The floor could not be inspected because of 1 - 2cm of fine sediment build-up. A tank cleaning should be conducted in order to further assess the floor surface.

Recommendations – Exterior Surfaces

Many factors must be considered in evaluating the existing coating system with the primary goal of assessing the existing system condition, anticipated service life and in some cases for suitability of applying an overcoat system.

These factors include:

- Amount of corrosion present
- Thickness of the existing coating
- Existing number of coats
- Adhesion of the coating to the steel
- Original level of surface preparation of the steel
- Adhesion of the coating between successive coats
- Geographical location of the tank
- Degree of blistering of existing coating

Candidates for overcoating consideration usually have 4 common characteristics:

- Adhesion rating of 3A or better in accordance with ASTM D3359 Method A
- Less than 12 mils dry film thickness
- Few layers of paint
- Rust or corrosion rating of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 in accordance with SSPC-VIS 2 / ASTM D610

Subject to further evaluation and confirmation, we suspect that this tank can be considered for a maintenance overcoat consisting of power washing at 5,000 psi, mechanically clean (grind, power tool) and locally touch-up all rust spots followed by a complete overcoat of epoxy / polyurethane finish, if completed within the next 2 to 4 years.

This would extend the life of the existing coating for approximately another 8 - 10 years with less expenditure than a full removal and replacement. Eventually the edges of the existing system will curl



up, taking the new overcoat with it. It is difficult to estimate how long this would take to happen, and it is largely dependent on the surface tension applied by the new paint.

Methodology for this procedure would include:

- 1. Pressure wash cleaning of the exterior surfaces with 5,000 psi pressure including a rotating spray tip with a minimum 6" stand-off from the surface.
- 2. Power tool and hand tool preparation of rust spots to bare metal in accordance with SSPC SP2 and SSPC SP3 with mandatory HEPA vacuum and filters on power tool attachments.
- 3. Primer application to the prepared repair areas (surface tolerant epoxy at 2 to 6 mils DFT) with a minimum tie-over to intact coating of 1-inch overlap.
- 4. Stripe coating application to all sharp edges and welds (handrail edges and all welds on tank).
- 5. Overcoat primer application to the entire tank (surface tolerant epoxy at 2 to 6 mils DFT).
- 6. Finish coat application to the entire tank (aliphatic polyurethane at 2 to 3 mils DFT).

Alternatively, the exterior of this tank could be completely removed and replaced in order to provide a 25 to 30 year solution that would be on the same lifecycle as the interior lining system (refer to below recommendation for Tank Interior Surfaces) – See Quote #Q20267 for details.

Recommendations – Tank Interior Surfaces

The interior of this tank should be completely removed via abrasive blast cleaning to SSPC-SP10 Near White Metal Clean, and then re-lined with an AWWA – D102 ICS-3 (zinc primer, 100% solids epoxy – preferred system) or ICS-4 (optional zinc primer, 100% solids polyurethane) system.

All pitting should be repaired by pool welding, welding of patch plates or epoxy filler on the shallow pits. This should be completed within the next <u>3 to 6 years</u> before leaks start to occur as a result of localized corrosion. At this time, the cathodic protection system should be assessed and repair accordingly.

The interior re-lining should coincide with the exterior painting to save on extra mobilization costs and reduce down time.

Yours Sincerely,

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Remotely Operated Vehicle Inspection and Report (ROV) – West Lorne Standpipe (SP) – Recommended Upgrades #Q20267

Mr. Taylor,

Landmark Municipal Services is pleased to provide budgetary pricing for the following repairs & upgrades at the above-mentioned potable water storage facility.

Security

1)	Remove ladder cages to permit safe and effective rescue	\$ 2,400
2)	Straighten ladder gate at bottom of vertical ladder	\$ No Charge
Valve (Chamber / Pit	
3)	Surface prep and repaint door, valves and piping	\$ 3,500
4)	Supply and install 20 L.F. of aluminum kickplate on valve pit handrail	\$ 800
5)	Repair broken downspout	\$ No Charge
6)	Replace corroded baseboard heater	\$ On Request
Founda	ation	
7)	Repair loose parging around tank perimeter and touch-up – approx. 70 L.F.	\$ 5,000
Access	ories	
8)	Apply anti-slip coating to ladder rungs	\$ 2,800
9)	Supply and install 16" S.S. combination vent / vacuum relief unit and cap existing blowout panel. New vent curb to be combination hatch lid to allow proper hatch opening	\$ 7,500



•	nstall approx. 60 L.F. of 5" steel kickplate on roof handrail and 60 L.F. of 2" cickplate on 4pcs landings	\$ 8,800
11) P	Perform chlorine residual / thermal stratification study.	\$ 4,400
12) lı	nspect, test, and calibrate impressed cathodic protection system	\$ On Request
13) L	Jpgrade ACWL to L.E.D. c/w new controller	\$ 6,700

Mixing System

14) Design, supply and install passive or active mixing system

a.	Passive mixing system	\$ On Request
b.	Active mixing system	S On Request

Landmark's sales associates can provide further information on the types of mixing systems available and the options that would be most suitable for this style of tank

Fall Arrest System

15) Replace fall arrest system on vertical ladders	\$ 9,200
Fall arrest trolleys are available for \$950 each	

16) Install 1pc S.S. 'D' ring at bottom of ladder and replace 4pcs corroded
'D' rings with S.S. \$ 1,200

Confined Space & Rescue System

17) Rescue port base required at hatch to tank interior \$ 7,000 and under top landing

<u>Budgetary Pricing – Coatings & Linings – Refer to Landmark Coatings & Linings Report</u>

EXTERIOR SURFACES

18) Option #1 – OVERCOAT (8 – 10 year solution)

Clean and remove tank sediment. \$ 5,000

 Disinfect tank interior per AWWA C652-11 Method #2. Vacuum truck / off-site disposal, if required, is extra

Site Restoration, Site Facilities, General Conditions, etc. \$30,000

System Type: Epoxy / Polyurethane

Surface Preparation: WJ4 Power Wash / Spot Prepare to SSPC-SP 2, 3, and 11

Intermediate Coat: Epoxy

Finish Coat: High Solids Polyurethane

Logo: As Existing

Budget Price: \$ 220,000 - \$ 295,000

Exterior Overcoat Total: \$ 255,000 - \$ 330,000



19) Option #2 - FULL REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT (25 - 30 year solution)

Clean and remove tank sediment. \$ 5,000

 Disinfect tank interior per AWWA C652-11 Method #2. Vacuum truck / off-site disposal, if required, is extra

Scaffold and enclosure system \$ 350,000

Site Restoration, Site Facilities, General Conditions, etc. \$65,000

System Type: Outside Coating System No. 4 (OCS-4)

Surface Preparation:SSPC-SP10Prime Coat:Zinc-Rich Primer

Intermediate Coat: Aliphatic Polyurethane

Finish Coat: Fluoropolymer
Logo: As Existing

Budget Price: \$ 350,000 - \$ 435,000

Exterior Replacement Total: \$ 770,000 - \$ 855,000

INTERIOR SURFACES

20) REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

Clean and remove tank sediment.

\$ 5,000

 Disinfect tank interior per AWWA C652-11 Method #2. Vacuum truck / off-site disposal, if required, is extra

System Type: Inside Coating System No. 3 (ICS-3)

Surface Preparation: SSPC-SP10

Prime Coat: Zinc-Rich Urethane Finish Coat: 100% Solids Epoxy

OR

System Type: Inside Coating System No. 4 (ICS-4)

Surface Preparation: SSPC-SP10

Prime Coat: Optional - Zinc Rich Urethane
Finish Coat: 100% Solids Polyurethane

Budget Price: \$ 390,000 - \$ 470,000

Allowance for unknown steel repairs (identified / quantified \$ 25,000 - 30,000

post-sandblast)

Interior Replacement Total: \$420,000 - \$505,000

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Fixed Rail Ladder (FRL) Fall Protection System

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Hazard summary

A worker descending a vertical ladder on a water tower in 2014 was critically injured after falling five metres while properly using a Class Frontal-Fixed Rail Ladder (Class FRL) Fall Protection System. A Class FRL Fall Protection System is a type of vertical fall protection using a permanently installed metal rail anchoring system with an automatic fall arresting device called the "trolley" or "carriage".

The investigation revealed a weakness in the design of some Class FRL Fall Protection Systems, which may not adequately protect workers who fall backward or who squat and roll backwards into a fall while connected by a body harness to the trolley which slides along the vertical rail. If a worker leans back, the trolley's internal braking system can be pulled off the rail, allowing the trolley to slide down the rail. If a worker falls backwards or squats and rolls backward into a fall (as opposed to falling straight down or inwards towards the ladder) the trolley may not lock, allowing a worker to fall freely. In the 2014 incident, the worker fell from a water tower ladder as shown in Figure 1.

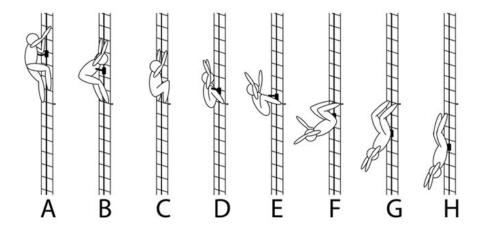


Figure 1: How the water tower worker fell

- A. The worker is descending properly using the fall protection system.
- B. The worker bends at the waist.
- C. The worker's legs fold into a squat position while the worker's hands catch the next rung. The squat position allows the trolley to travel below the height of the worker's knees.
- D. As the worker begins to roll backward their hands release from rung, and the tension in the trolley connection increases enough to remove all the slack out of the full body harness and slide the chest D-ring towards the waist.
- E. This tension in the connection to the trolley forces the worker into a tight squatting position while rotating around the rung that the worker's feet are on
- F. The trolley connection remains in tension as the trolley travels below the rung that the worker's feet are on.
- G. The connection to the trolley, now in tension between the worker's legs prevents the engagement of the braking mechanism that would stop the workers motion
- H. The worker, with back to the ladder, continues to fall head first while still attached to the fall protection system.

In 2010, the Ministry of Labour published a similar Alert, Class Frontal Fixed Rail Ladder (FRL) Fall Protection System, Alert #26/0510, after a worker was injured after falling back, then down 20 metres from a ladder attached to a tower while using a Class FRL Fall Protection System. In 2010, the investigation determined that the Class FRL Fall Protection System might not adequately protect workers who fall backward in a standing position.

Locations and sectors

Class FRL Fall Protection Systems are used on vertical access ladders which normally do not have a cage, such as the ladders on communication towers, chimneys and water tanks (towers).

Precautions

Even though a Class FRL Fall Protection System may be currently certified to CSA standards and/or have a CSA standards stamp on the side of the trolley unit, this should not be interpreted to guarantee worker safety and employers should not rely on such a stamp. Further investigations into the system are needed to ensure the system protects against a squatting position/rollback fall or a fall backwards.

Class FRL Fall Protection Systems whose design characteristics require the connection between the worker and the trolley to be in tension and where the trolley remains disengaged regardless of the tension force applied should not be used. Employers must take reasonable precautions to protect workers in these circumstances. This may include using alternative fall protection or access systems, as appropriate, for the adequate protection of the health and safety of workers using vertical access ladders.

Employers who own or rent structures which have a Class FRL Fall Protection System installed must ensure that the Class FRL Fall Protection System is capable of protecting a worker in the case of a squatting position/rollback fall or a fall backwards. The Ministry recommends that employers contact the manufacturer to ensure that the particular Class FRL Fall Protection System is capable of protecting a worker from any type of fall (including a backward fall and falling from a squatting position) before it is used.

Note: This Alert replaces the Class FRL Fall Protection System, Alert #26/0510 published in 2010 by the Ministry of Labour.

Resources

For more information contact:

Infrastructure Health and Safety Association

www.ihsa.ca

Or contact the Ministry of Labour Health & Safety Contact Centre toll-free at 1-877-202-0008.

For further reference see also:

Ministry of Labour

Ontario.ca/labour

ServiceOntario e-laws

www.e-laws.gov.on.ca

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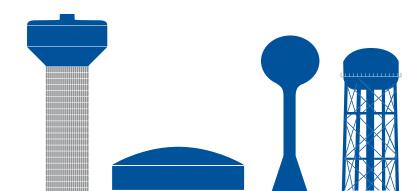


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