Service Lateral Rehabilitation

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Introduction

• Intent, to provide information on:
  Lateral rehabilitation
  Sealing options
• Studies have shown that 40% to 70% of I/I come from laterals
• Studies have confirmed that many lateral pipes have reached their life expectancy and are failing
Outline

Provide information on:

– Main Line Rehabilitation...Not the Entire Solution
– Understanding the Problem(s)
– Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) from Laterals
– History of Lateral Rehabilitation
– Private Lateral Dilemma
– Product/Process Options
Inflow/Infiltration
Main Line Rehabilitation is Not Enough

“Jefferson County (Birmingham, AL) has rehabilitated more than 3 million LF of main line sewers and SSO’s still occur at an unacceptable rate. We’ve discovered that we must address the laterals”
- Daniel White, PE – Deputy Director (Sewer), Jefferson County, AL

“Lateral rehabilitation was successful in reducing the occurrence of surcharging to less than once in two years, whereas the system was still surcharging about 15 times a year after the mainline rehabilitation only.”
- Metro Water Services & Davidson County (Nashville, TN)
Survey Conducted – I/I from Laterals

– 45% of the participating agencies had estimated how much laterals contribute to total I/I.
– Estimates varied from 7%-80% with an average of 40%.
– Majority felt lateral pipes, like main line pipes, have reached their life expectancy and are failing.

Laterals are a major source of I/I within collection systems!
Service Laterals

- Over 76 million sewer laterals in U.S.
- Lateral piping from 4” to 6” in diameter
- Estimated 3.8 billion feet of lateral piping
Lateral Rehabilitation History

The emphasis on service lateral rehabilitation was fueled in 1993 by an extensive study* conducted in Nashville, TN to evaluate the effectiveness of lateral rehabilitation on the reduction in I/I.

*(awarded the first Rehabilitation Project of the Year by Trenchless Technology Magazine)
Laterals are Part of the I/I Equation

Flow Monitoring (Oak Valley) – Metro Water Services & Davidson County
Lateral Renewal Programs

• Sewer laterals have been called the “Final Variable” of the collection system rehabilitation equation

• Laterals have been given less attention in the past due to:
  – Sheer number of laterals
  – “Snow Flake Effect”
    • No two laterals are alike
  – Lack of consistent effective and affordable inspection and renewal methods for small diameter lines
  – Complex issues of ownership and maintenance responsibilities
Lateral Market – Where is it Going?

• Municipalities are increasing focus on service laterals by including in rehab projects
• Insurance policies are now readily available for private ownership
• Creative pay terms are being implemented for private laterals that have to be repaired
• Inspections of laterals are becoming more common at the time of buy/sell of a house
• Municipality/Utility taking back ownership
Understanding the Problem
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Ownership???
Understanding the Solutions

• **NASSCO Lateral Committee**

Establishing guidelines for specifications and standards for use of trenchless technology for lateral rehabilitation
Understanding the Solutions

- **Grout**
  - Lateral & connection
  - Solution for heavy infiltration
- **Cured In Place Pipe (CIPP)**
  - Lateral Connection Seal – Brim Style
  - Lateral Connection Seal – Wrapping the Main
  - Lateral Connection Seal extending up the lateral a specified length
  - Lining the Lateral from an access point to the main (CIPP – Blind termination). Adding a connection seal to overlap.

- **Pipe Bursting**
- **Main Line Connection Seal**
CCTV – Lateral Inspection

- CCTV capabilities have dramatically improved
- Up to 80+ ft from the mainline Pipe
- No cleanout needed
- Pre & Post rehabilitation CCTV Inspection
Lateral Cleaning

- Lateral cleaning techniques have improved
- Up to 80+ ft from the main line Pipe
- No clean out needed
- Done during CCTV inspection
- Removal of roots & debris
Grouting

• Packer is positioned inside the sewer at the lateral location
• The packer bladders are inflated isolating the predetermined portion
• A two component chemical grout is pumped
Lateral and Main/Lateral Connection Grouting

– A flexible push/pull packer allows grouting of laterals from above ground access
– The grout packer usually isolates an area of 3 to 5 feet
CIPP Lateral Lining

• Liners are similar to those used in main line CIPP rehabilitation
• Multiple Resin Systems
  – Polyester – Vinylester – Epoxy - Silicate
• Cure Systems
  – Ambient – Steam – Water – UV
• Meet typical ASTM specs for CIPP
“Brim” Style of CIPP Lateral

- Industry terminology – “Top Hat”
- Process installed from the mainline
- No clean out is required
- Typically installed after mainline CIPP
- A bladder is used to inflate to put in place the resin saturated liner
- Hydrophilic material is used to seal the connection at the main
- Generally installed in shorter lengths
“Full-Wrap Style of CIPP Lateral

- Can be installed before or after main line rehabilitation
- Installed from mainline
- No clean out is required
- A bladder is used to inflate and position the resin saturated liner in place
- Liner forms a full circle around the inside of the main sewer pipe
- The main liner is approx. 16” in length and is 360° within the main line pipe
- Typical lateral lengths are from main line up to 60 ft.
- A clean out is usually required for lengths longer than 60 ft.
- Hydrophilic material is used to seal the lateral connection at the main and the terminating end of the CIPP lateral
Understanding the Solutions

- Lateral Connection Seal extending up the lateral a specified length
  - 4” to 6”
  - 12”
  - 5ft & Longer

30ft Lateral Liner
Understanding the Solutions

• Lining the Lateral from an access point to the main (cipp – blind termination). Adding a connection seal to overlap.
Lateral Pipe Bursting

- The bursting head is either pulled or pushed in
- A “power pack” is used for pushing/pulling
- The majority are pulled in
- The new pipe can be a larger size
Main/Lateral Connection Sealing

– Connection prepared by cutting/milling robot
– Main line packer is positioned
– A lateral bladder is launched and isolates the connection
– A resin epoxy material is injected under pressure
– Resin is ambient or heat cured
Main/Lateral Connection Sealing

Step 1: Cutter mills annular gap where lateral meets mainline.

Step 2: Packer injects silicate resin through gap to rebuild bedding, stop roots/infiltration, and bond lateral to main line.
Main/Lateral Connection Sealing

Permanently seals lateral and first joint with average of 20 lbs of resin.

Applicable for both lined and un-lined main pipe.
Lateral Resources

• NASSCO - Lateral Committee - 2012
  – *Overview of Lateral and Main/Lateral Connection Lining and Sealing Technologies*

• WERF Studies
  – *Survey of Public Works Agencies – 2004*
  – *Methods for Cost-Effective Rehabilitation of Private Lateral Sewers – 2006*

• Miami-Dade Water and Sewer District
  – *Comprehensive Lateral Investigation Program - 2007*
Thank You

Questions?

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