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## TRACK VI-D=HDD: CASE STUDIES & CROSS BORES

# **World-Record Direct Pipe Installation in South Texas**

# Speaker: Maureen Carlin Ph.D.



Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019





## **PRESENTATION OUTLINE**

- Safety Moment
- Overview of Direct Pipe
- Case Study Overview
- Design and Engineering
- Project Safety
- Tunneling Operations
- Project Challenges
- Results and Conclusions
- Questions and Answers

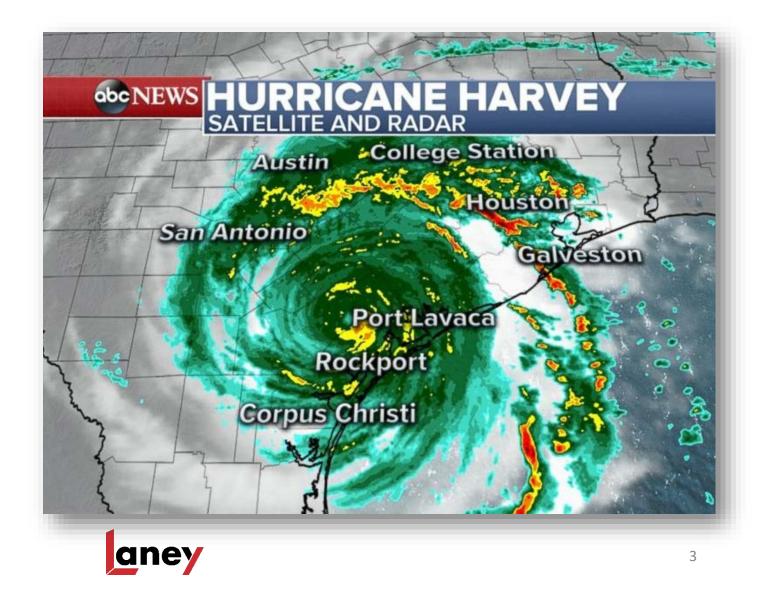


## **SAFETY MOMENT**

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### **HURRICANE AWARENESS**

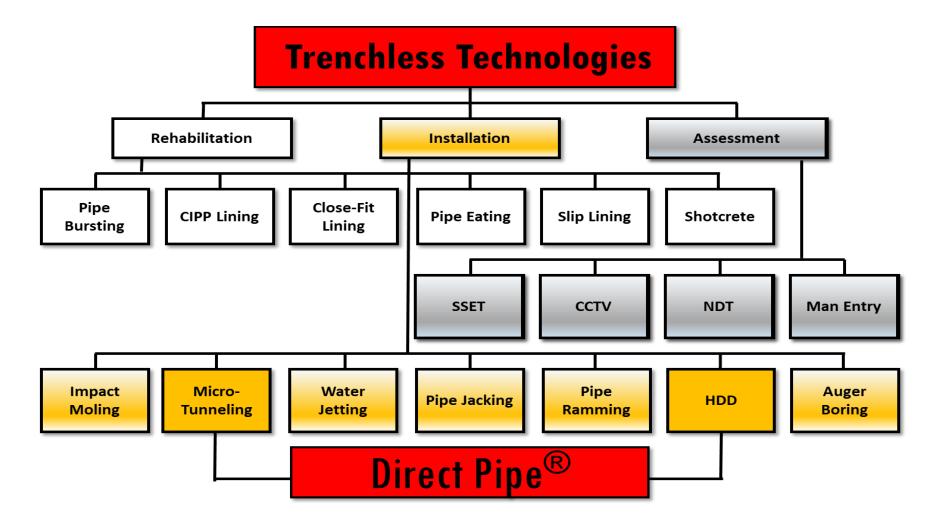
- Particularly Important to The Valley Crossing Project.
- Eye of Storm Directly Hit Jobsite and Delayed Mobilization.
- Resulted in Reduced Supplies, Logistical Challenges, and Reduced Housing.





DIRECT PIPE® OVERVIEW

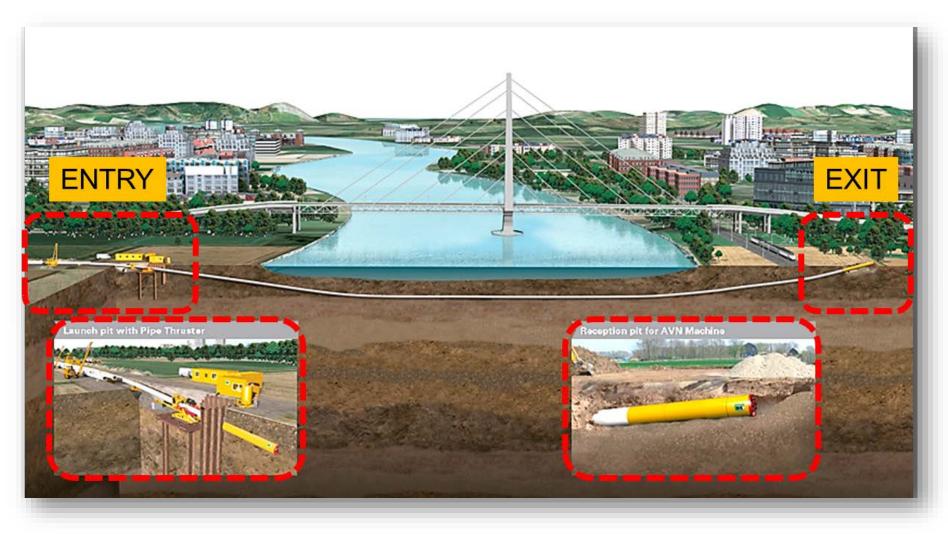
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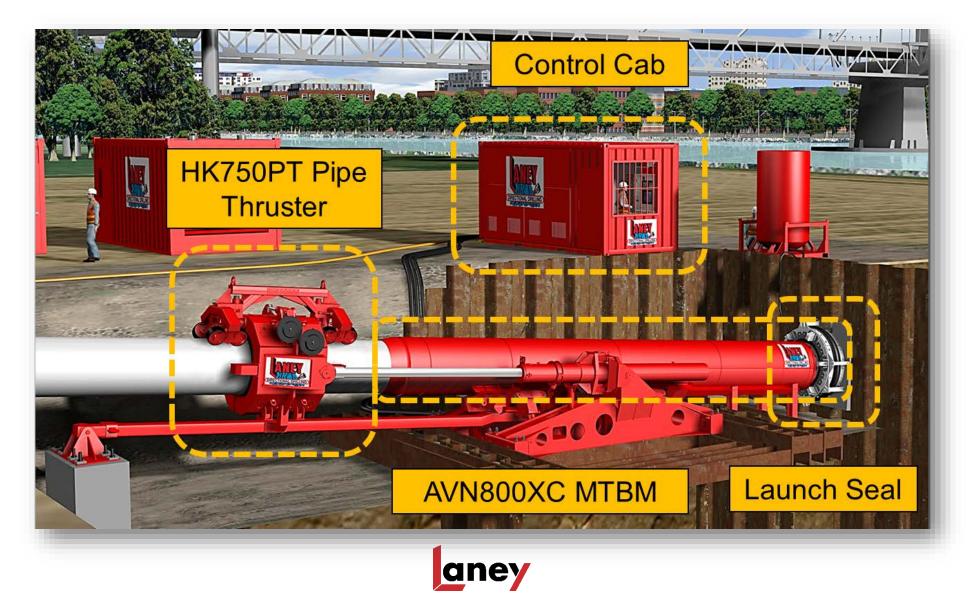
# DIRECT PIPE® SCHEMATIC





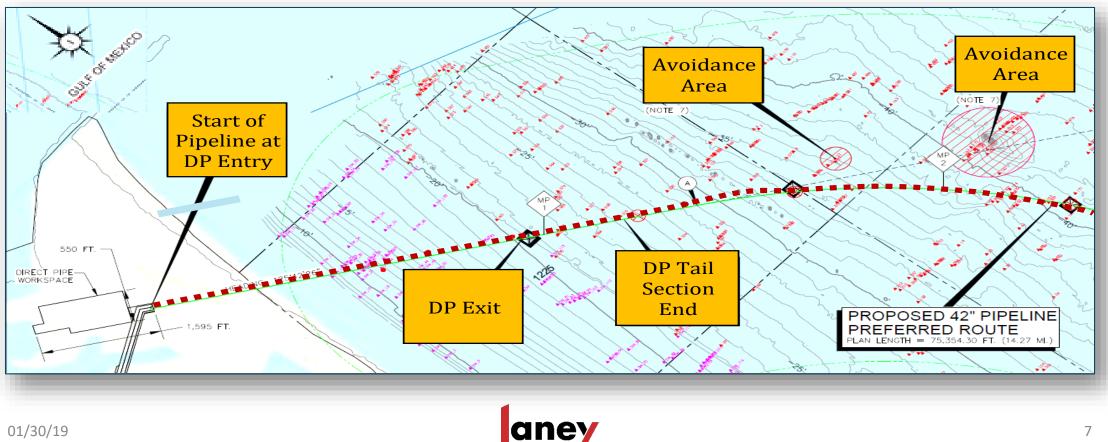


## **DIRECT PIPE® EQUIPMENT**





- Direct Pipe<sup>®</sup> Shore Approach | Cameron County, Texas
- 155 Miles | 48" & 42" Diameter | Steel | Natural Gas



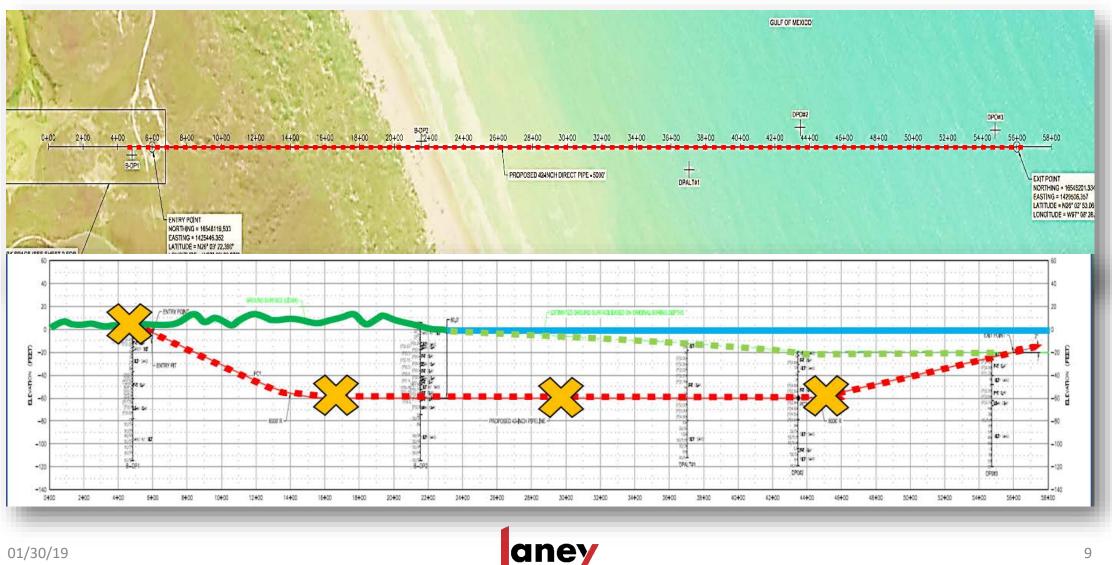


### VALLEY CROSSING PROJECT





### **DESIGN & PROFILE**





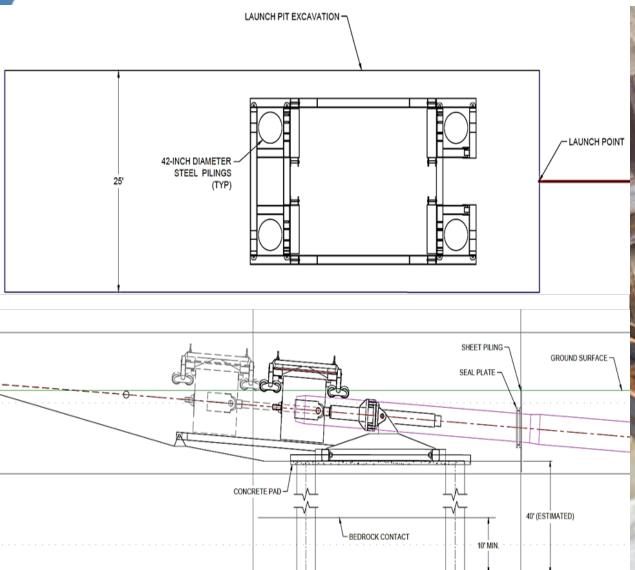


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PARAMETER	DESCRIPTION
Installation Length	4,900-Feet + 1,340-Feet
Pipe O.D.	42.00-Inches
Wall Thickness	1.250-Inches
Pipe Grade	70,000 PSI
Pipe Coating	FBE & ARO





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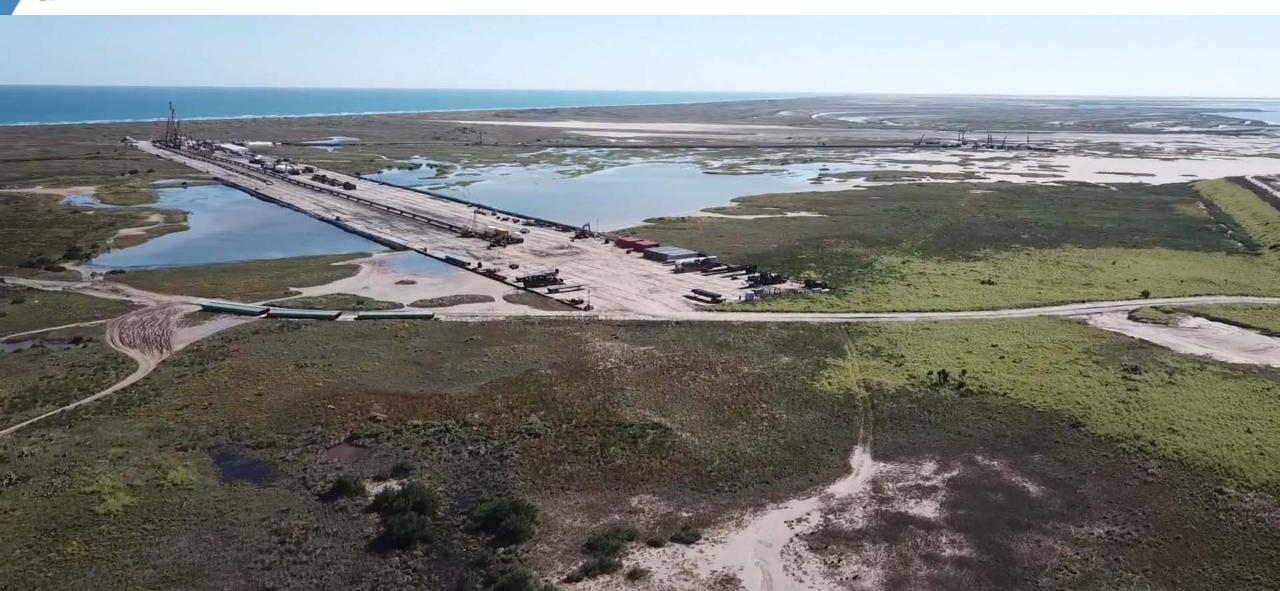


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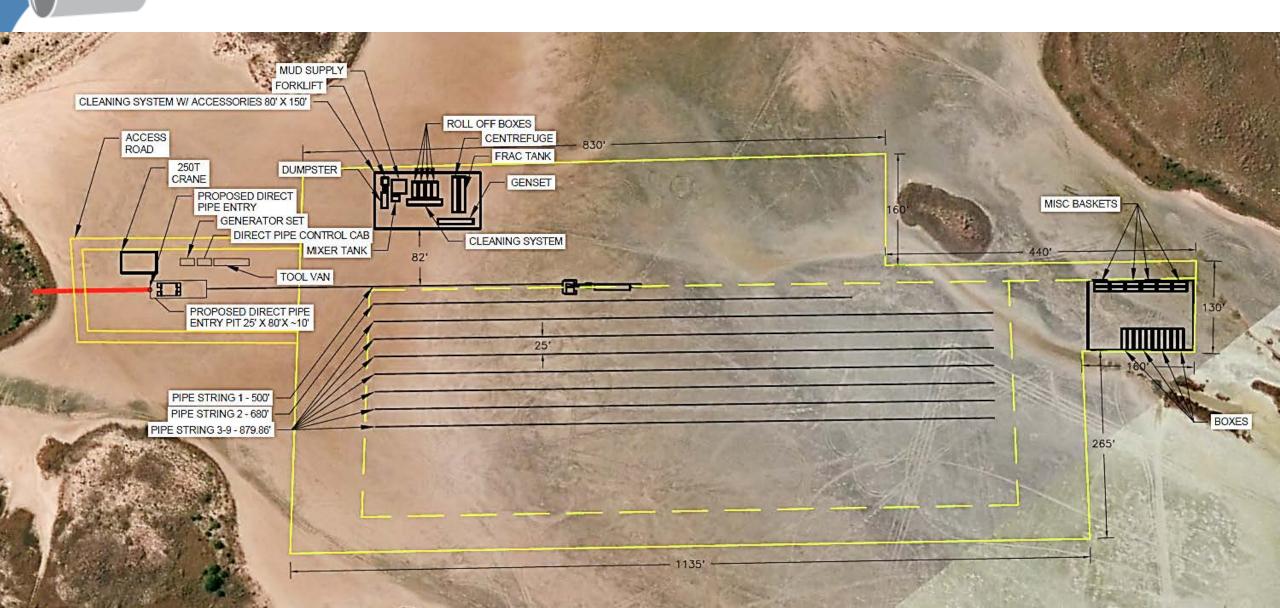


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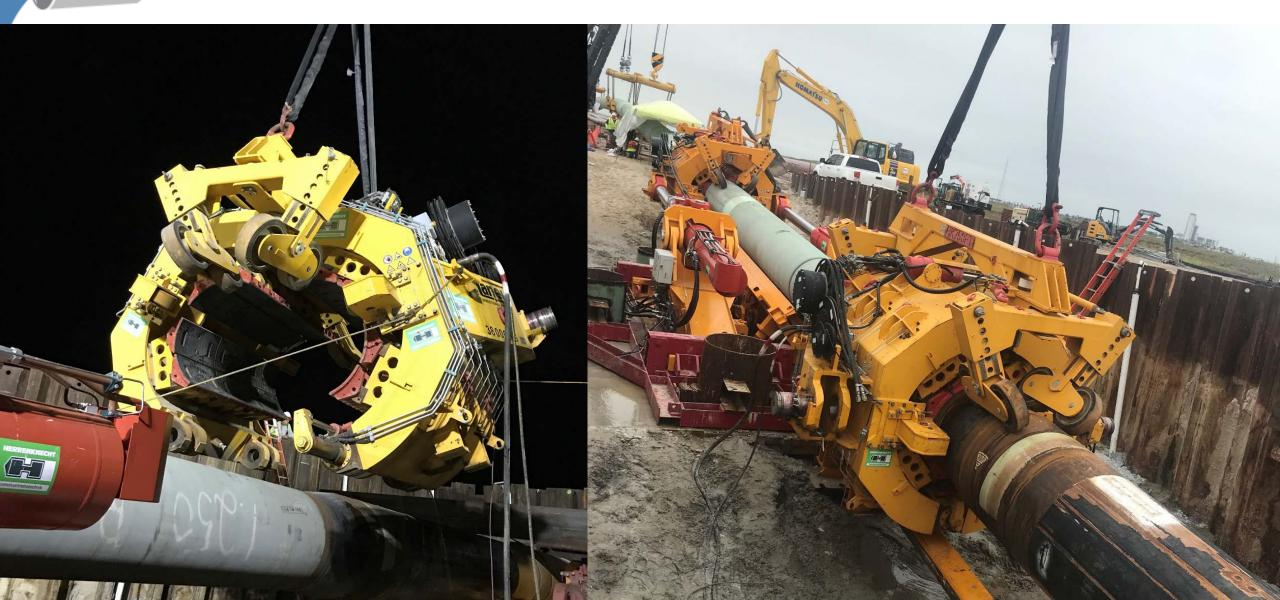


## **STRING LAYOUT**



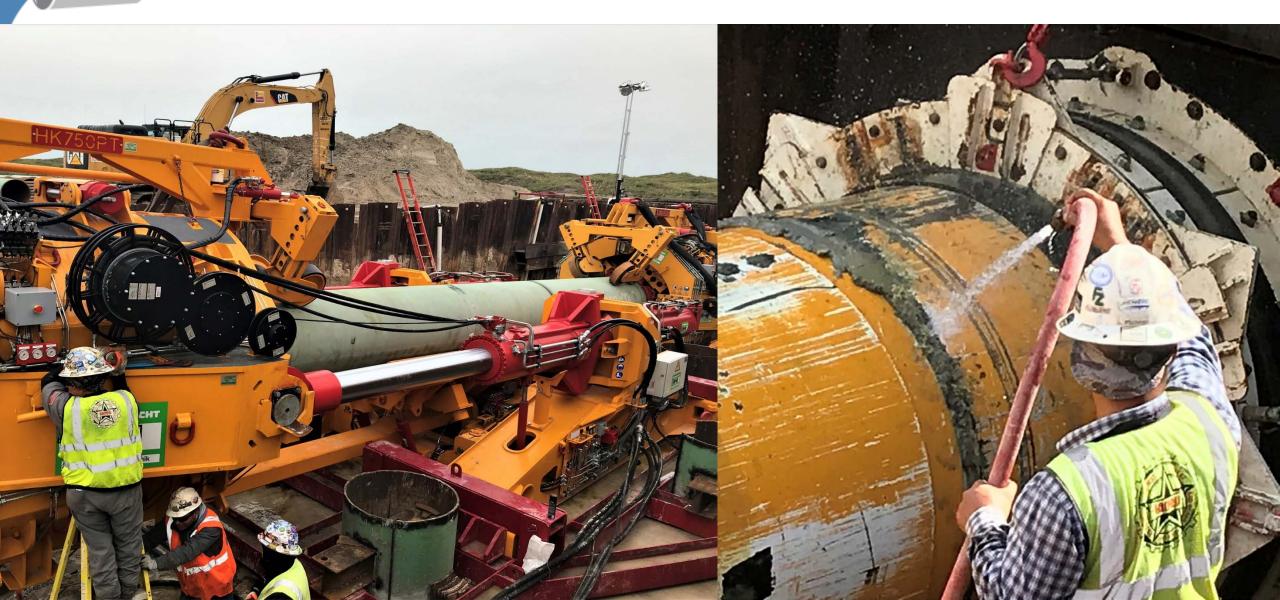


# **PROJECT SET-UP**





# **TUNNELING OPERATIONS**



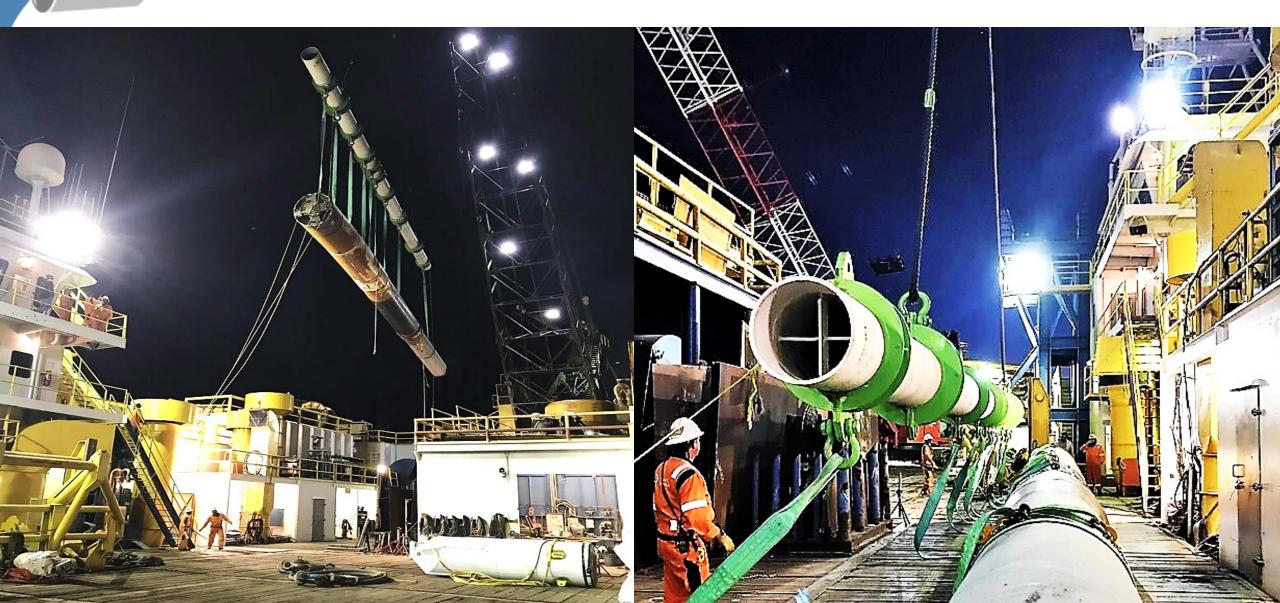


## **TUNNELLING OPERATIONS**





# **MTBM RETRIEVAL**





### **PROJECT CHALLENGES**

- Safety Confined Entries
- Logistics Hurricane Harvey
- Technology & Equipment Equipment Size Increase Through R&D
- Uncertainty Significantly Longer than Previously Achieved







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ONSITE ACTIVITY	PLANNED SHIFTS	ACTUAL SHIFTS
MOBILIZATION/FOUNDATION/THRUSTER SETUP/EQUIPMENT SETUP	40.00	37.00
MTBM ASSEMBLY / LAUNCH SEAL / UMBILLICAL INSTALLATION	12.00	23.00
TUNNELLING OPERATIONS/MID WELDS/SURVEY	44.00	36.00
THRUST OUT TO BARGE/LIFT MTBM/ADDITIONAL TRUST	7.00	7.00
UMBILLICAL REMOVAL & STORAGE/RIG DOWN/DEMOB	23.00	16.00
WEATHER / CONTINGENCY	3.00	0.00
TOTAL SHIFTS	129.00	119.00

The total shifts required for was 119 over 101 days.





**PROJECT RESULTS** 

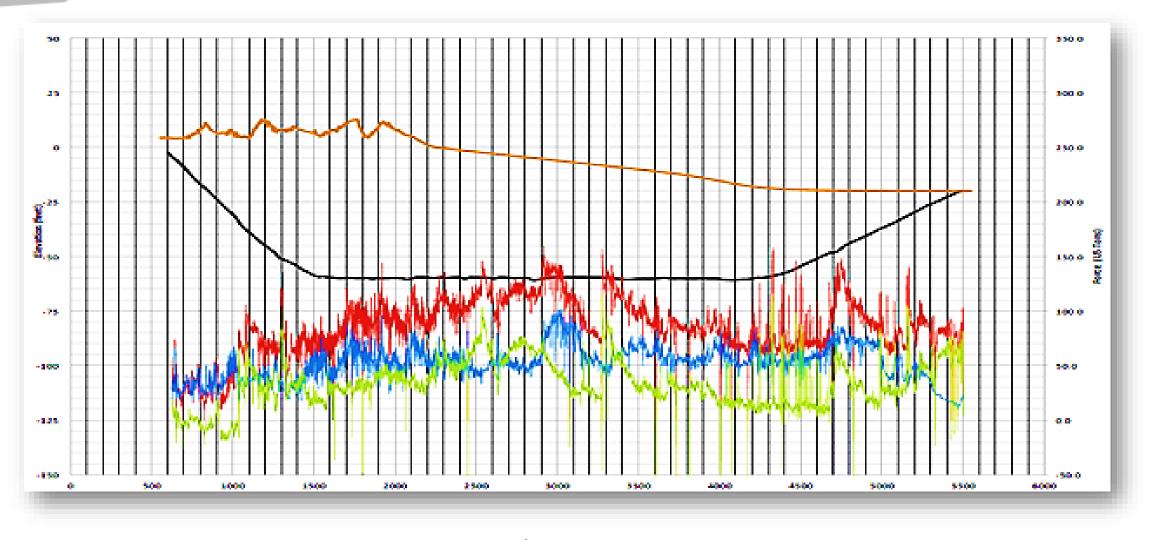
- Laney performed (9) confined entries scenarios.
- All were made safely with no communication breakdowns.
- Most importantly, there was zero lost time due to injury.

ENTRY	SCENARIO	REASON FOR ENTRY	DATE
1	Unplanned	Repair Leak	11/23/17
2	Unplanned	Repair Internals	11/24/17
3	Planned	Disconnect Internals	11/25/17
4	Planned	Connect Sections	11/26/17
5	Planned	Connect Sections	11/26/17
6	Planned	Verify Connections/Inspect Equipment	11/26/17
7	Unplanned	Equipment Repair	11/29/17
8	Unplanned	Equipment Repair	12/01/17
9	Planned	Disconnect Equipment	12/02/17





### **PROJECT RESULTS**







## **SPECIAL THANKS – TEAM EFFORT**

• Laney Engineers, Project Managers, Onsite Superintendents and Crews, Logistic Experts, Payroll and Accounting Professionals, Estimators and Procurement Specialists, Fluid Design Engineers, Surveyors, Confined Entry Crews and PowerPoint Gurus.





SPECIAL THANKS



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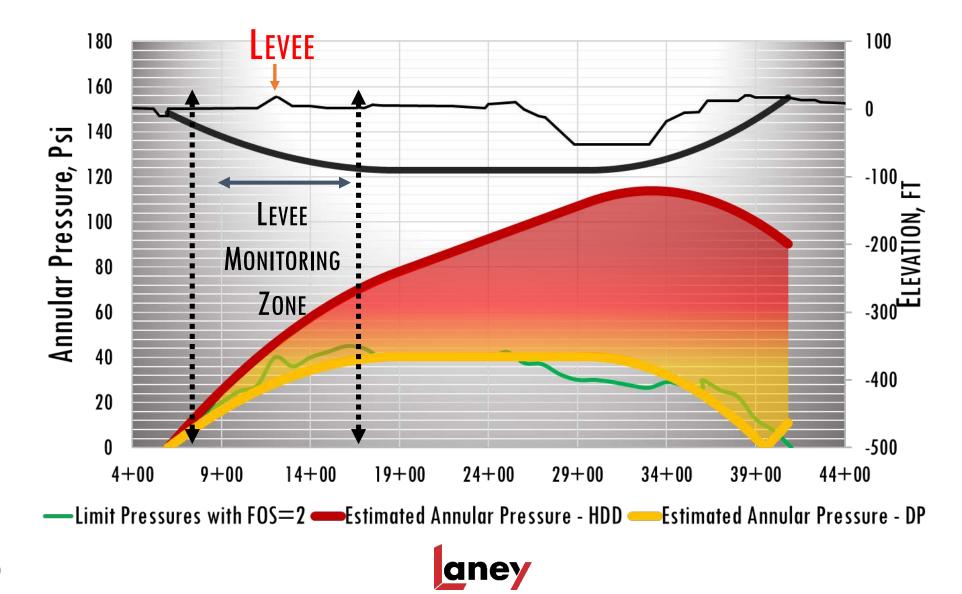
QUESTIONS







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