

UIC 2026 PRIMARY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center • San Antonio, Texas

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TUESDAY, JAN. 27

	Track I Sewer	Track II Spray Liners	Track III Water	Track IV Asset Management	Track V DPS /Utilities	Track VI HDD
8 – 8:25	Overcoming Design & Construction Challenges in Deep Underground Infrastructure <i>Reyna Johnson, LAN; Karrisa Weitzel & Emile Lang, Trinity River Authority of TX</i>	36" x 260' SIPP Repair with Elbows, Verticals, Through Walls and Erosion Corrosion with Limited Equipment Access <i>Clint Savage, Elite Pipeline Services</i>	And I Thought This was Just a 48" Water Line Project. <i>David Olf, David Warner & Michael Gurka, Quiddity Engineering; Panduvanga Kuruva, City of Houston</i>	Mitigating Risk Through Condition Assessment: L-301 PCCP1	Confined Space Safety Course	HDDA: Accomplishments, Goals & Training for the HDD Industry
8:30 – 8:55	How We Lined, Tapped, and Tunneled to Victory: Dallas North Trunk Phase 2 Wastewater Interceptor <i>Benjamin Gleichert, Kimley-Horn Associates</i>	Rehabilitation of Large-Diameter Pressure Water Main Using Third- Generation Polymeric Lining <i>Randall Cooper, SIPP Americas; Mike Figlio, Michels Pipeline</i>	Tailored Tunneling Solutions: Adapting to Geotechnical & Environmental Risks <i>Matt Gaughan & Kalyani Vemulapalli, Plus Six Engineering</i>	Kevin Weeks, PICA; Wes Pierce, Trinity River Authority of Texas		Understanding Various Tracking Systems <i>Michael Rybak, InRock</i>
9 – 9:25	Quitman 78" Sanitary Sewer Emergency Repair <i>Tim McQueary, P.E., HB Trenchless; John Stiver, P.E., Stiver Engineering; Daniel Oefner, P.E., City of Houston</i>	Three-Edge Bearing Test of Polymeric Lined Reinforced Concrete Pipes <i>Kawalpreet Kaur, Paria Hamidzadeh & Mohammad Najafi, UTA/CUIRE</i>	The Butterfly Effect: Adding 66" BFVs Increases City Water Supply Resiliency <i>Paul Dossett, P.E., Carollo Engineers; Matt Stevens, Dallas Water Utilities</i>	Hidden Leaks: External Methods Struggle to Confirm Leaks Identified by Inline Inspection <i>Steve Purkiss, Pure Technologies</i>	Designing a Complete Damage Prevention System: A Data-Driven Approach <i>Spencer Knott, Trident Solutions</i>	Utility Locates: How is the Industry Adapting?
9:30 – 9:55	Concrete Manhole & Wastewater Infrastructure Rehabilitation: Keys to a Successful Project	Enriching SIPP for Structural Applications through Carbon-Fiber and Foam Padding <i>Tom McAndrew, SippTech</i>	Preparation of a Cost Guide for Trenchless Pipeline Renewal & Replacement Methods <i>Paria Hamidzadeh, Marjan Moradi & Mohammad Najafi, UTA/CUIRE</i>	Mapped, Measured, Verified: Cobb County's Deep Dive into 9,700' Force Main <i>Alec Propst, EIT, Stephen Johnson, P.E., Mazen Kawasmi, P.E., Freese and Nichols</i>	Into the Looking Glass of Utility Strikes	
10 – 10:25	<i>Jeff Maier, Dewberry Engineers</i>	Two 24" x 25' Vertical SIPP Repairs on Water Pump Cans <i>Scott Dishon, Elite Pipeline Services</i>	Crossing Paths: Minor Problem for a Large Tunnel <i>Yovani Zelaya, P.E., GFT Infrastructure Inc.; Chase Juhl, P.E., Tunnel Tex</i>	Performance-Based Asset Management for Underground Utilities <i>Bhavani Chowdary Chimata & Madhuri Arjun, UTA; Kruthika Kokku, Eyncon Engineering & Surveying</i>	<i>Sean Jones, Fairfax County, VA</i>	Texas City Saves Time & Money with HDD: A DIY Approach <i>Craig Fisher, Westlake Pipe & Fittings; Justin Dean & Josh Oler, City of North Richland Hills</i>
10:30 – 10:55	Corrosion to Rehabilitation: Results of Coating Inspection of Brownsville PUB SWWTP <i>Brandon Gerardy, Garney Construction; JB Conant, Warren Environmental</i>			Leveraging Smart Pigging Technologies as Cost-Effective Method to Clean & Evaluate Pressurized Pipe Integrity <i>Mark Wade, Woolpert</i>	Safety Saves YOU Money!	Communicating With Your Maxi Rig System <i>Richard Levings, American Augers</i>
11 – 11:25	KEYNOTE					Tort Reform Impacts HDD/ Underground Construction Companies
11:30 - 12	<i>Andrea Beymer, SAWS</i>					
12 - 5 pm	EXHIBITS/LUNCH 12:1:30 p.m. Awards Luncheon (MVP & UIA) <i>ticketed event</i> CENTER STAGE 1-2 p.m. Coming to Grips with Consent Decrees 2-3 p.m. HDD: Small Rig Contractors Roundtable <i>Jim Watland, Watland Custom Underground; Aaron Graff, Dakota Utility; Mark Seriani, Mark Construction</i> 3-4 p.m. HDD: Big Rig Contractors Roundtable					

Wednesday, Jan. 28

	Track VII <i>Sewer/Water</i>	Track VIII <i>Sewer/Storm</i>	Track IX <i>Microtunneling/Tunnels</i>	Track X <i>Asset Management/AI</i>	Track XI <i>Emerging Technology</i>	Track XII <i>HDD</i>
8 – 8:25	Accuracy & Precision for Predicting I/I and Rainfall-Dependent I/I George Kurz, Sewer Capacity Management		Tri City Outfall: 2,370 LF Microtunneling with 90° Flowcrete and 2,400LF Opencut with 90° FRPM Carl Pitzer, Thompson Pipe Group; Tucker Toelke, Michels	AI-Powered Rapid Manhole Inspection: Combining 360° Scanning with Large Language Models for Automated Asset Assessment Jinwu Xiao, Wei Liao & Tom Iseley, Purdue University	Close Tolerance Pipe Slurrification: Proven Solution for Asbestos Cement Pipe Rehabilitation in Sunrise, FL Brian Goad, Insituform Technologies; Andrew Costa, Azuria Water Solutions	Crossing the Corpus Christi Ship Channel
8:30 – 8:55	Engineering Ethics		Williamson Creek, McNeil & Davis, Oh My! Austin Water Embraces Tunneling for Large-Diameter Utilities Kane Wei, City of Austin; Chris Mason, Black & Veatch	Evaluation & Deployment of Innovative Free Swimming Condition Assessment Device Mike Higgins, HDR; Helen Newman, Portland Water District; Myron Shenkyirk, Insight Water Technologies	EasyDig Trench Cages: Innovative, Compact Excavation Safety Wayne Isaac, EasyTech Infrastructure Group	Introducing the National Drilling Mud Disposal Database Shawn Lowman, Tulsa Rig Iron
9 – 9:25	Dr. Vipu, University of Houston (retired)	City of Houston-Briar Hill: Trenchless Sewer Rebuild Ted Jones, GeoTree Solutions; Justin Mouton, PURIS/PM Construction	Coordinated Microtunneling in Houston: 25,000' Gravity Sewer David Ellett, Pate Garver	Transforming Sewer Asset Management with AI: A Case Study Hossein Khaleghian, InfraTie Solutions; Yongwei Shan, Oklahoma State University	Preserving Mid-Century Water Infrastructure: CFRP Upgrade of 1949 Cast Iron Pipe Beneath Cedar Springs Road Culvert Mike Larsen, Structural Technologies	Requiring Basic Qualifications for HDD Jobs
9:30 – 9:55	Hidden Cost of the Manhole: Rethinking Sewer Access for the 21st Century Jason Shriver, Quickstream Solutions USA	Large-Diameter Corrugated Metal Pipe Storm Sewer Rehab Linda Cassel, Danby LLC; Bill Grubbs & Anthony Chapa, Boyer Inc.	Best Route Between Manholes Is Not Always a Straight Line: Curved Microtunneling for Deep Interceptors Scott Wetzel, STV; Patricia Davis, City of Hutto (TX); Garrett Brittain, McKee Utility Contractors	Why the Indiana State Legislature Authorized a State-Wide Water Asset Management Center Tom Iseley, P.E., Ph.D., Purdue University	Locating Buried Pipelines & Utility Lines in Navigable Waterways: Challenges, Solutions Jeff Wilkinson, SonDance Solutions	
10 – 10:25	Leveraging Time & Cost Savings of Trenchless Projects through Cooperative Purchasing Andrew Costa, Azuria Water Solutions	How Sanitation Became the Cornerstone of Ancient Civilization	Microtunneling Methods as Alternative & Complement to HDD	From Full Replacement to Targeted Rehab: How Acquaint's Tech Transformed a Force Main Plant Edzer Kooistra, Acquaint		Managing Soaring Insurance
10:30 – 10:55	Environmental Performance Evaluation of Low-Volatile Organic Compound (Low-VOC) Liners in CIPP Technology Parisa Beigvand & Mohammad Najafi, UTA/CUIRE	Joe Schotthoefer, Doetsch Environmental Services	Jeremy Stenslie, Herrenknecht Systems USA	Pinpointing the Problem: Mansfield's Phase 2 Approach to Targeted I/I Reduction Alec Propst, EIT, and Nicholas McCormick, P.E., Freese and Nichols		
11 – 11:25	Optimized Manhole Replacement Matt Stiller, RimRiser; Matt Kinson, Da-Lee Pavement Products; Taylor Scott, TMS Asphalt Specialties	Innovative Solutions in Rehabilitation & Construction: Extending Asset Lifespans in the Region of Peel Terry Martins, TCI Carbon Fibre Technologies; Anthony Parente, Region of Peel		Lessons Learned through the Switz City, IN, AMP Wei Liao, Purdue University; Adam Hershberger, AIRW		HDD Pilot Design Basics from a Driller's Perspective
11:30 - 12	Epoxy Rehabilitation & Protective Coatings of Lift Stations Misty Jameson, ACE Pipe Cleaning; JB Conant, Warren Environmental	Value Proposition for Rehabilitating versus Replacing Pipelines Michael Martinez, CPM Pipelines		Pump Station Pipeline Inspections Using Rope Access Kevin Weeks, PICA Corp.		Alaska Project
1-5 p.m.	EXHIBITS/LUNCH CENTER STAGE 1 - 2:30 p.m. HDD Hall of Fame Interactive Conversations 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Safety					
5:15-7 p.m.	HDD Hall of Fame/Reunion <i>ticketed event</i>					