



Network Sectorisation & Monitoring for Non-Revenue Water Control



CASE STUDY KEY POINTS

How to **build capacity** and network knowledge to **reduce water losses** and **sustainably maintain** those gains

Active Leakage Control 'find and fix' in **DMAs** supported by **software application** data analysis



How EPAL reduced leakage by 200 m³/hour from 500 to 150 litres/connection/day

Be as smart as you need to be

PORTUGAL NATIONAL CONTEXT



Portugal

- 92.200 square km
- 10.6 million population
- Majority of **Water sector** publically owned
- Mix **private, public & concession** operators
- Divided into **bulk treatment companies**, separate from **distribution utilities**

We know that **water losses** within distribution systems are an **economic & environmental problem** which **must be addressed**.

A **water loss reduction** project brings **operational efficiency** along with **financial** and **sustainability** benefits.



PORTUGAL NATIONAL CONTEXT

Problems contributing to Non-Revenue Water (NRW):

- **Poor measurement** of system water balances;
- **Aging networks** and often built with poor quality materials;
- **Deficit of knowledge** regarding networks: GIS, technical, operational;
- **Insufficient data**, standardization & systematization of reporting;
- **Insufficient technical teams** with low skill levels and poor knowledge.

In Portugal, **efficiency targets** have been set for utilities to achieve and **funding mechanisms** created for their implementation.



Source: ERSAR – RASARP 2012
(Portuguese Regulatory Report)

EPAL – ORIGINS IN 1868

Bulk Supply to around 2.9 million people in 34 municipalities around the Lisbon area and the city itself

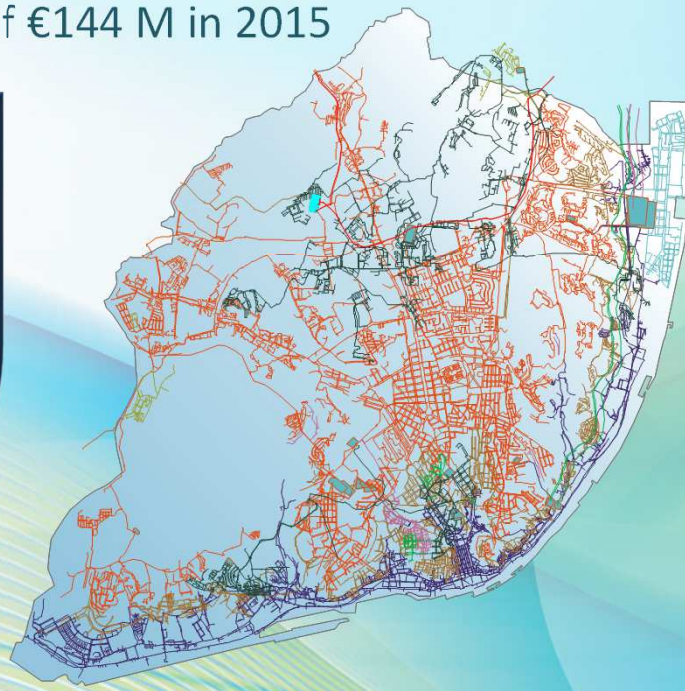
Management of **Águas de Lisboa & Vale do Tejo** totalling 96 municipalities

Direct Supply to 350,000 domestic and commercial customers within City of Lisbon

Largest water supplier in Portugal with a net profit of €47 M and a turnover of €144 M in 2015

**CITY OF LISBON
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

- 550,000 Population
- 170,000 m³ Daily Demand
- 1.450 km Distribution Mains
- 5 Pressure Zones



EPAL NON-REVENUE WATER SITUATION

Challenge

How to reduce annual NRW volume in the Lisbon distribution network which reached **40 million m³** at the turn of the millennium?

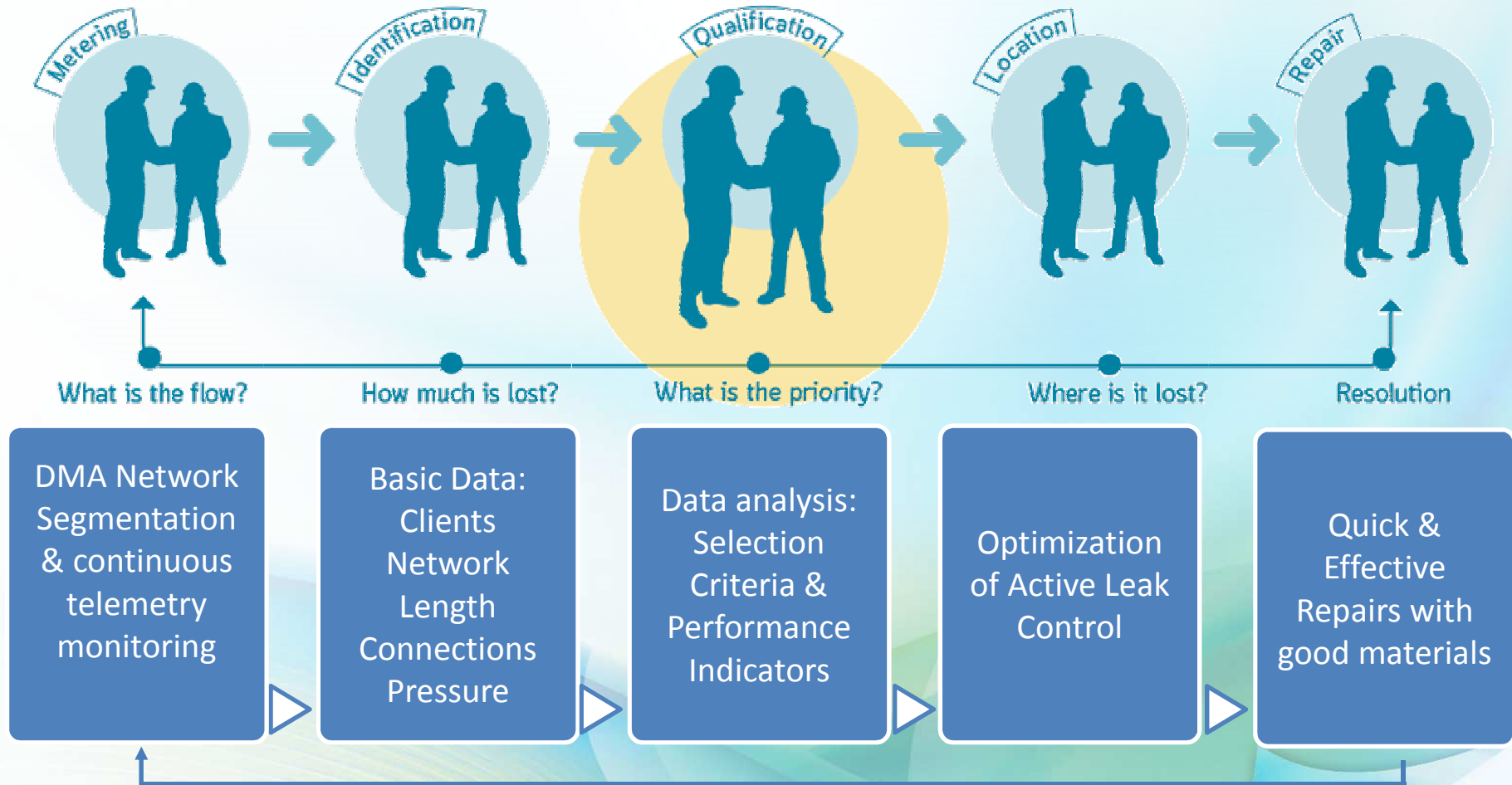
Strategy Decision

EPAL adopted solutions which:

1. **Minimize inefficiency** generated by water losses;
2. Are **easily implemented** and sustainable;
3. Are **transversal** to all areas of the company;
4. Allow **optimization of investments and resources**;
5. Generate **financial return** for the company and stakeholders, creating **greater resilience**.

**Project undertaken by company employees to build capacity
& retain knowledge in-house**

STRATEGY REQUIREMENTS



4 PHASES TO IMPROVE NETWORK KNOWLEDGE

1. DMA PLANNING & SET UP

Create metering points & telemetry

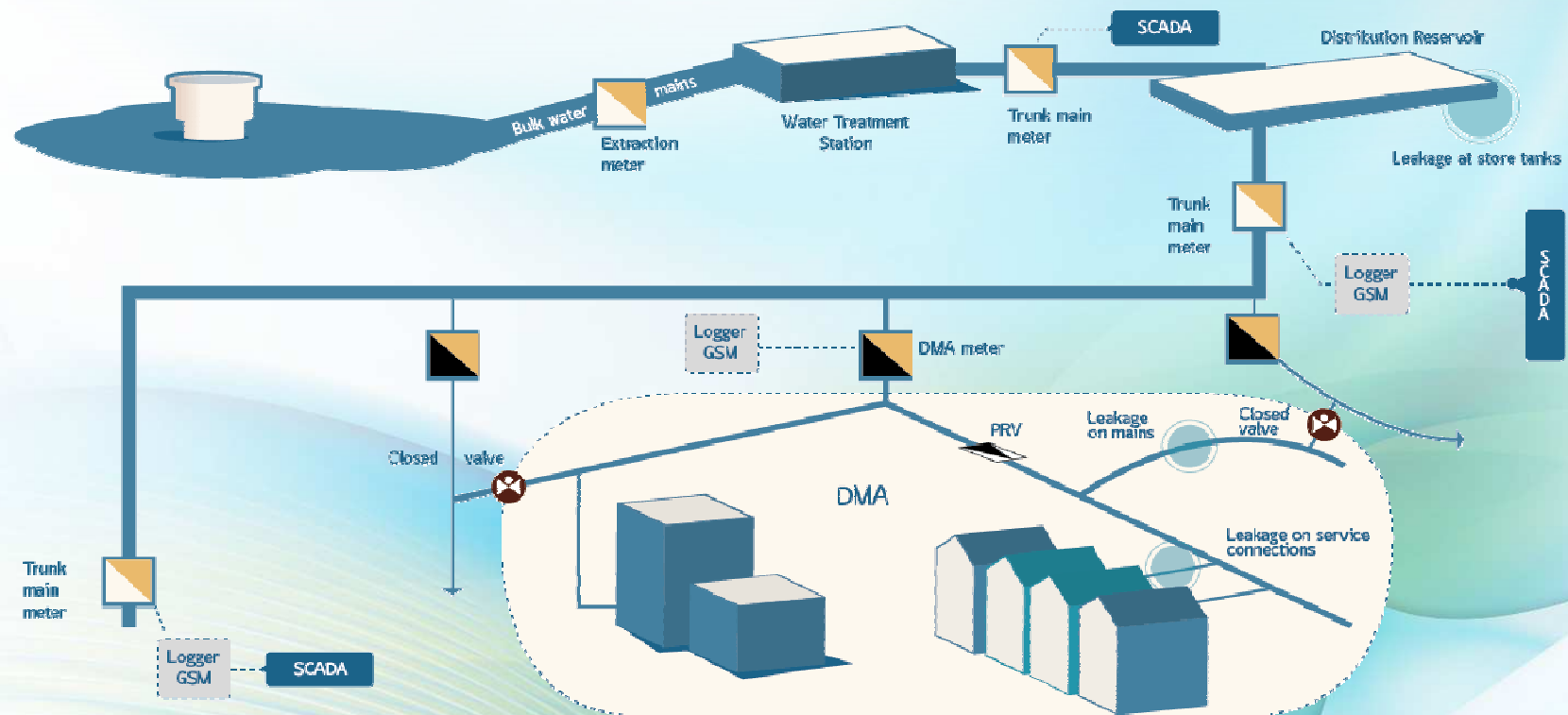
Design & boundary validation

DMA Implementation

2. CONTINUOUS MONITORING

Recording of pressure & flow

Passive system with active alarms



4 PHASES TO IMPROVE NETWORK KNOWLEDGE



3. DATA ANALYSIS

Integration in analysis software
Practical Performance Indicators
System Alarm & Alert Management
Leakage assessment & Target setting
Surgical Control of leakage

4. INFORMATION REPORTING

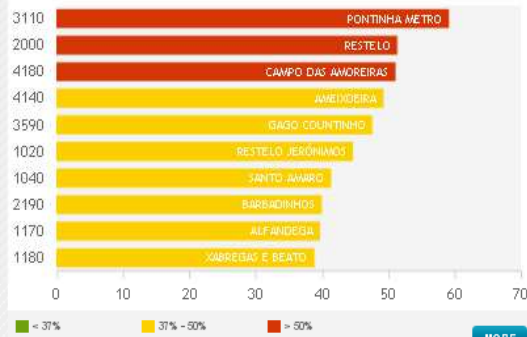
DMA Proposals & Reference Manuals
DMA Analysis & Audit Project Reports



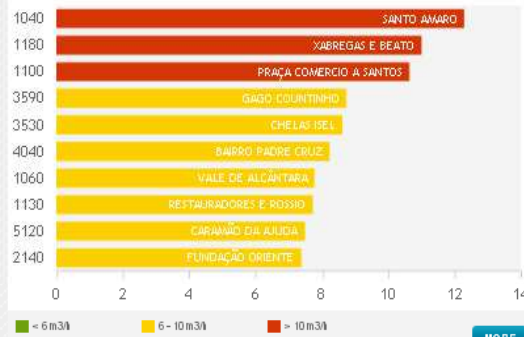


Resume - Friday, March 21, 2014

DMA - POOREST PERFORMING



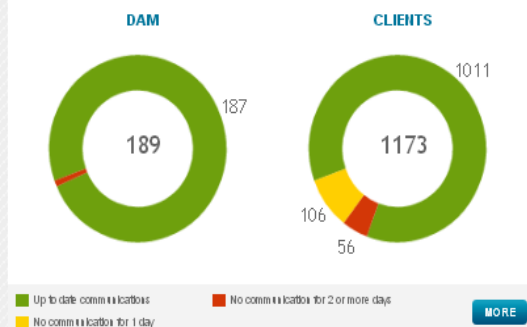
DMA - HIGHEST AVOIDABLE LOSSES



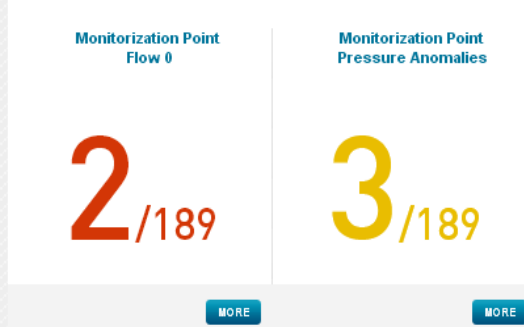
WARNINGS



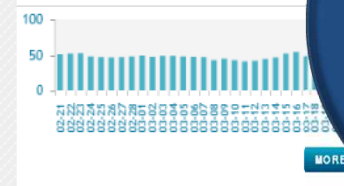
COMMUNICATIONS



INDICATORS



AVOIDABLE LOSSES PER NETWORK



Distribution Network

1.250 km sectorized mains
1600 Monitoring Points
156 DMAs



DMA Daily Control - Net

DMA

Date 3/21/2014

REFRESH

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FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014					THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014									
! (17/1)	🔔 (0)	Detail	Net	Combi.	DMA	Flow Minimum (m3/h)	Flow Minimum (m3/h)	Snap. Flow Minimum (m3/h)	Flow Maximum (m3/h)	Total Volume (m3)	Min/Avg Flow Coefficient (37%-50%)	Retriev. Night Losses (m3/h) (6-10)	Retriev. Night Losses (m3/h/km) (0.6-1.2)	Ranking (45/70)
●		+	📊	📊	2260 - Olivais Sul	2.3	2.3	1.7	39.8	390.2	13.8%	NaN	NaN	0
●		+	📊	📊	2270 - Olivais Norte	11.7	10.6	8.7	76.4	944.8	27%	2.5	0.1	0
		+	📊	📊	2280 - Olivais à Chelas ZM	2.0	0.8	-1.2	13.4	185.2	10.1%	0.5	0.1	0
		+	📊	📊	2290 - Vale Formoso de Cima	2.0	2.3	2.0	15.7	201.9	27%	1.1	0.4	0
		+	📊	📊	3000 - Alto do Restelo Oeste	4.8	5.7	4.4	39.1	532.8	25.5%	2.2	0.2	0
		+	📊	📊	3010 - Caselas	3.0	3.3	2.5	22.1	294.7	26.7%	0.8	0.1	0
●		+	📊	📊	3020 - Alto do Restelo	3.4	3.4	3.1	45.5	556.9	14.7%	0.6	0.1	0
●		+	📊	📊	3030 - Ajuda e Alvito	6.1	6.2	5.9	39.0	541.8	27.4%	3.1	0.3	0
		+	📊	📊	3040 - Escola Manuel da Maia	8.6	8.0	7.2	37.2	546.2	34.9%	4.8	0.7	15
●		+	📊	📊	3050 - Bairro Calçada dos Mestres	3.5	4.0	3.8	30.4	345.2	28%	NaN	NaN	0
		+	📊	📊	3060 - Infante Santo	12.1	10.8	10.4	63.6	862.8	30.1%	5.0	0.6	0
		+	📊	📊	3070 - Campo de Ourique	8.4	9.3	8.8	88.7	1084.2	20.6%	0.9	0.1	0
●		+	📊	📊	3089 - Estrela	16.7	14.2	12.0	118.8	1537.4	22.2%	4.7	0.3	0
●		+	📊	📊	3090 - Mae d Agua	19.3	14.5	6.2	93.2	1292.8	26.9%	NaN	NaN	0
●		+	📊	📊	3100 - Bairro Alto	12.8	10.7	10.2	85.1	1224.8	20.9%	NaN	NaN	0
●		+	📊	📊	3110 - Pontinha Metro	8.2	9.5	8.4	23.2	385.3	59.2%	6.3	0.8	65





Daily Total and Min. Graph

Initial Date: Final Date:

DMA: Report:

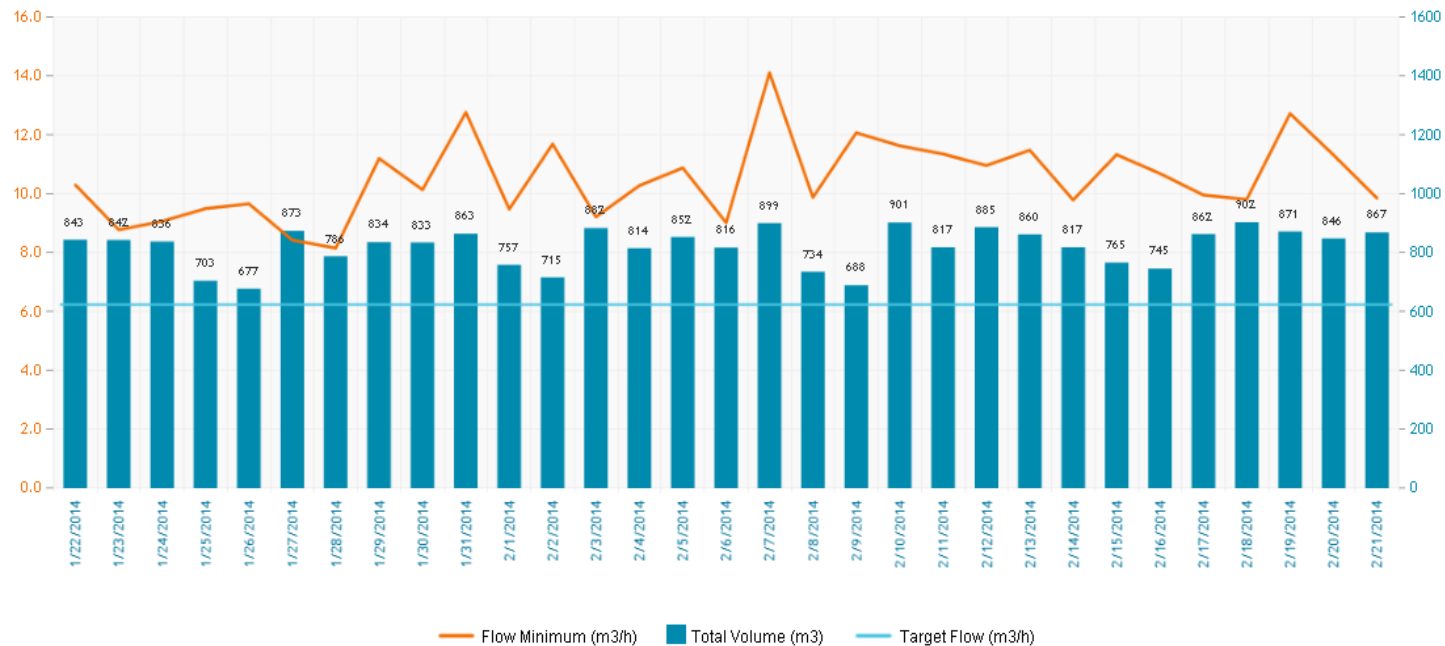
Min (Y1): Max (Y1):

Min (Y2): Max (Y2):

Export:

DMA 1000 - Algés e Restelo

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 - Friday, February 21, 2014





Pressure and Flow Profile Graph

Initial Date: 7/29/2012 Final Date: 8/7/2012

Min (Y1): Max (Y1)

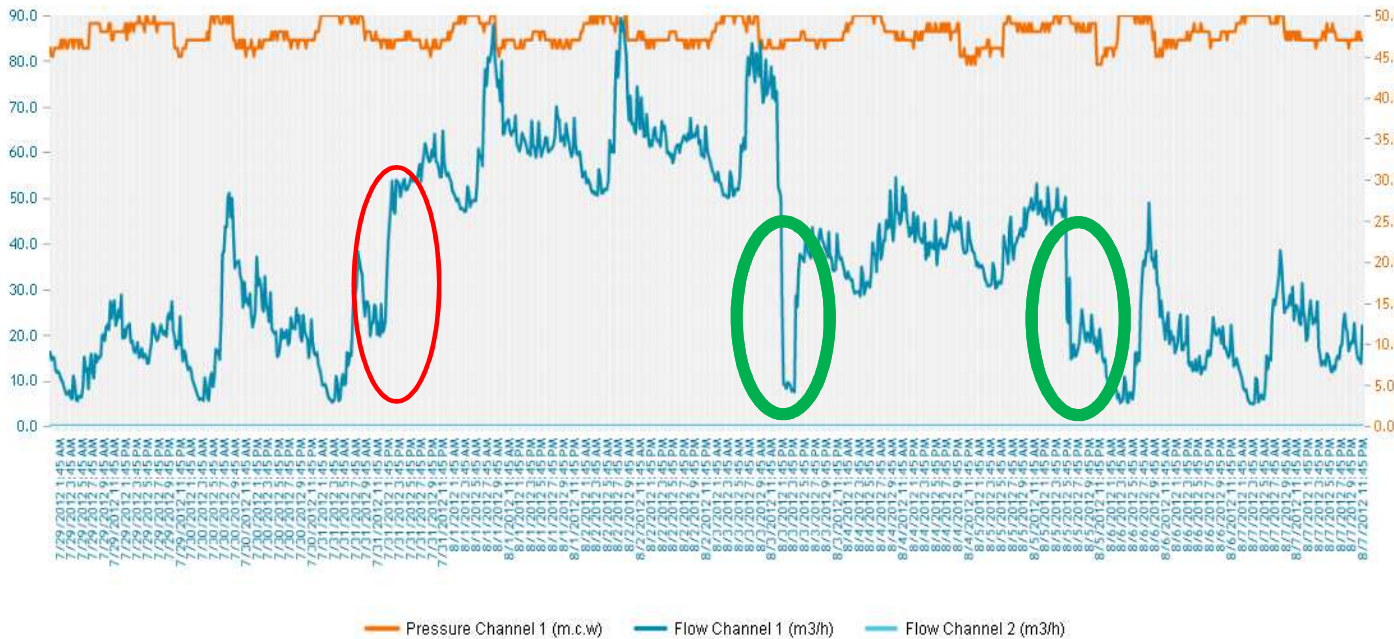
Min (Y2): Max (Y2)

Monitoring Point: 41100000 - R Vieira Almeida

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Monitoring Point 41100000 - R Vieira Almeida

Sunday, July 29, 2012 - Tuesday, August 07, 2012



Leak Detection
Quantification
Repair
Validation



Daily Total and Min. Graph

Initial Date: 1/1/2014 Final Date: 3/27/2014

DMA: 3350 - Penha de França N. Report: DMA Report Net

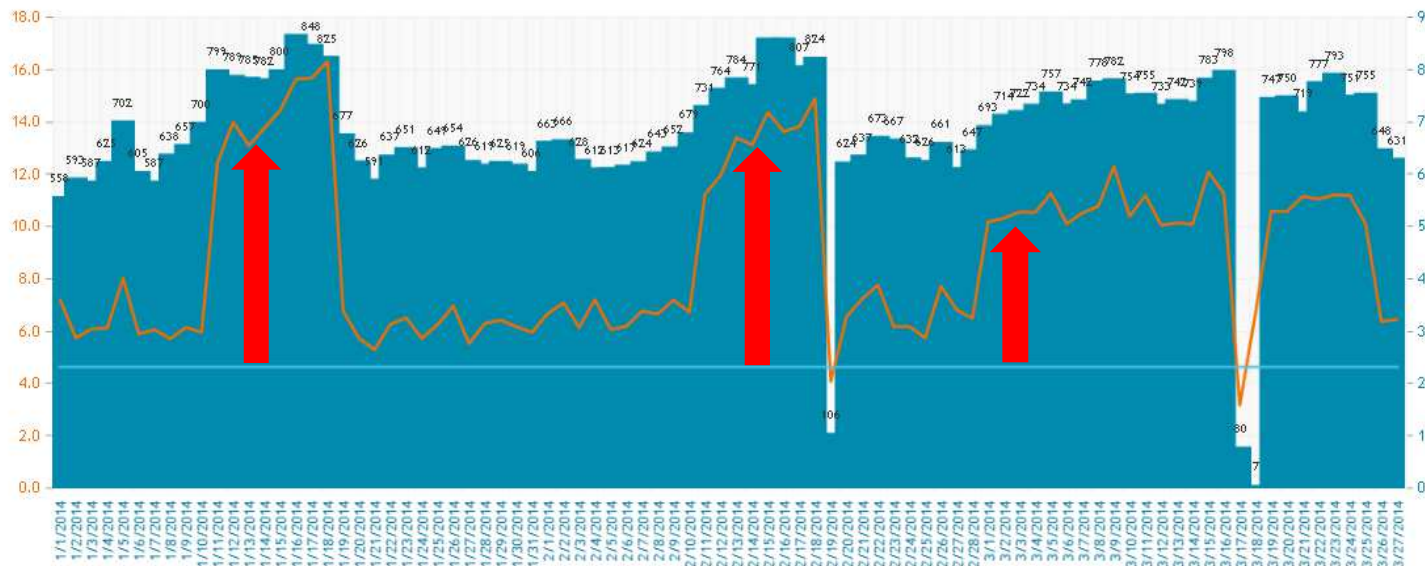
Min (Y1): Max (Y1):

Min (Y2): Max (Y2):

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DMA 3350 - Penha de França Norte

Wednesday, January 01, 2014 - Thursday, March 27, 2014



Flow Minimum (m3/h) Total Volume (m3) Target Flow (m3/h)

**Constant
Vigilance:
2014
Six years of
waiting, then
three in a row**

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DMA Analysis Project Methodology:

Data analysis revealed
Recoverable Night Flow 130 m³/h

Fieldwork –Find ‘n’ Fix:

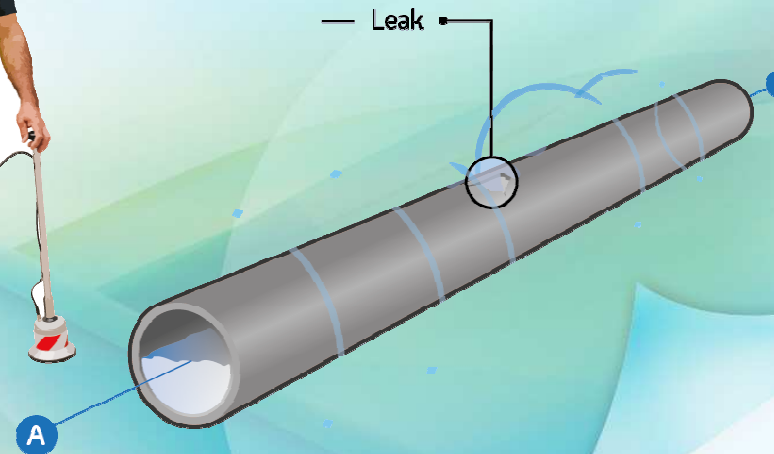
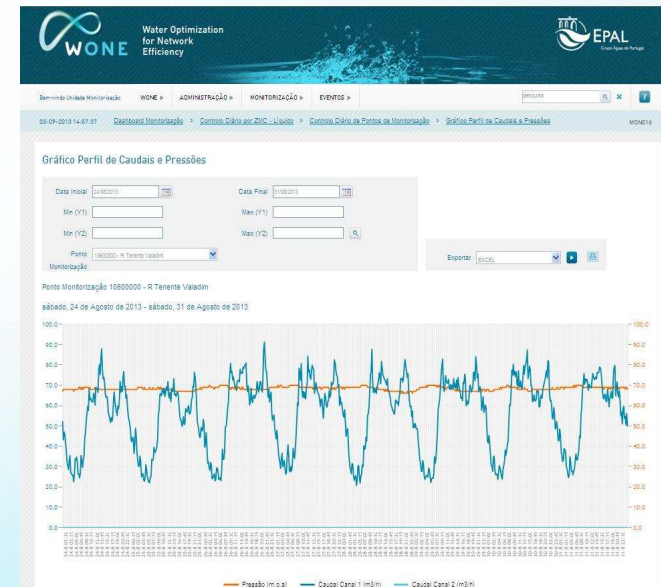
DMA boundary valve validation

- *Leak Detection*
- *Ground microphones*
- *Acoustic Correlation*
- *Temporary DMA Alterations*

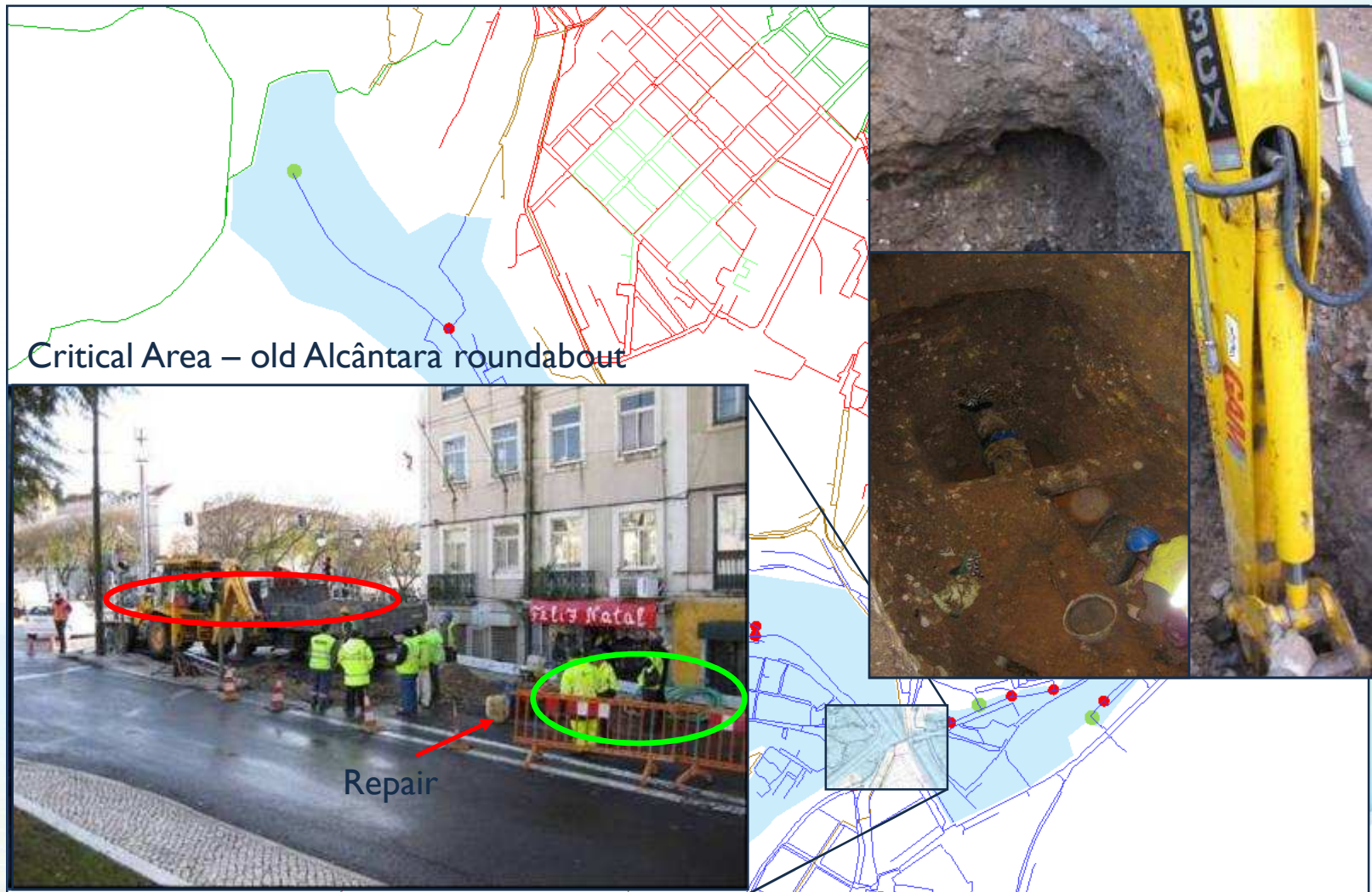
Leak Repair

Validation of results

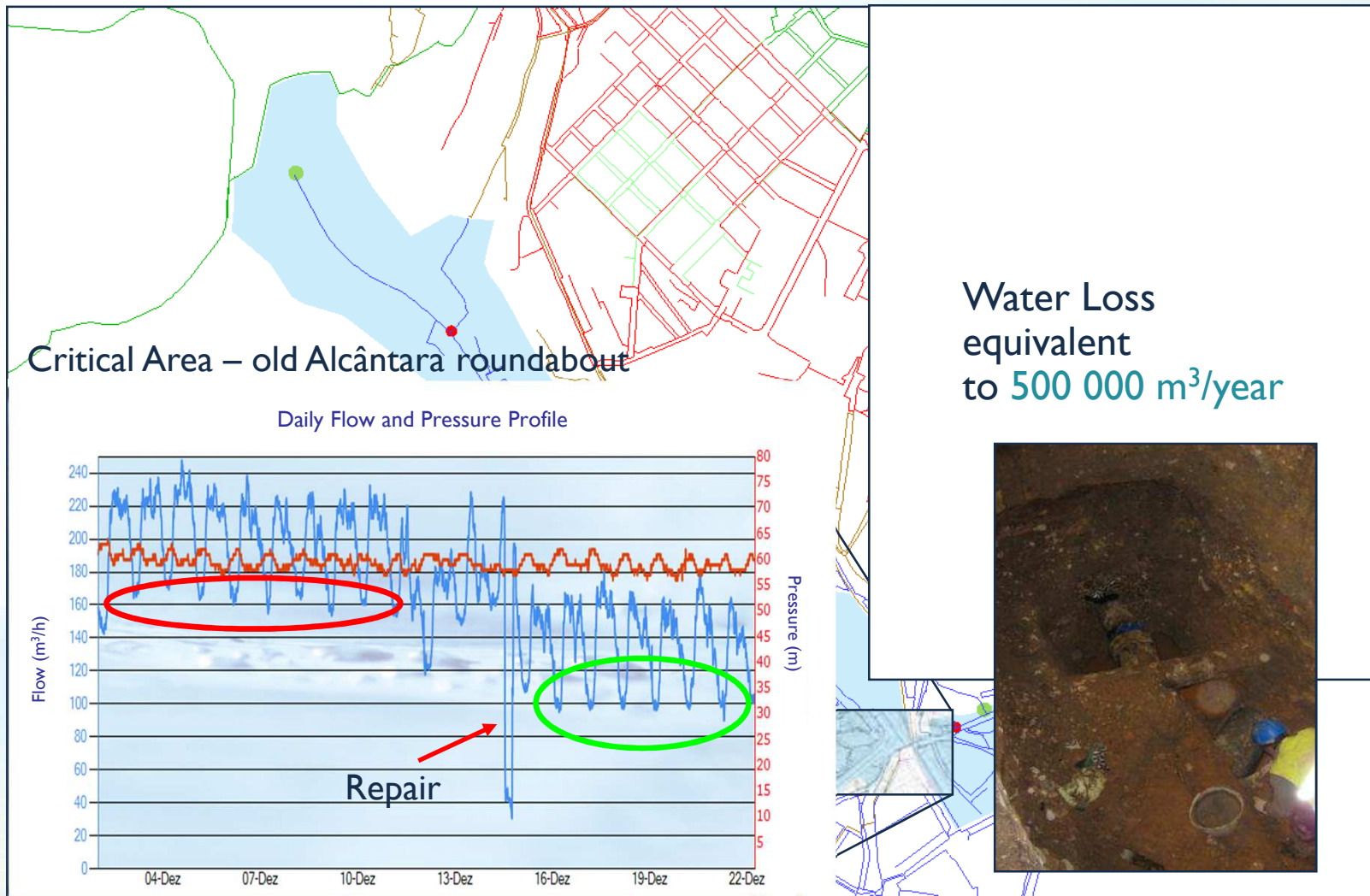
Leak location registered on GIS



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Combined Graph - DMA

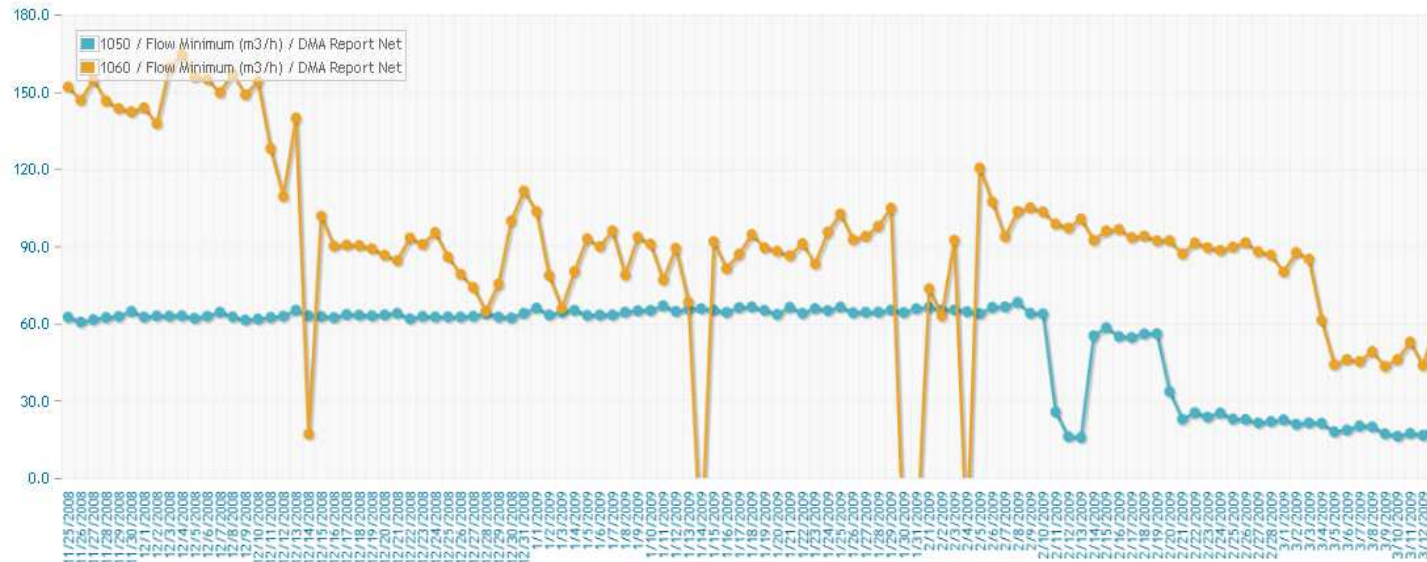
Initial Date: 11/25/2008 Min (Y1): 0
 Final Date: 3/13/2009 Max (Y1): 180

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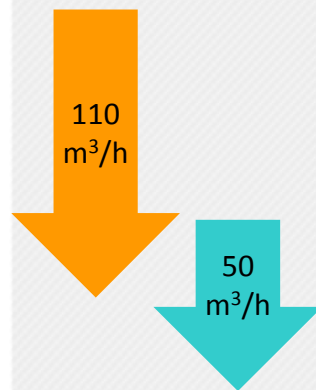
DMA / Indicator / Report

1050 - Alcântara à São J Flow Minimum (m3/h) DMA Report Net +
 1060 - Vale de Alcântara Flow Minimum (m3/h) DMA Report Net -

Tuesday, November 25, 2008 - Friday, March 13, 2009



Leak reduction in two DMAs paid for entire DMA project for whole city in 3 years!



1.4 million m³/year

NON-REVENUE WATER REDUCTION SUCCESS



Cumulative savings of around 135 million m³ since 2005

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
NRW (l/conn/day)				582	518	488	367	350	325	270	226	174	142	143
NRW (%)				23.5	20.2	17.2	14.8	13.5	11.8	10.0	8.7	7.9	8.1	8.7
Real Losses (ILI)				9.6	8.5	7.7	6.0	5.7	5.2	4.4	3.6	2.8	2.4	2.4

- Impact of Network Rehabilitation & Active Leakage Control
- Enhanced network management & control
- Positive results across all performance indicators
- Improved Resilience & greater know-how created within EPAL

KEY CASE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

Provoke a **cultural change** at all levels and areas, **adapting to new concepts of management**

Build **water loss control capacity**, both **physical infrastructure** and sufficiently **trained staff**

Acquire and retain **empirical knowledge** of the company's network within the organisation

Success achieved by creating a **dedicated water loss control team**, supported directly by management, with **resources and responsibility** over fundamental factors;

- DMA planning, implementation and subsequent management
- Maintenance of DMA meters, telemetry and boundary valves
- Active leak detection
- Data management software with KPIs focused on water loss assessment

Consider the correlation between **DMA size** and potential **achievable water loss reduction**

Water loss control concepts are well-known, the **challenge of sustainably managing** such systems over the long-term with **constant vigilance is the key goal**

Common-sense solutions, Smart People...



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