Leak Survey Management at Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. Using an ArcGIS Server Solution

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Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

- Largest natural gas utility in Canada
- Longest-serving natural gas utility in Ontario with 166 years of history
- +2 million customers (+92% residential)
- 36,000km of transmission and distribution mains
- Distribute about 400 BCF of natural gas per year
- Own about 105 BCF of underground gas storage facilities





Objective:

 Develop and implement a geospatially driven Leak Survey Management System

Project Details:

- Project began in early 2012 with a 12 month business requirements gathering process
- January 2013 released an invited RFP to potential vendors
- March to May 2013 evaluated proposals and awarded contract to 3-GIS LLC
- Agile build approach July 2013 to March 2014
- System and user testing from April to July 2014
- Implemented with 35 users in August 2014



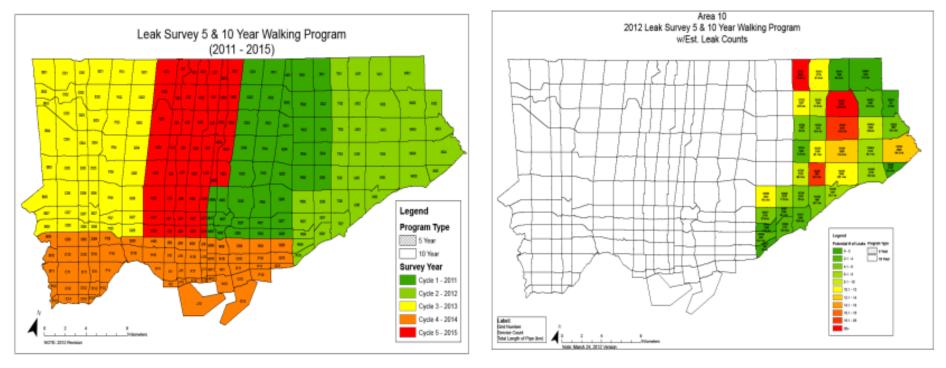
- EGD is legally required to perform regular leak surveys to detect and then remediate natural gas leaks.
- Performed by walking and driving in proximity to gas mains and services using sensitive detection equipment.





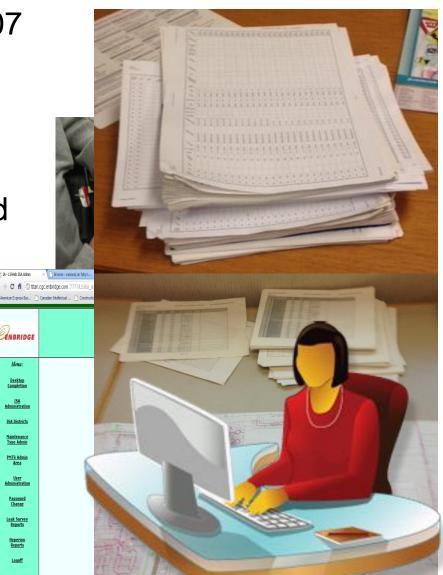


- 2013 Leak Survey Stats:
 - 467,000 gas services
 - 10,450 Kilometres of gas main
 - 2274 Leak indications found
 - 35 Leak Surveyors (Company and Contractor)



Previous System: LSWEB

- LSWEB implemented in 2007
- Web based application handled all creation, and scheduling
- Field computer used for field completions
- All users relied heavily on paper service listings and service atlas plates
- Intensive backend upload process for contractor work





Leak Survey Management System Design Requirements





Three primary design objectives:

- 1. Leak Survey Program Management
 - Design and creation of survey programs
 - Scheduling
 - Assessment
 - Reporting
- 2. Focus on field execution
 - Ease of use for field users
- 3. Provide meaningful, accessible and defendable data
 - Right information in right format at right time

Leak Survey Management System

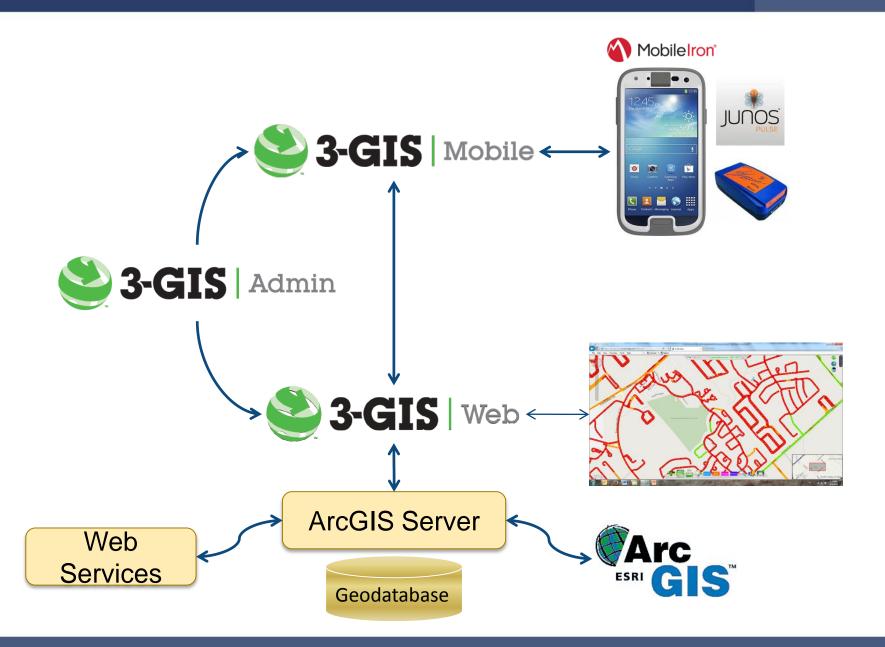




- LSMS is a GIS driven GPS tracked system to manage all Leak Survey programs from creation to completion
- Designed to work within the Esri ecosystem
- Office side application is web based
- Field side application designed to be deployed on any Android device
- Developed with Solution Solution Solution
 Business Partner

System Overview







The system is designed to provide Leak Surveyors with:

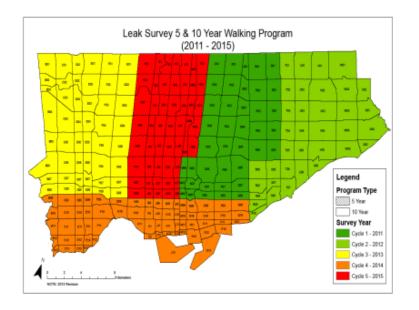
- Ability to get assigned work from any location having a mobile connection
- Ability to perform work without a mobile connection
- Have more detail and guidance of the assets needed to be surveyed and hazards that can be encountered when surveyed
- Log and report any survey findings
- Ability to record emergency surveys
- Fast data synchronization
- Not interfere with the leak surveying activity

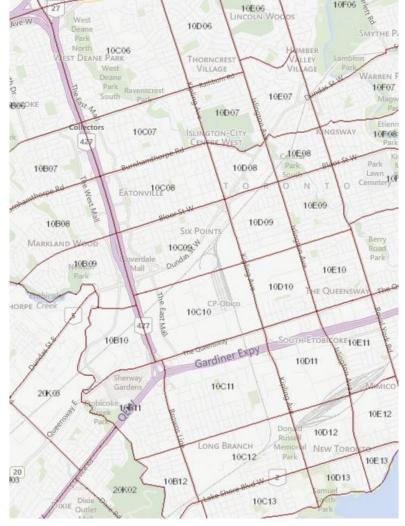
Leak Survey Program Design



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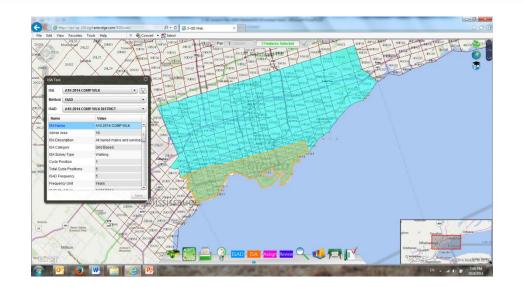
- Leak survey programs are primarily organized using a GIS Grid layer
- Cyclical (Months to 10 Years)
- Geospatially managed





Leak Survey Program Design





Inspection Survey Area -District (ISAD)

Program Survey Type (PST) Inspection Survey Area (ISA)

A collection of grid(s) used for a specific leak survey program

Type and kind of assets used to be surveyed

Executable leak survey program

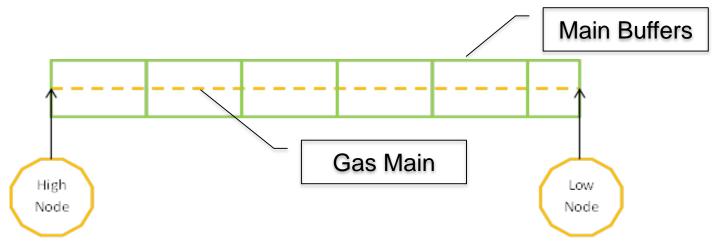


Challenge:

- Relate a GPS recorded survey path to a particular gas main asset
- Provisions for data and GPS inaccuracies

Solution:

 Generation of customizable colour coded Main Buffers that are linked to the gas main and the survey path



Gas Main Inspection Management Main Buffer Generation







Gas Main Inspection Management Leak Surveyor Completion





- Based on Surveyor's location within the main buffer the survey status of the main buffer completes automatically.
- Main buffers are colour coded to illustrate survey status
 - -GREEN is not completed
 - -RED is Automatically Completed
 - ORANGE is Manually Completed
 - -BLUE is Unable to Survey



Challenge:

- Do we relate a GPS recorded survey path to a particular gas service asset?
- Provisions for virtual service lines, data and GPS inaccuracies

Solution:

- Tabular service listings with based on Surveyor's field requirements
- Services selected to be part of the program based on:
 - 1. The service attributes (e.g. Copper, W2W, Farm Taps)
 - 2. The address point's (Centroid) location with ISAD

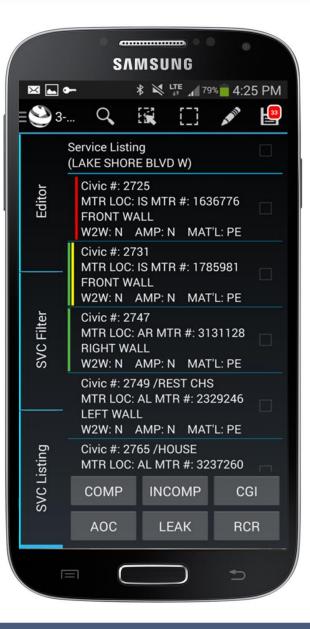
Gas Service Inspection Management Service Listing Program Generation





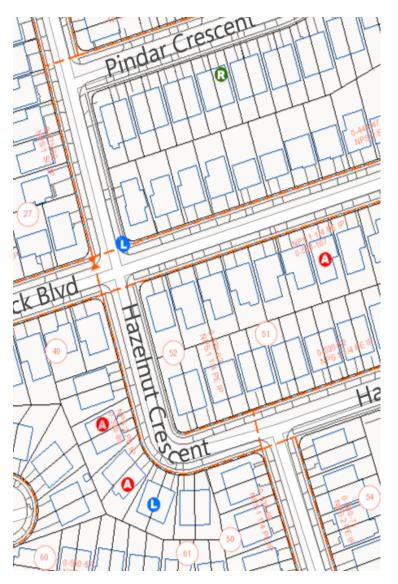
Gas Service Inspection Management Leak Surveyor Completion





- Service listings can be filtered and organized several ways for the user
- Service listings are produced and colour coded to illustrate known hazards, found features, and survey completions
- Commands to:
 - Complete survey events
 - Record access issues
 - Create Leaks, Abnormal Operating Conditions and Record Correct Requests
- Service details with relevant location, installation, and hazard details

Feature Identification Management



- All features found by Leak Surveyors are mapped to the service or main asset that it was found on, found features include:
 - Leak Indications
 - Abnormal Operating Conditions (AOC)
 - Records Correction Requests
- This information is sharable and retrievable by other Leak Surveyors.



Challenge:

- Assurance that program work is completed
- Maintained oversight of survey quality and findings

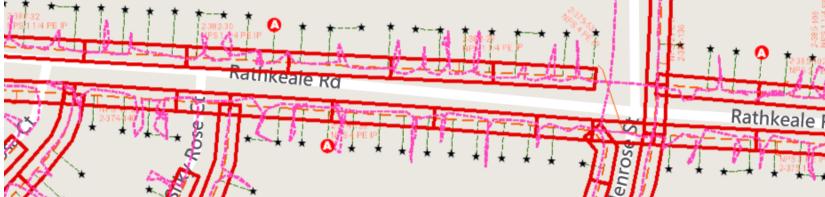
Solution:

- Review tool with functionality to allow quick assessment of the program's completion and findings at the program level down to the survey event level.
- Provide zoom function to allow Supervisors to easily check on Leak Surveyor's spatial work from the tabular survey event level.

Program Control and Assessment



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20 2014 WLK COMP	20D06	6439	109081		99%	98%	kessi	inip		Active	
20 2014 WLK COMP	20E05	4222	66172		36%	37%	coste	ellp, garbea		Active	
20 2014 WLK COMP	20E06	5353	63122		95%	99%	kessi	inip		Active	
20 2014 WLK COMP	20F06	5618	72394		99%	100%	kessi	inip		Active	
20 2014 WLK COMP	20G05	3077	52382		9%	7%	kyddr	m, dykstraz, edward	s2	Active	
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1071127 Servi	ce 4952	NATKA	RNICRES	1177266	garbea	08/2	7/2014	Manual Complete			
2072547 Servi	ce 4656	CROSS	CREEK CRT	1102425	garbea	08/2	7/2014	Manual Complete			
1787765 Servi	ce 4771	RATHK	EALE RD	1366875	garbea	08/2	3/2014	Manual Complete			
2580124 Servi	ce 1461	EDENF	OSE ST	1113770	garbea	08/2	3/2014	Manual Complete			
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Implemented Mid-August 2014

First 60 days of use:

- Created more than 360,000 survey events including 6,000km of main buffers
- Leak Surveyors have completed:
 - More than 60,000 gas service line surveys
 - More than 1,000km of gas main surveys



 Love the device!!! Nice to be able to capture the little nuances and show them in the bread-crumb trail. User friendly and far faster for service references. I used to spend a lot of time referencing EGIS, huge savings! Only the third day in the field with it, but already I'm a disciple! – WH

 Everyone truly did embrace the new technology and were more than pleased with the finished product! –PC

• Love the system! - MK

Questions?





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