

THE PROBLEM.....





### Why Provide Corrosion Control?

- Regulatory Compliance
- Preserve Assets That Have Become LIABILITIES!
- Dramatically Reduce Likelihood of Product Releases
- Significantly Reduce Maintenance Costs
- Environmental Preservation

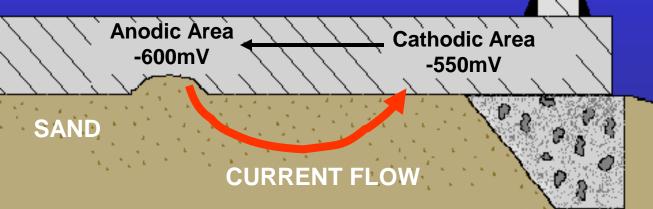




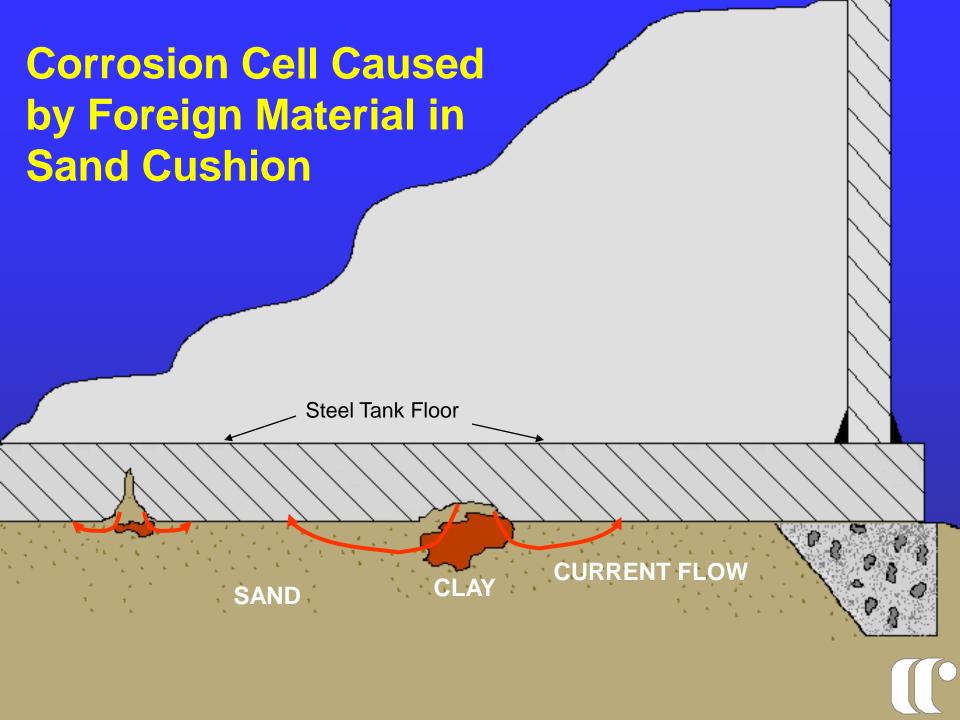




# External Corrosion of Tank Bottom

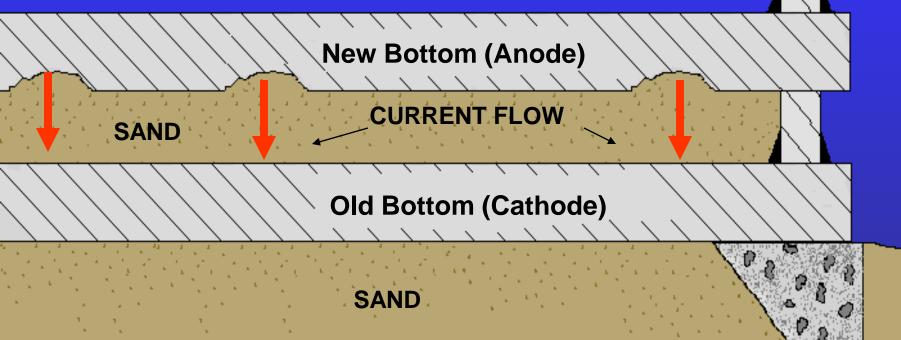








#### New Steel Coupled to Old Steel





# **Corrosion Caused by Poor Water Drainage WATER**

MOIST SAND

**DRY** 

**SAND** 



#### **State Level**

- Approximately 25% of States now require cathodic protection be installed and maintained on new, refurbished, or repaired tanks in contact with soil or sand foundations.
- A number of other states are in the process of implementing regulations governing AST's.

#### **MAJOR OIL**

 Vast Majority of Oil Marketers Have Employed CP for Decades

Laws Changing Dramatically

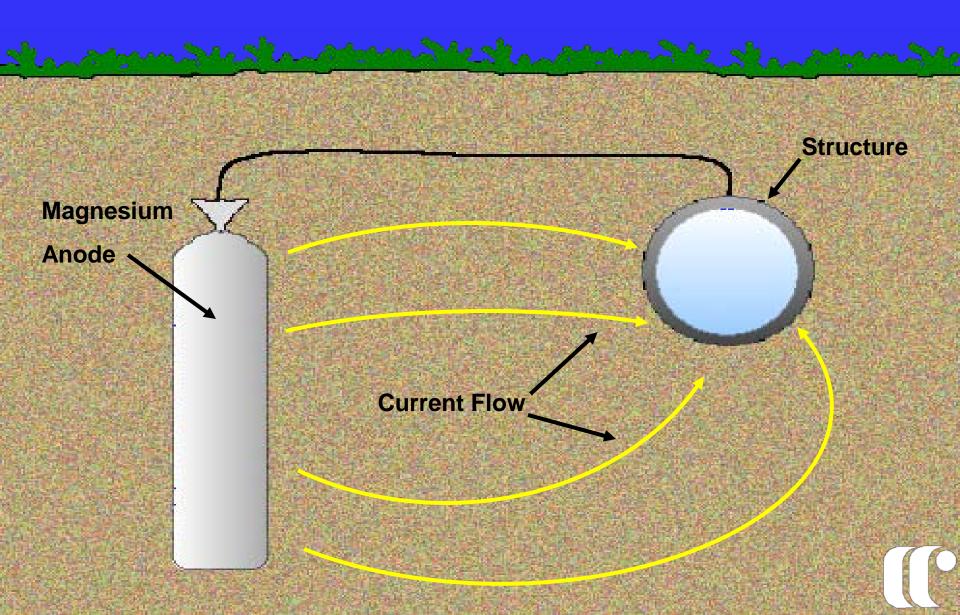
## **Types of Cathodic Protection**

<u>Galvanic</u>: Current obtained from a metal with a higher energy level.

Impressed Current: Requires external power source (transformer rectifier).



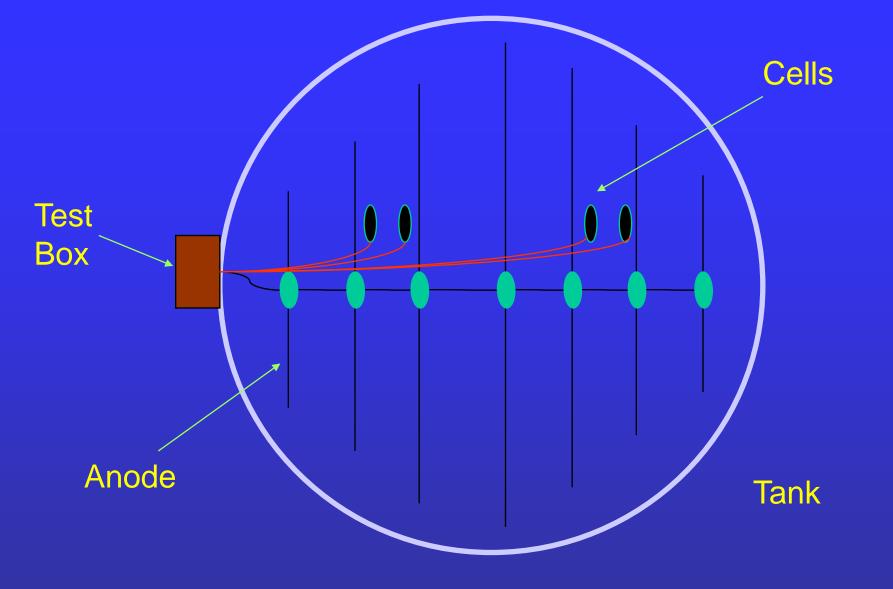
#### **Galvanic Cathodic Protection**



### **Galvanic System**

- Difficulty in meeting NACE -850mV Criteria
- Sand Quality impacts anode performance / life
- Typically Very Short Life / Poor Track Record
- Not recommended for large diameter AST's





# **Galvanic Anodes**



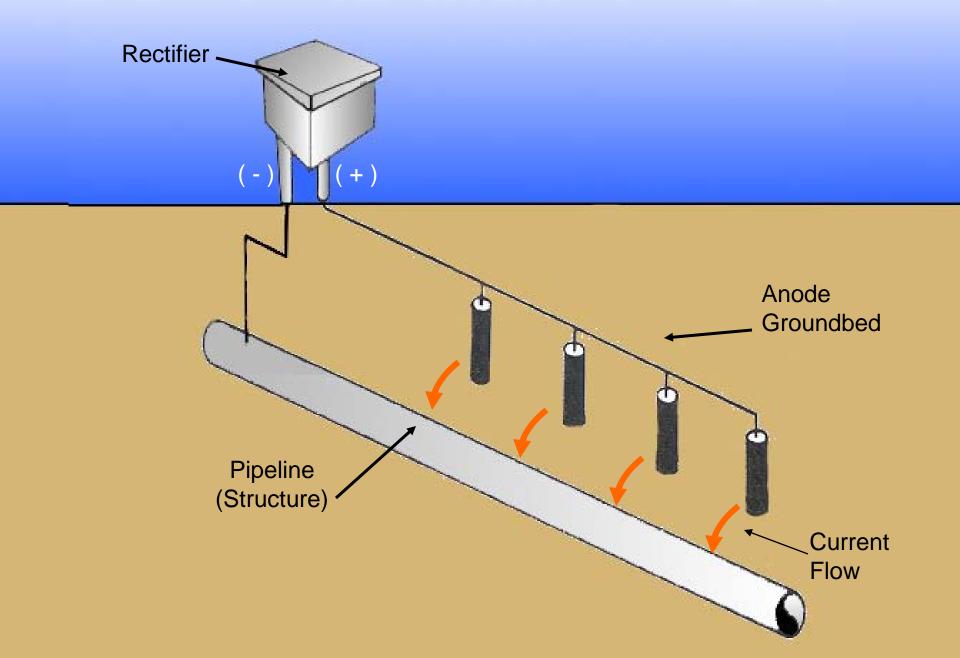
## SAND QUALITY

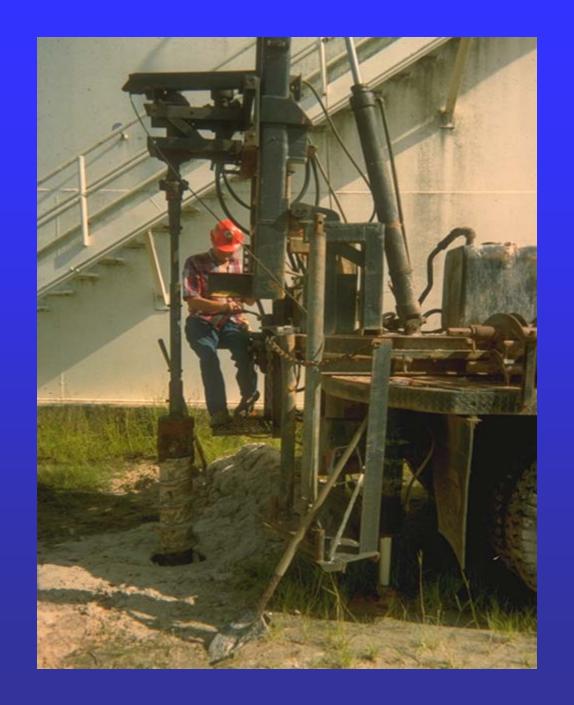
- The rate of corrosion is dependent on the characteristics of the sand.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> means of corrosion control is a good quality sand material.
- On-site testing has indicated that provided sand is as much as ten times more corrosive than recommended sand.

#### **Sand Recommendation**

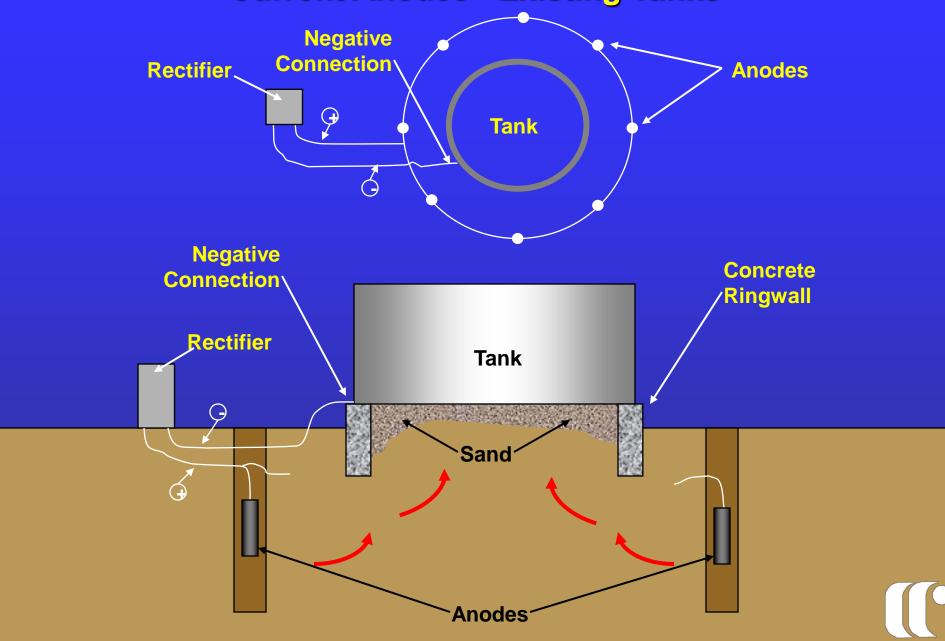
- Silica
- pH Between 6.5 and 8.5
- Moisture less than 5%
- Chlorides less than 10 ppm
- Resistivity greater than 30,000 ohm-cm

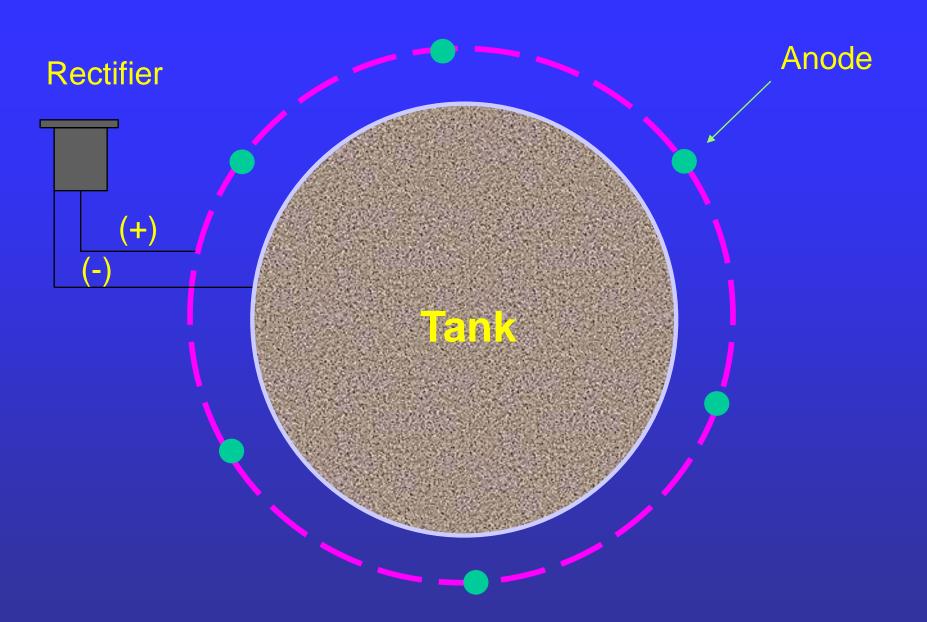
### **Impressed Current System**





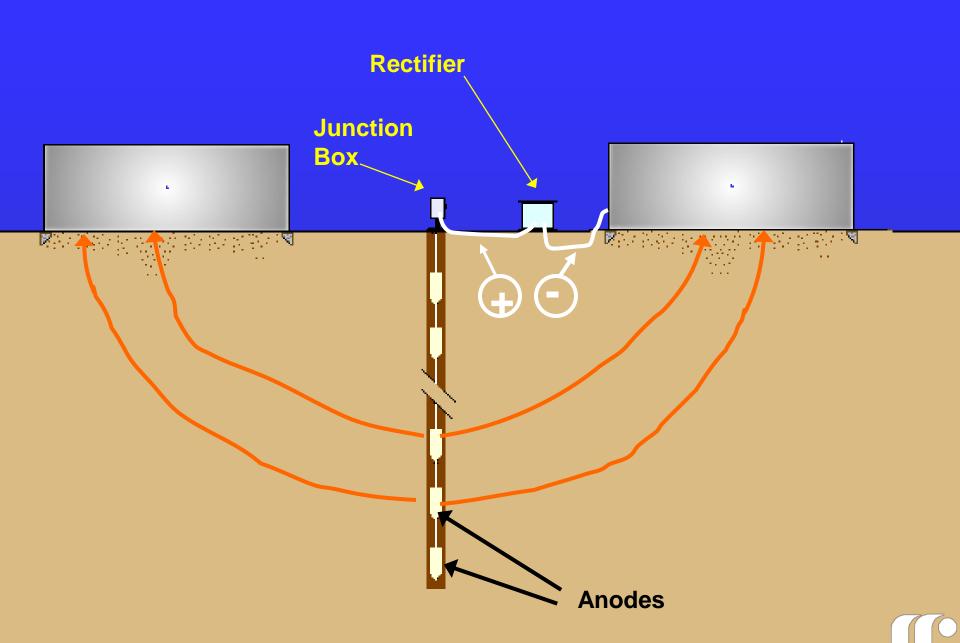
#### Above Ground Storage Tank Vertical Impressed Current Anodes - Existing Tanks

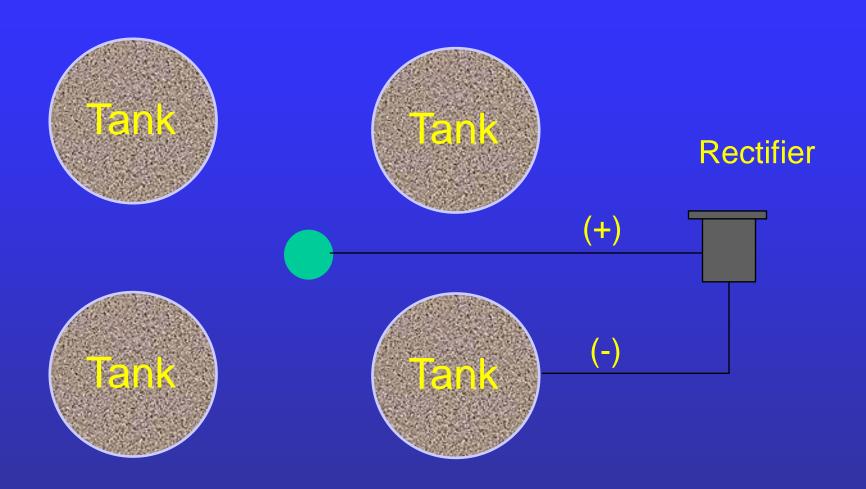




# **Shallow Anodes**







# Deep Anode



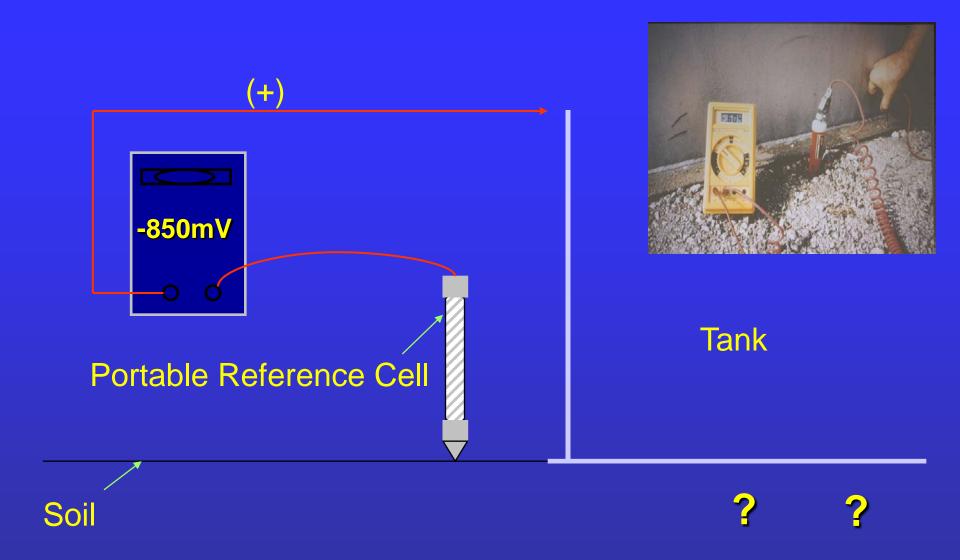


MFL Floor Inspection

# **Mechanical Integrity**

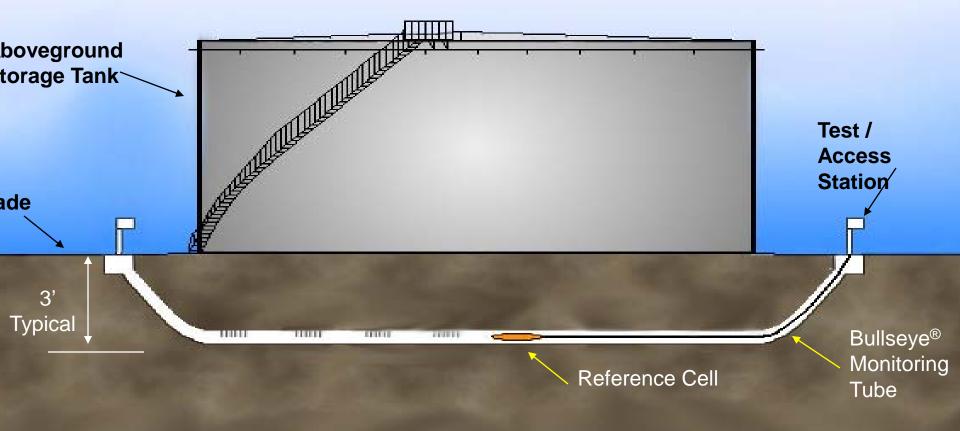
• API-653 Inspections Should Coincide With the Results of a CP System Evaluation

• Corrosion Engineers and Mechanical Inspectors Must be on the Same Page



#### **Rim Potential Measurements**





	Rim	25'	Center	55'	Rim
On	-1411	-698	-404	-601	-1455
Off	-902	-664	-402	-578	-911

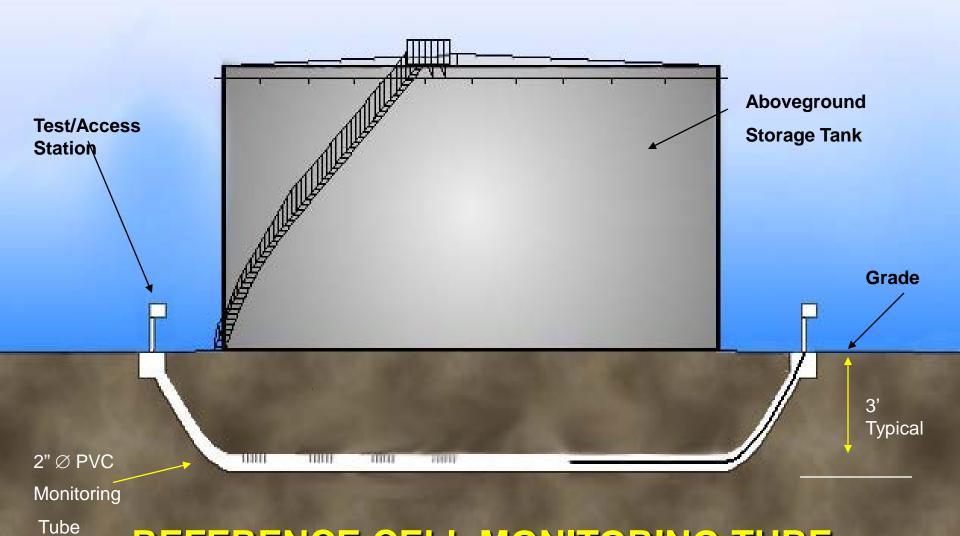
Potentials (mV)





# Directional Boring Under Existing AST





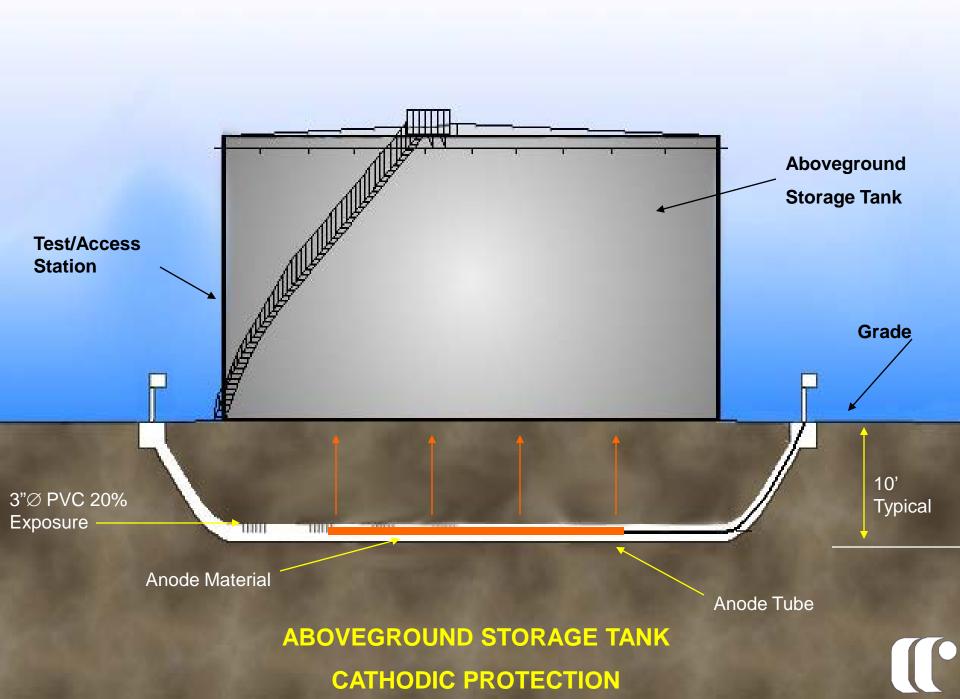
REFERENCE CELL MONITORING TUBE



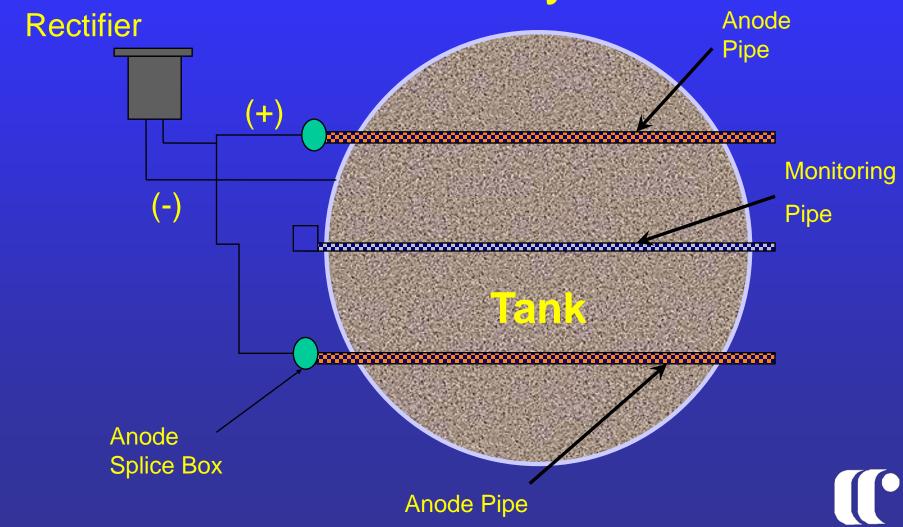
#### Directional Bore Under Tank for Anode or Reference Cell Placement







## Computer Guided Horizontally Bored Anode System



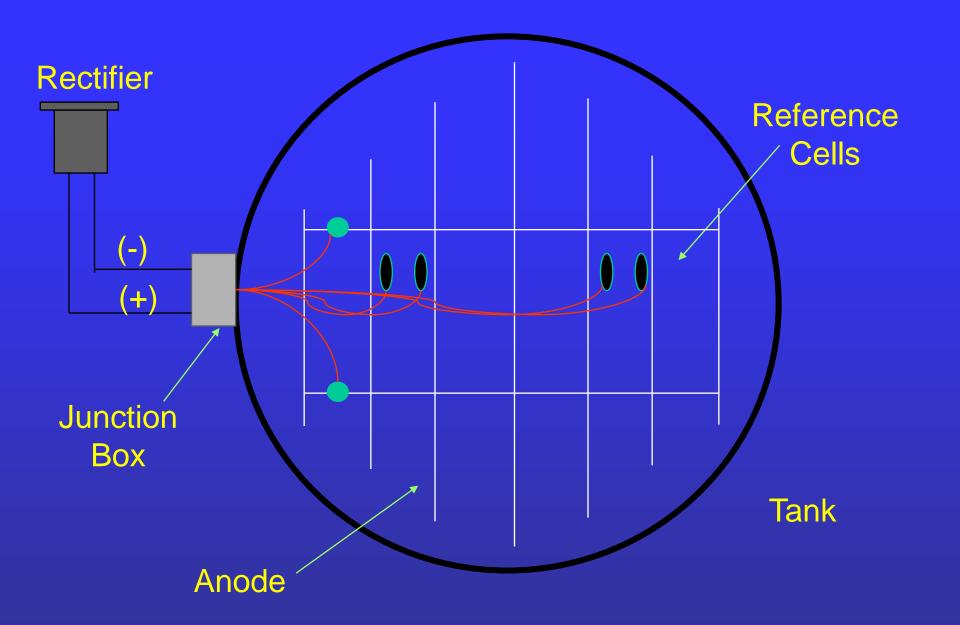
#### CP Applications for Re-bottomed or New Tanks







**New Floor Installation on Existing AST** 



#### **Impressed Current**





**CP Installation on Rebottomed Tank** 

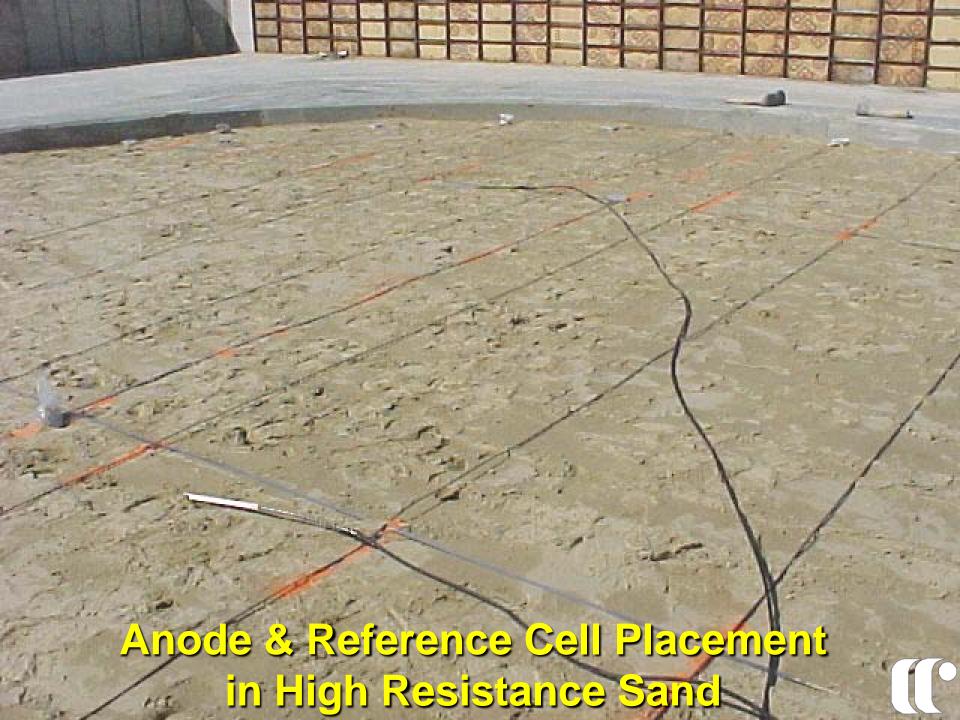
#### **Above Ground**

## **Storage Tank Bottoms**

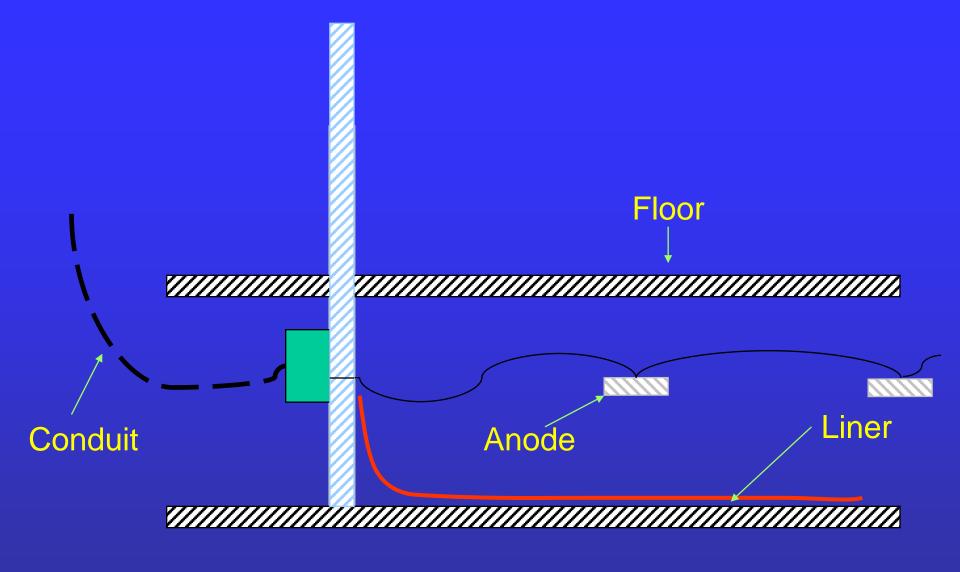
with Secondary Containment









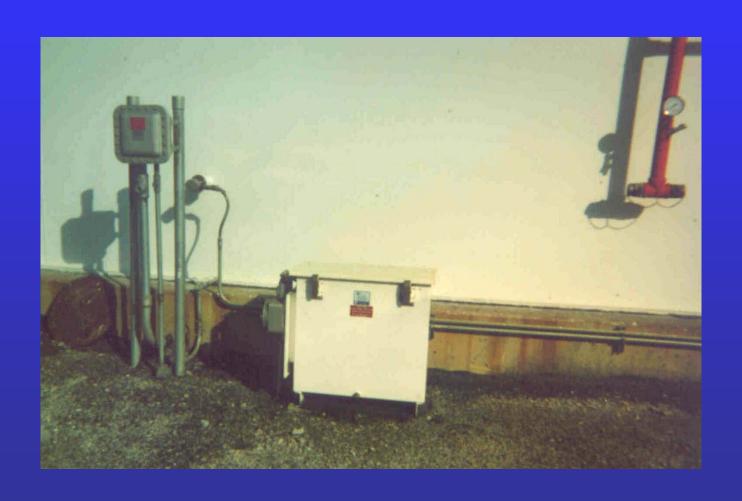


**CP Installation on Double Bottom Tank** 





## Explosion Proof Unit





Reference Cell Placement Under Tank Bottom







- Record Volts/Amps
- Compare values to target settings





#### Cathodic Protection Monitoring

- Read rectifiers every 60 days.
- Conduct annual inspection (obtain potentials) by NACE certified individuals.







**Annual Cathodic Protection Survey** 



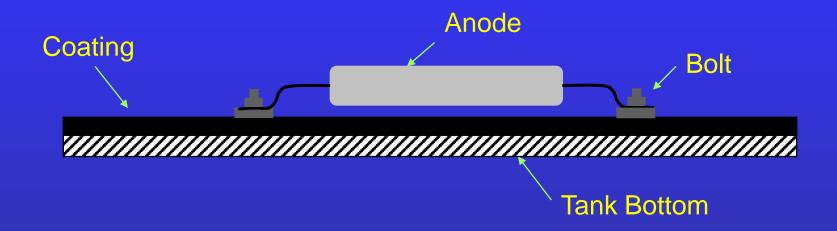


#### **Internal Corrosion**



# **Internal Corrosion Fuel Product Water / Sediment** Cathode **Anode**









Hot Asphalt Tank Bottoms (require special CP design considerations due to heat)

#### Recommended Practices

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NACE RP0193-2001 - External Cathodic Protection of On-Grade Carbon Steel Storage Tank Bottoms:

"Galvanic protection systems can be applied to tank bottoms where the metallic surface area exposed to the electrolyte can be minimized through the application of a dielectric coating or the area is small due to the tank size or configuration."



#### Summary

- Be aware of all regulations that may pertain to your tanks and piping. When in doubt talk to the governing agencies.
- Engage NACE qualified & experienced personnel to engineer/maintain your cathodic protection system.
- Refer to NACE/API Standards for guidance.

## Questions...

#### Thank You

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