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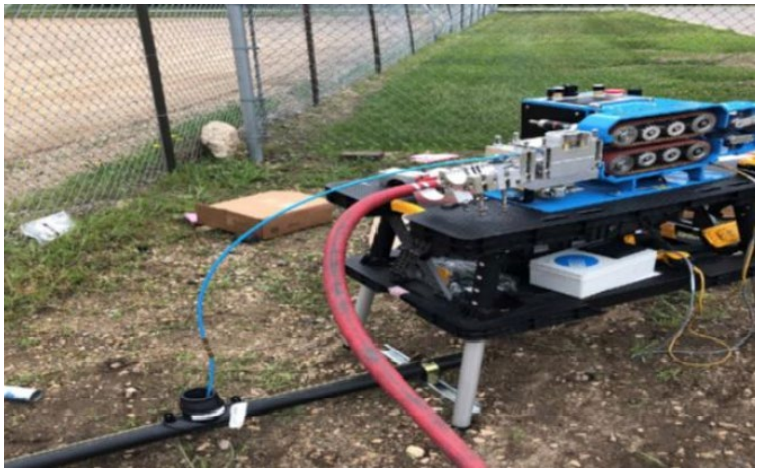
Improved Tools to Locate Buried Pipelines in a Congested Underground 693JK31810009



Prototype Testing of Pneumatically Driven Duct Rod Pusher Propelling Duct Rod into a Pipeline.

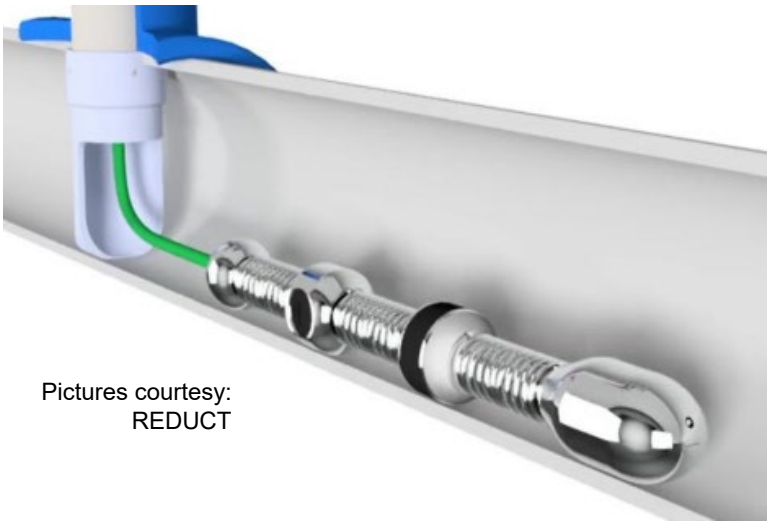
Picture courtesy: Gas Technology Institute.

Main Objective

To mitigate third-party pipeline damage at the earliest stages through the development and commercialization of a geospatial probe to map existing buried utilities through insertion into live gas pipelines. This probe will be capable of mapping live underground pipes 3-dimensionally and provide accurate locations of utilities.

NET Improvement

The project developed and validated a geospatial probe to map existing buried utilities through insertion into live gas pipelines. The resulting technology transfer led to the Live Gas Mapper (LGM-2) tool by REDUCT. The LGM-2 can map buried live gas pipes with an ID range of 50mm up to 100mm (2" to 4"). From a single hot tap entry point it can map a gas pipe up to 300 meters/1,000' length in each direction, thus capturing data and the geographical location of 600 meters/2,000' of live gas pipe.



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Commercial Partner

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