

RESERVOIR DESIGN FOR THE NEXT 80 YEARS

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WHY IS RESERVOIR DESIGN IMPORTANT?

Water is a
FOOD GRADE
product

Reservoir
QUALITY & SECURITY
starts at
DESIGN



COMMUNITY HEALTH
depends on
QUALITY WATER



DESIGN FOR A LIFETIME

- 80-100 years is the expected lifespan of a benchmark reservoir

10 telemetry
upgrades

3 platform upgrades

2 ladders

3 roof
replacement

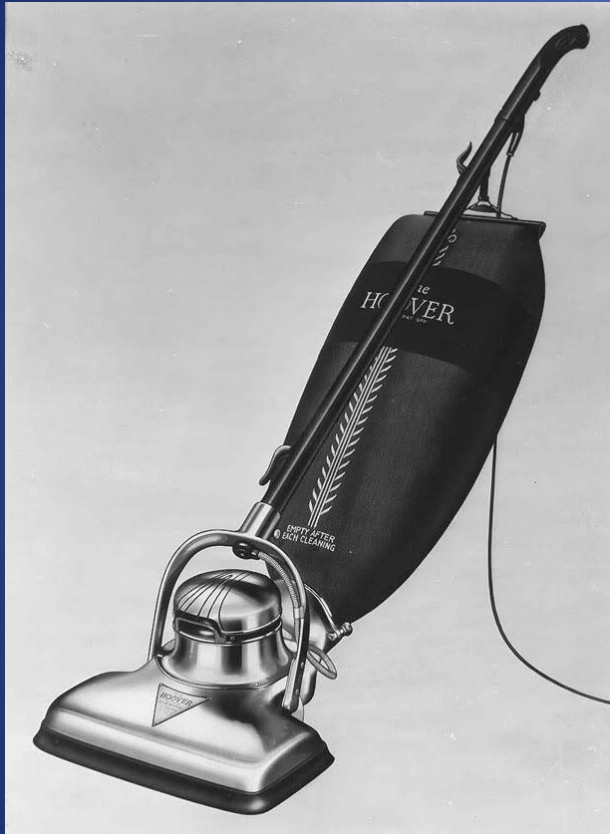
4 security
upgrades



20 cleans

4 coatings

IN A WORLD OF ROBOTS...



...WHO WILL BE CLEANING OUR TANKS IN YEARS TO COME??

CONSIDER THE NEXT GENERATION

- Climate and the environment...so why should tank maintenance be any different?
- Are your reservoirs friendly for person/diver entry?
- What might “Robot Friendly” tanks look like?

ACCESS – POOR

access hatch not above vehicle area



ACCESS – POOR

no EWP access and structural issues



ACCESS - IMPROVED



Safe to Climb

Additional space made available

ACCESS – TOO EASY! All that security wasted!



ACCESS

Key Points to Consider:

- Vehicle access around the reservoir
- Personnel access/security
- Safety now and safety for the future
- Expansion and future growth
- Lifting of equipment

PLATFORMS & HATCHES



Sealed against
contamination

Checker plate
set under roof

Fall Prevention

Space to work

PLATFORM – FAIR

kick rails sealed, conventional davit



PLATFORM – FAIR (BELOW) galvanised davit base submerged



PLATFORM – POOR

too small, debris ponds below



PLATFORM – POOR
should be set under the roof



PLATFORM – PONDING checker plate on top of roof



PLATFORM – PONDING

sealed kick rails, no slope angle



HATCHES - POOR

sliding cover, ladder protruding



Contamination Points



No sealed front edge

ENTRY HATCH – UNSEALED

rubber flaps are NOT the answer



HATCHES – FAILED

faecal material can enter tank



HATCHES – FAILED

faecal material DEFINITELY entering



ENTRY HATCH – POOR POSITIONING

hatch too far off wall, ladder affected



ENTRY HATCH – POOR POSITIONING

ladder set off the wall, too complex



ENTRY HATCH – GOOD well positioned and sealed



ENTRY HATCH – GOOD

ladder assist on cover underside



ENTRY HATCH – GOOD

raised frame, overlapping cover

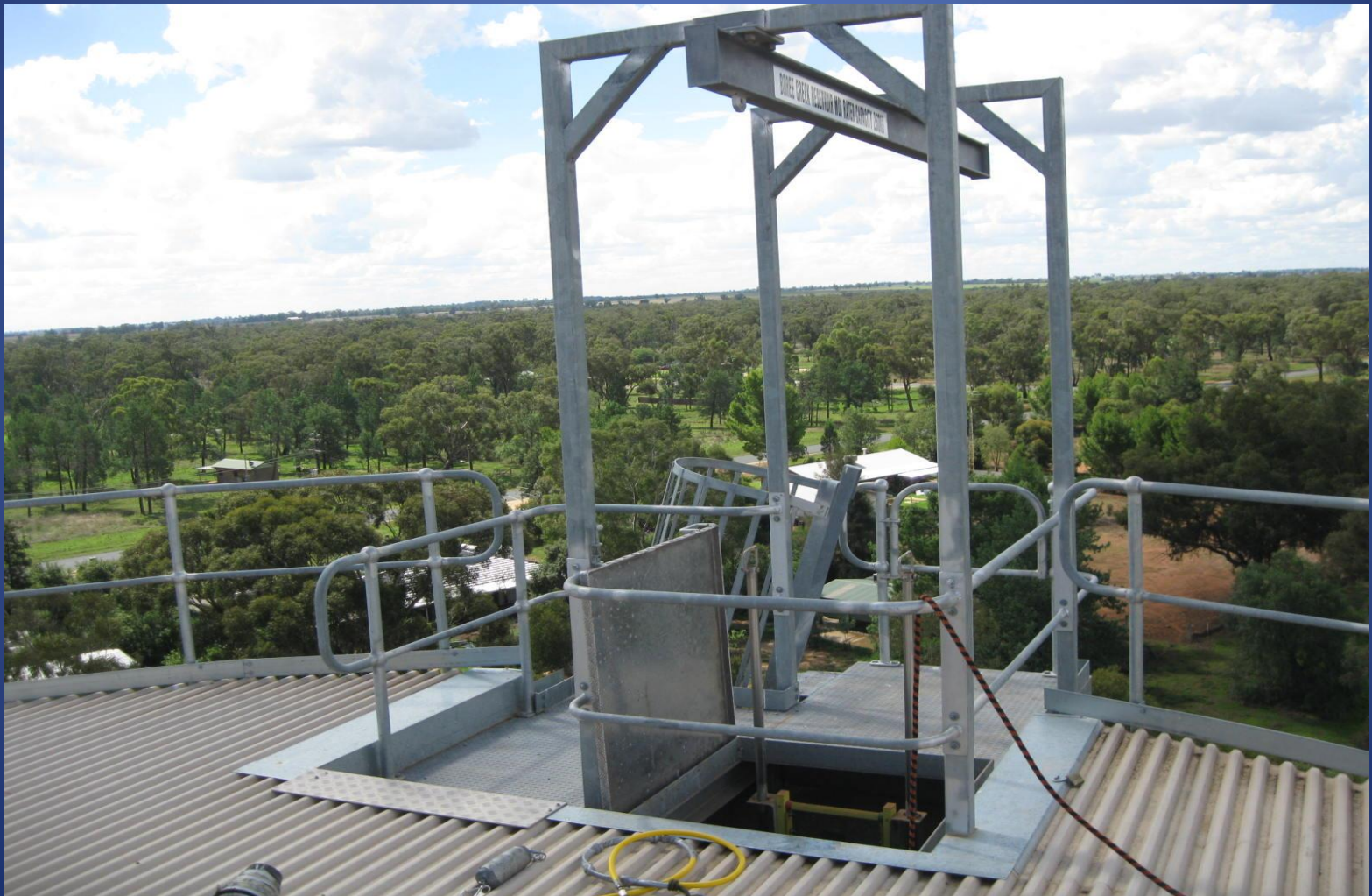


PLATFORMS & HATCHES

Key Items to Consider:

- Platform set under roof sheeting
- Sloped to prevent ponding
- Sealed edges on hatches
- Barricading for fall prevention
- Sufficient working space

RESCUE SYSTEMS – GOOD practical, solid, but attracts birds



RESCUE SYSTEMS

luffed back for rigging access



RESCUE SYSTEMS mounted to suit all situations



RESCUE SYSTEMS

luffed forwards, rescue to ground



NO HAND RAIL GATE REQUIRED

rescue lift from front centre point



RESCUE SYSTEMS

folded down, no bird attraction



RESCUE SYSTEMS – LOADED

a sideways anchorage and re-direction



RESCUE SYSTEMS – FAITH! testing the installation



RESCUE SYSTEMS

Key Items to Consider:

- Be able to fold away to reduce bird roosting
- Can be rigged in a lower position
- More than one point of fixing contact
- Be able to withstand sideways loadings
- Offer multiple positioning for retro-fitting
- All parts external – no submerged sections

ROOF DESIGN



Minimal
ridge caps

Self draining

Ventilation

No upstream
ponding

Compatible materials

ROOF – PONDING

needs a checker plate insert section



ROOF GUTTER – POOR

30 m high & not safe to work on



ROOF GUTTER – FAILURE!

No storm water by-pass fitted



ROOF DESIGN – POOR

centre pitched, too many flashings



ROOF FLASHINGS – FAILURE

flashings do not seal effectively



ROOF – BIRD ROOSTING GOOD!
Security should be at ground level



ROOF DESIGN – GOOD no flashings, simple and effective



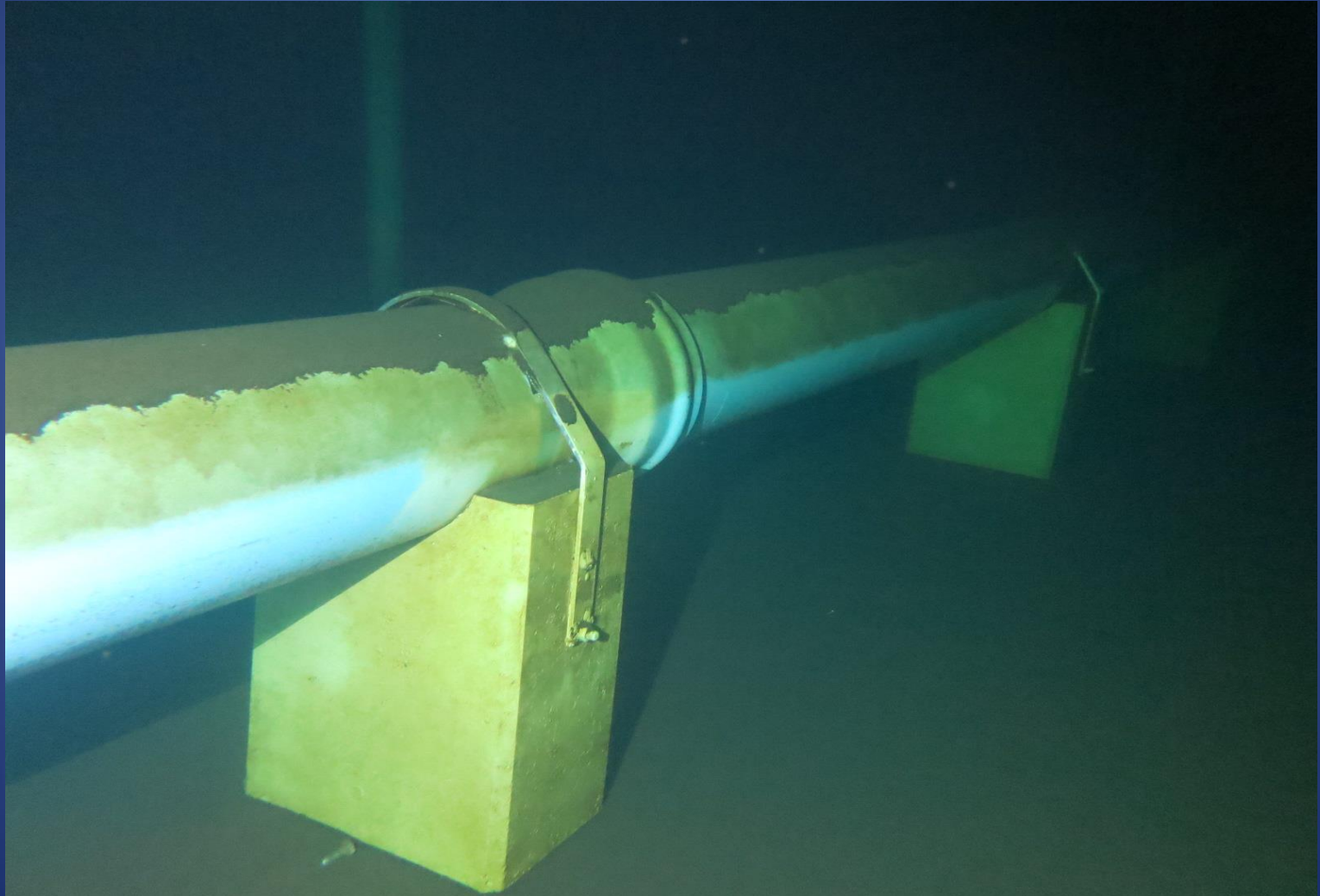
ROOF DESIGN

Key Items to Consider

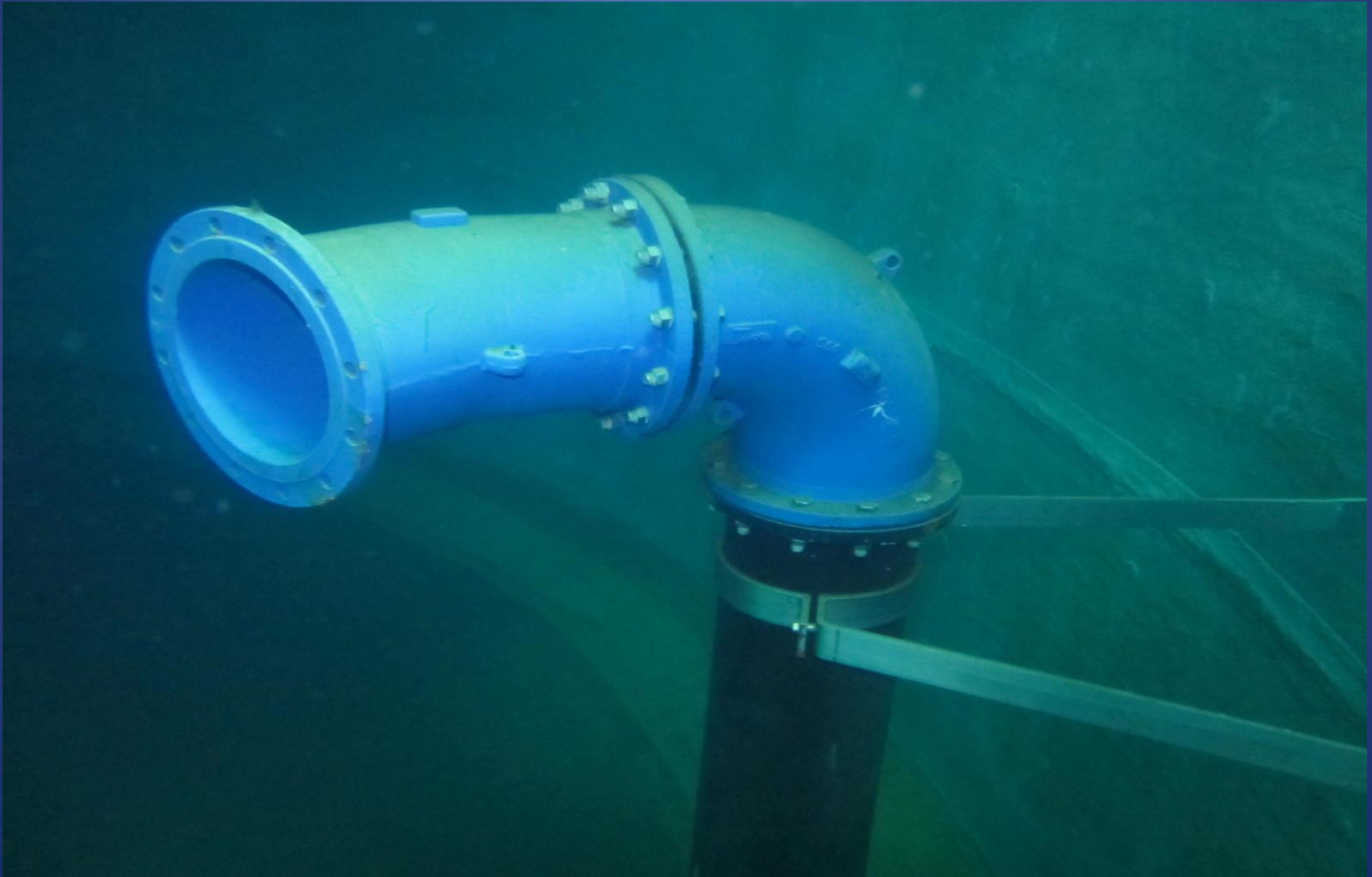
- Keeping it contamination free
- Drainage – no box gutters
- Minimum ridge flashings
- Corrosion free materials
- How the roof is secured
- Maintenance – safe access to all areas

INLET PIPEWORK – POOR

inlet run across the floor to separate



INLET PIPEWORK – POOR riser does not enhance mixing



INLET PIPEWORK – GOOD

two way nozzle – simple and effective



Overflows – good and poor external riser is simple and effective

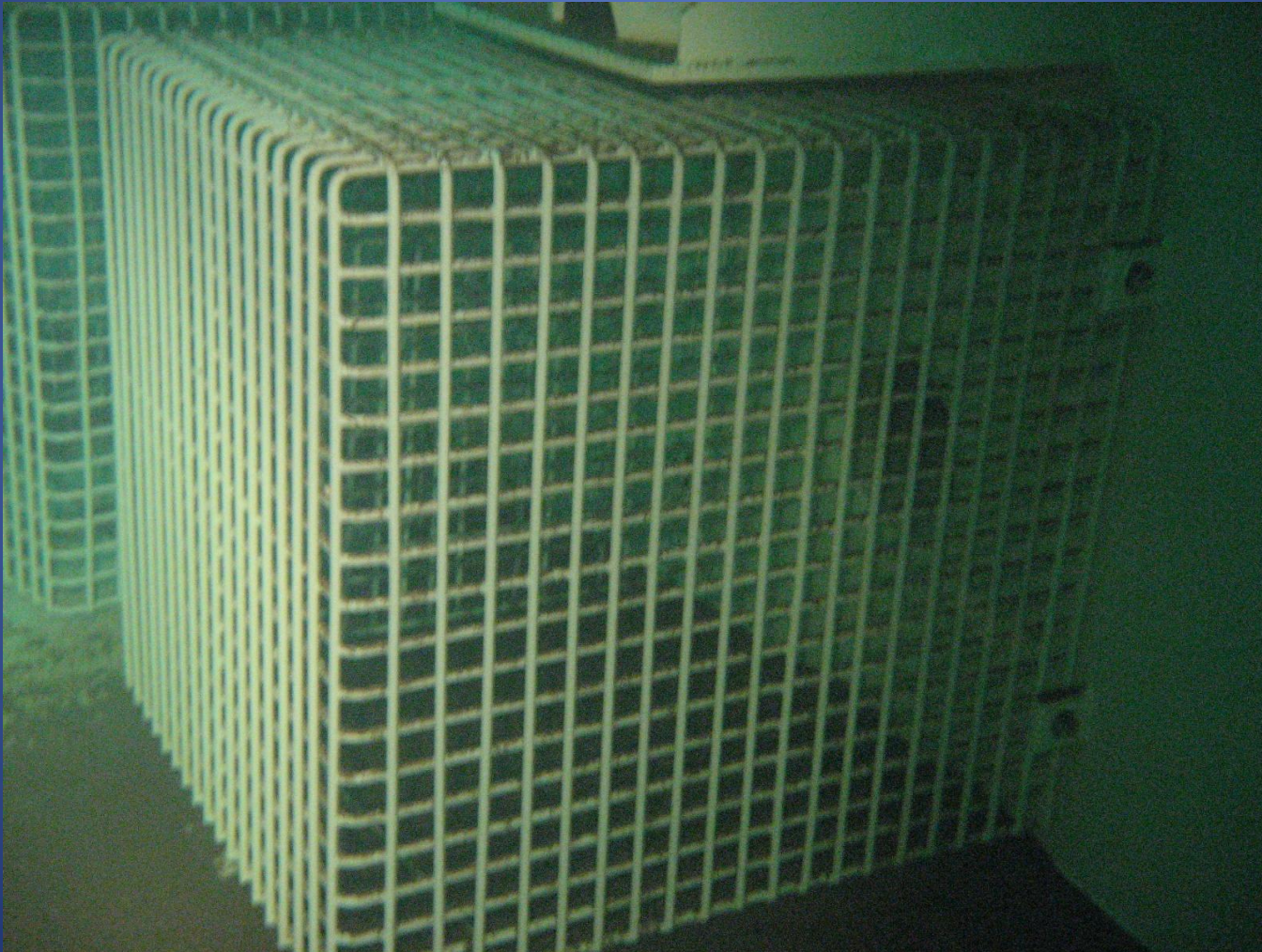


OUTLET – POOR

penetration should be free-standing



OUTLET SCREEN – POOR
too large and prevents cleaning

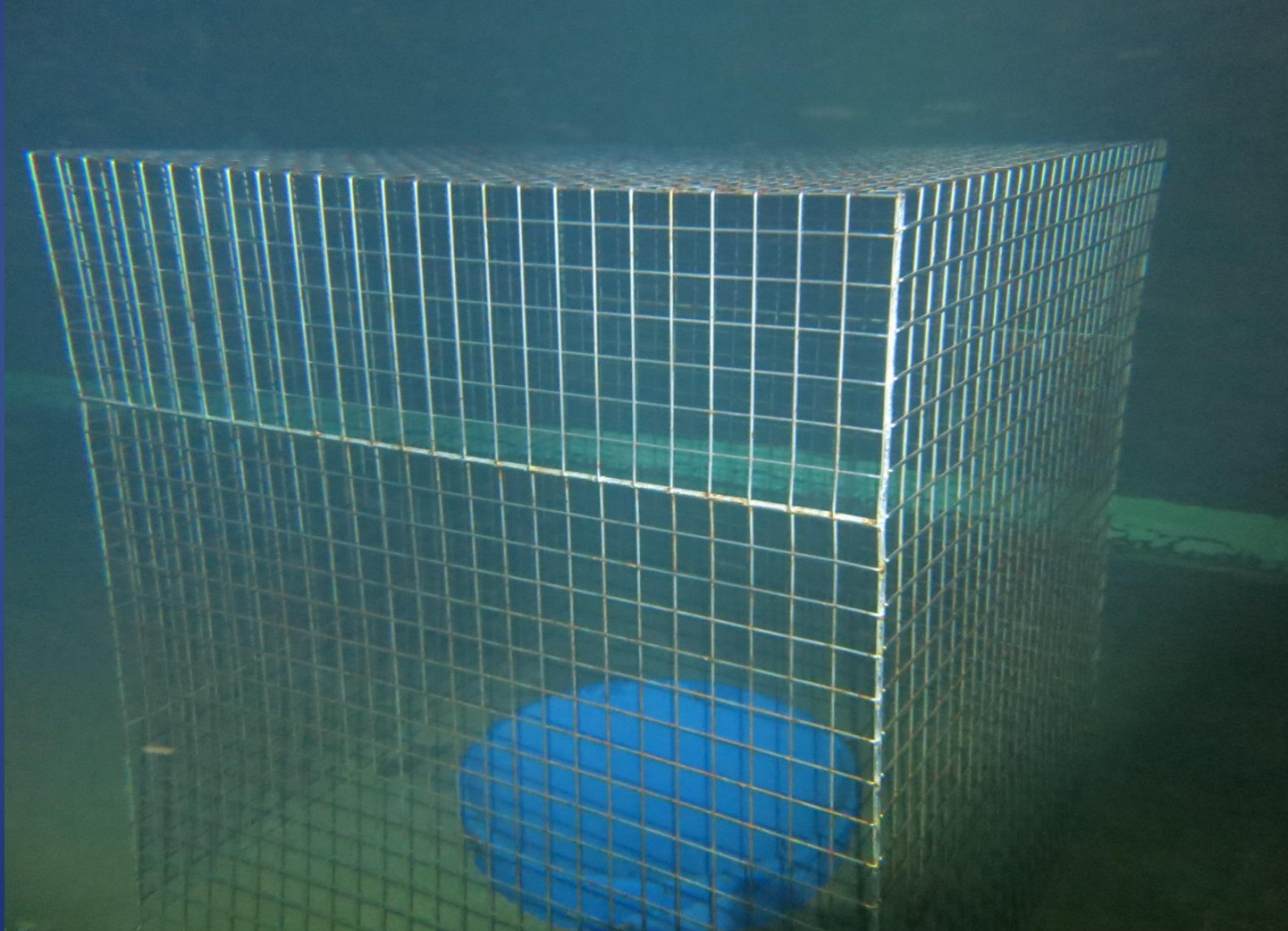


OUTLET SCREEN – POOR sediment cannot be cleaned away



OUTLET SCREEN – WHY BOTHER?

Light weight and too large

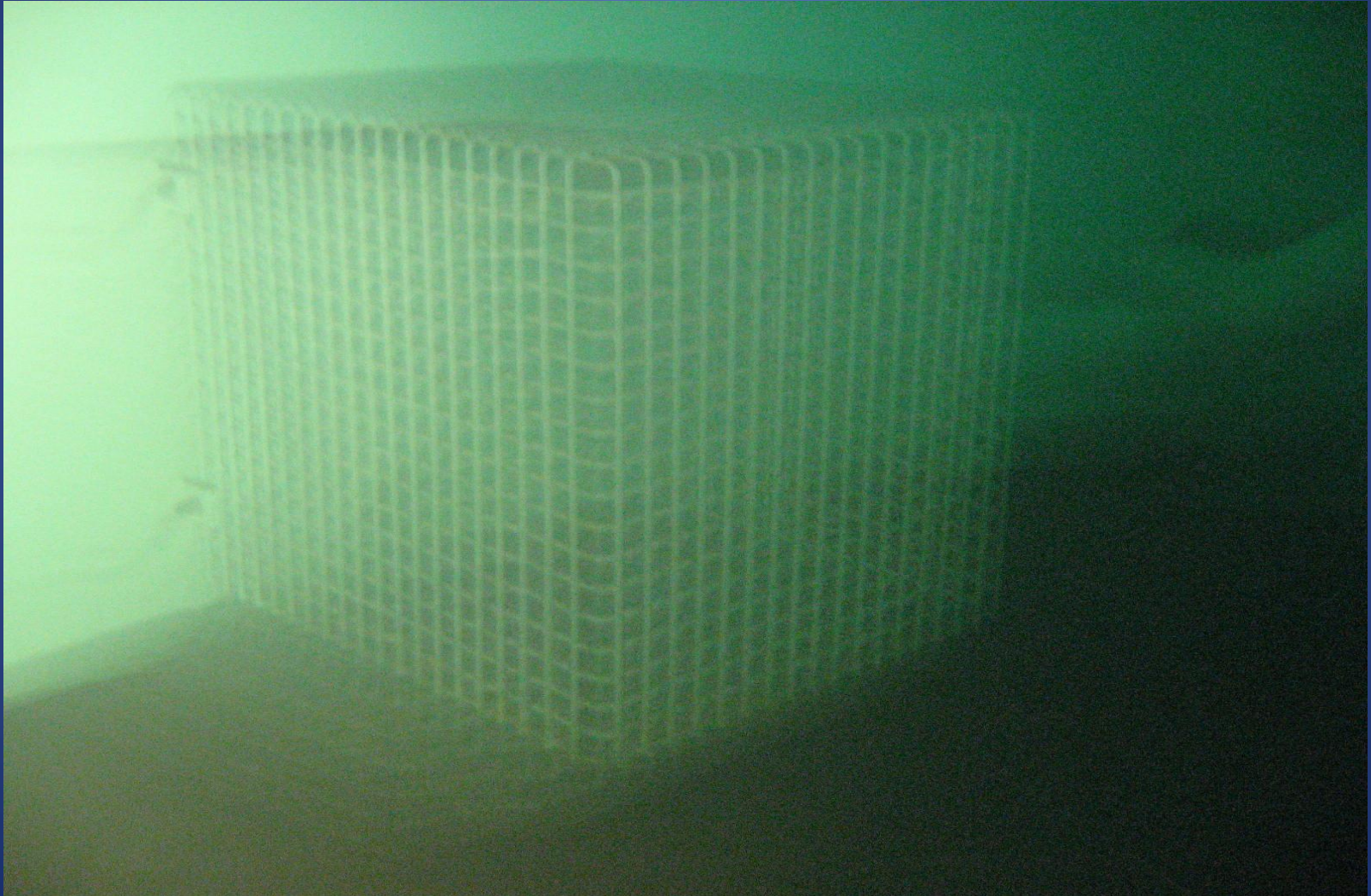


OUTLET SCREEN – GOOD
strong & neatly fitted over penetration



SCOUR SCREEN – WHY BOTHER?

Scour cannot be used as designed



PIPEWORK – GOOD

pipework in a building and not buried



PIPEWORK – GOOD plenty of room to work and expand



PIPEWORK

Key Items to Consider

- Simple pipework
- Outlets above the sediment level
- Screens that allow access for cleaning
- Water movement within the tank
- Allow for future expansion / extension

CORROSION

- The deterioration of a material due to its environment
- Immersion or humidity
- Dissimilar metals
- Reduces chlorine effectiveness

DIRECTLY IMPACTS WATER QUALITY

ROOF MATERIALS – GOOD galvanised rafters & aluminium purlins



ROOF MATERIALS – FAILURE

7 yo zincalume framing & safety mesh



ROOF MATERIALS – FAILURE

7 yo cheap screws & safety mesh



ROOF MATERIALS – FAILURE

10 yo sheets failed due to meshing

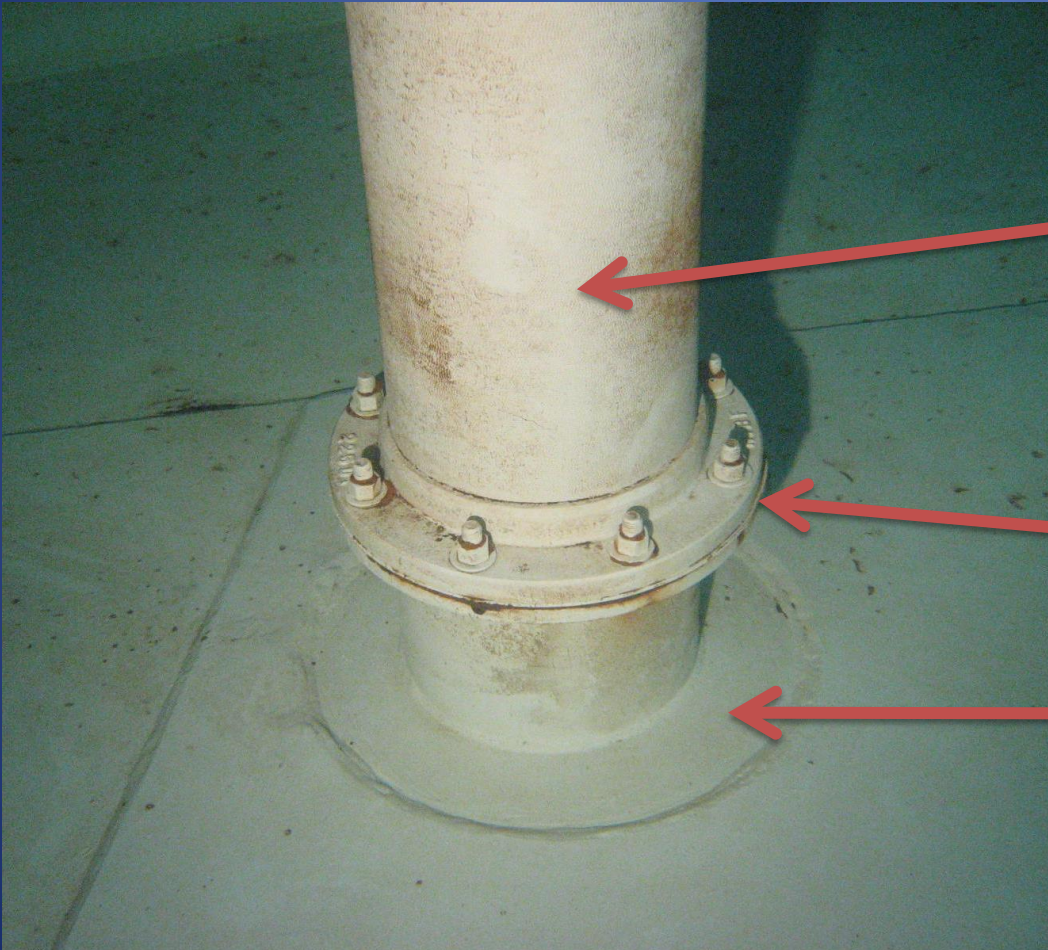


ROOF MATERIALS – FAILURE

6400 m/sq, 10 yo roof to be replaced



PIPEWORK - GOOD



Protected from
corrosion

Raised from floor

No step

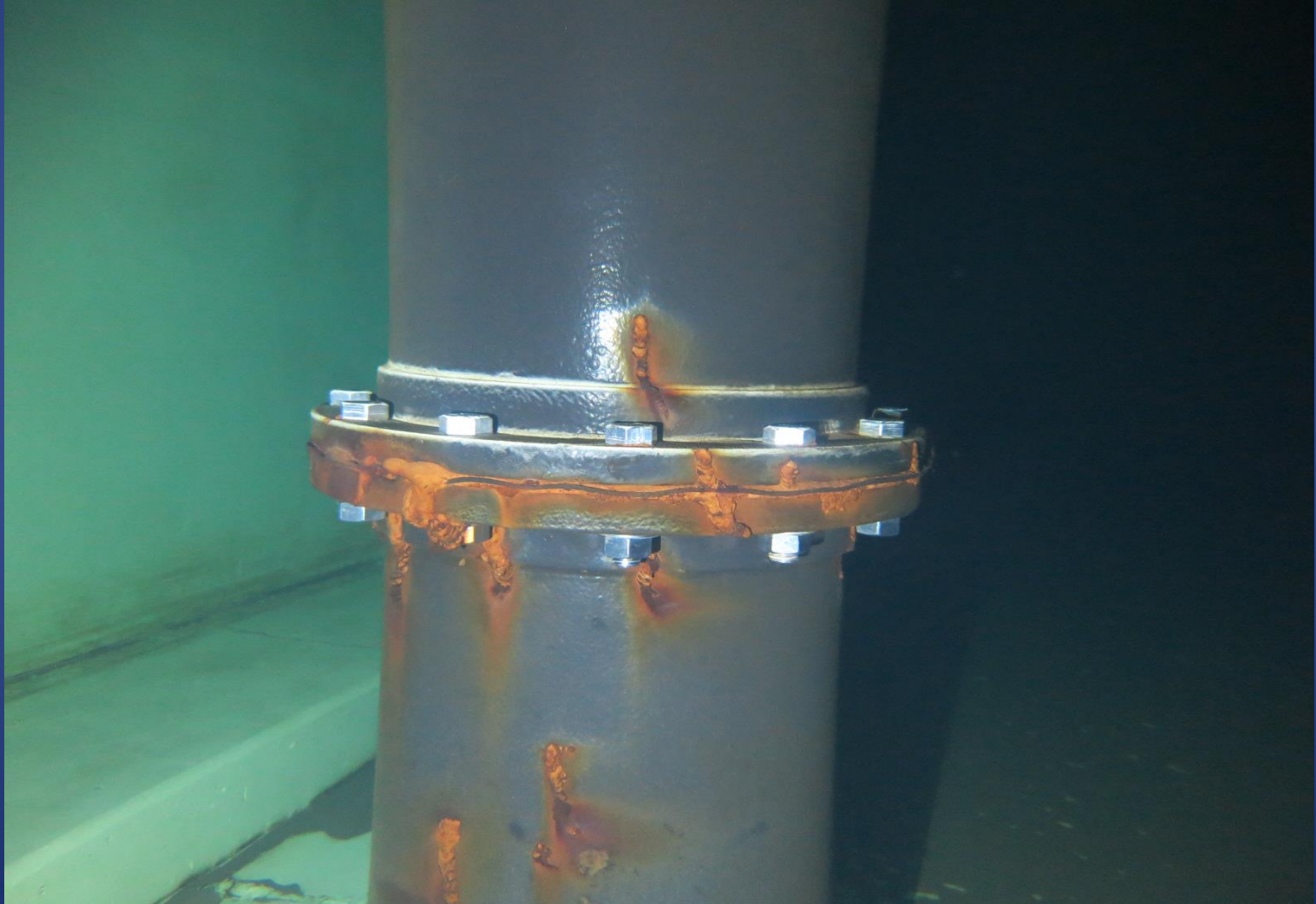
SIMPLICITY

PIPEWORK – FAIR
flange too low, bolts hard to access



PIPEWORK – POOR

2 yo un-coated overflow



PIPEWORK – FAILURE

typical overflow in concrete tank



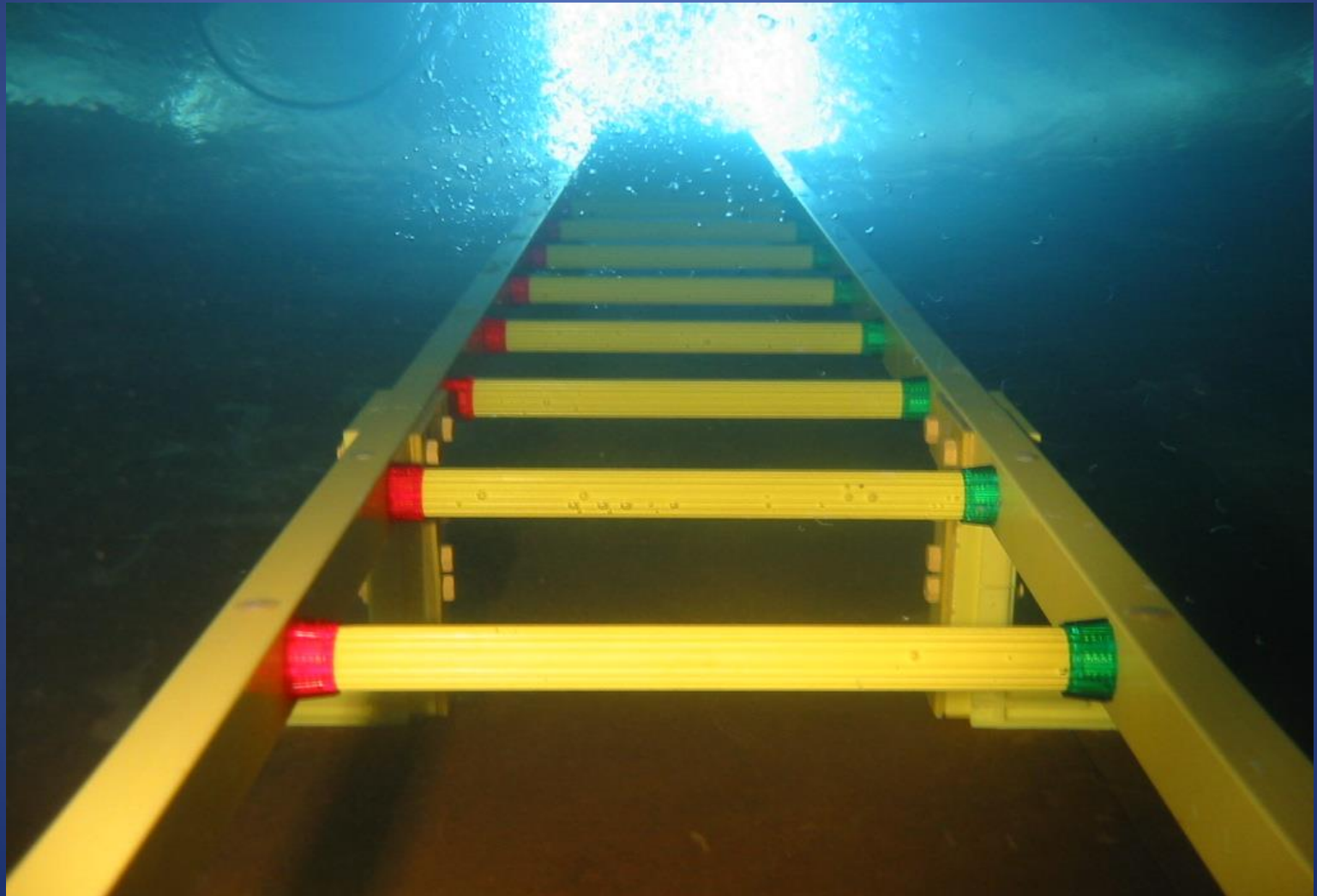
STAINLESS LADDER – POOR different grades of SS used



ALUMINIUM LADDER – POOR pH of water drives corrosion

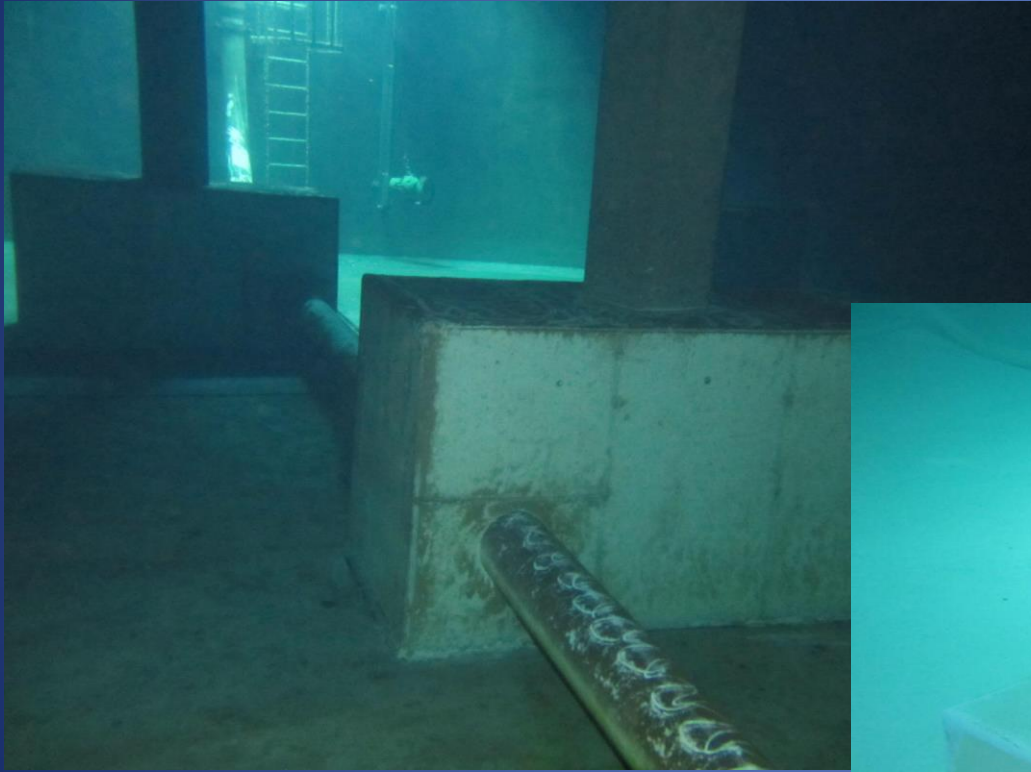


NEXTEP FRP LADDER – GOOD chemical resistant and ergonomic



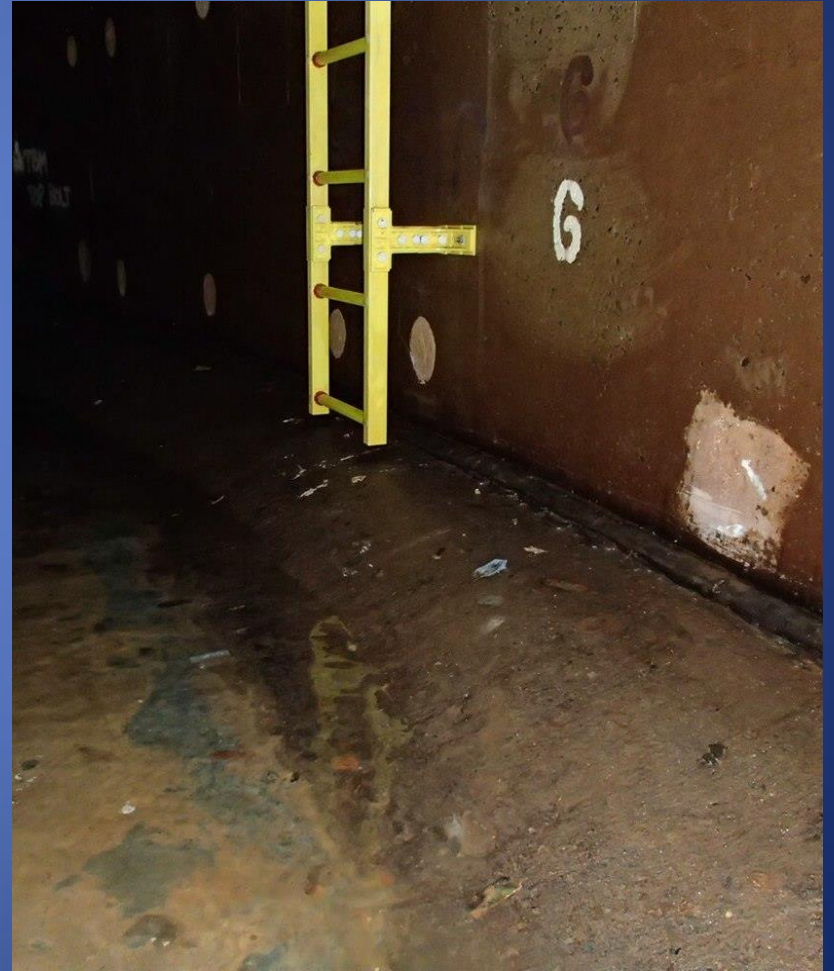
POOR OLD ROBOT!

No complex post bases



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no wall floor steps, rounded is worse



POOR OLD ROBOT
no exposed pipework

