

INNOVATIVE ODOR AND CORROSION CONTROL STRATEGIES FOR THE WOODBRIDGE INTERCEPTOR SEWER

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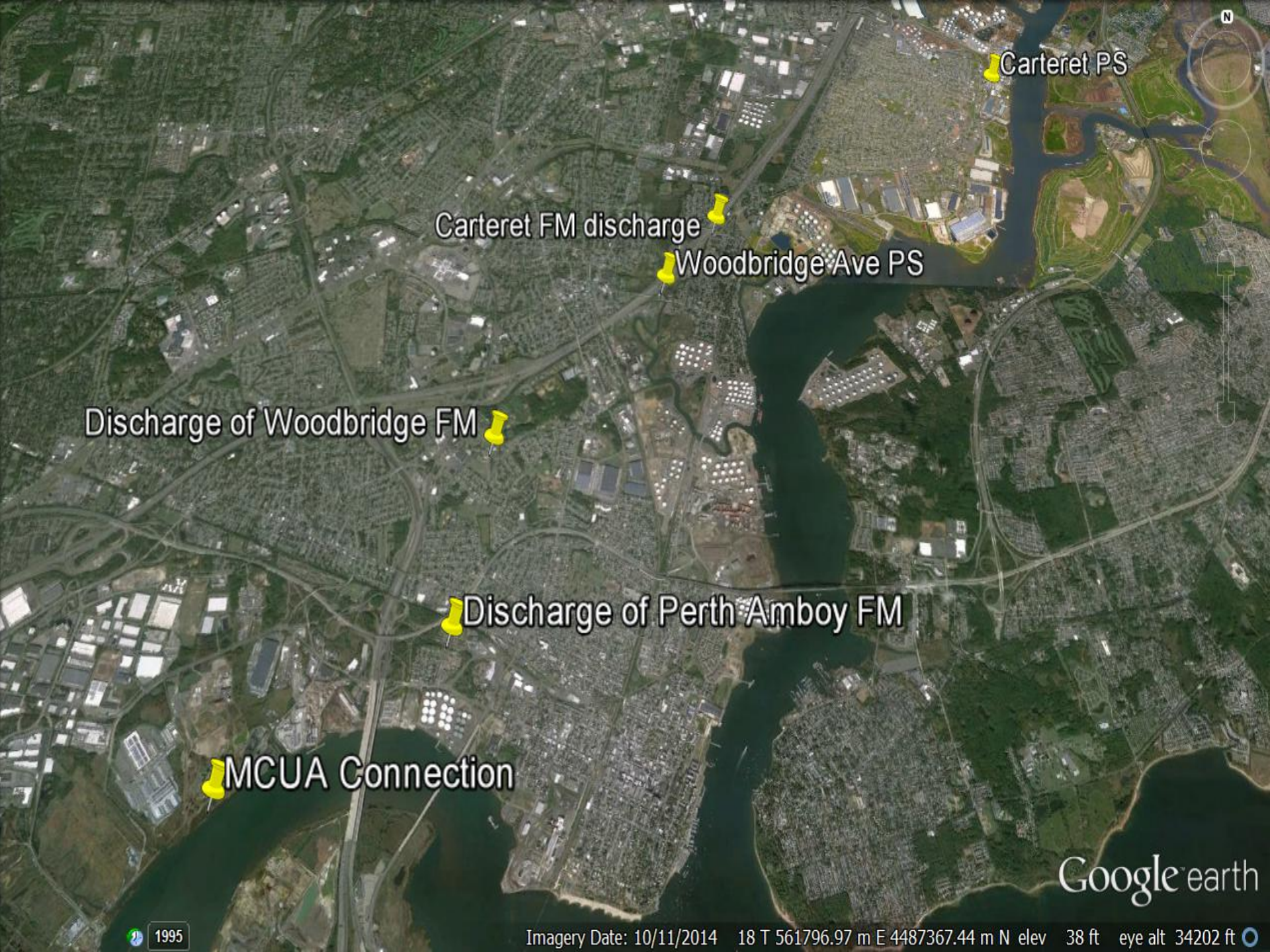
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WOODBIDGE INTERCEPTOR SEWER

- Serves Woodbridge, Carteret, and Perth Amboy
- Average flow \approx 15 mgd
- Constructed in late 1970's
- 36" to 66" RCP gravity sewer
- 36" PCCP force main
- Wastewater from Carteret and Perth Amboy delivered to interceptor via force main





Carteret PS

Carteret FM discharge

Woodbridge Ave PS

Discharge of Woodbridge FM

Discharge of Perth Amboy FM

MCUA Connection

Google earth

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Imagery Date: 10/11/2014 18 T 561796.97 m E 4487367.44 m N elev 38 ft eye alt 34202 ft

PROBLEMS

- Odor complaints at discharge of Carteret force main
- Odor complaints near Woodbridge Avenue PS
- Hazardous H₂S concentrations at PS wet well
- Severe corrosion at multiple locations
- Major sewer collapse at discharge of Perth Amboy force main



WOODBIDGE INTERCEPTOR PIPE COLLAPSE





- Eleven 5-MGD bypass pumps
- 3 months to complete
- Cost of \$3.2 million



PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS AT ODOR/ CORROSION CONTROL

- Injection of ferrous sulfate upstream of Woodbridge Ave. PS – marginal effectiveness
- Small chemical scrubber at metering chamber – abandoned
- Injection of compressed air into force main at Woodbridge Ave P.S. to control sulfide generation – effective
- Activated carbon adsorber at PS – carbon overwhelmed by high H_2S and abandoned
- Manhole sealing – odors released elsewhere



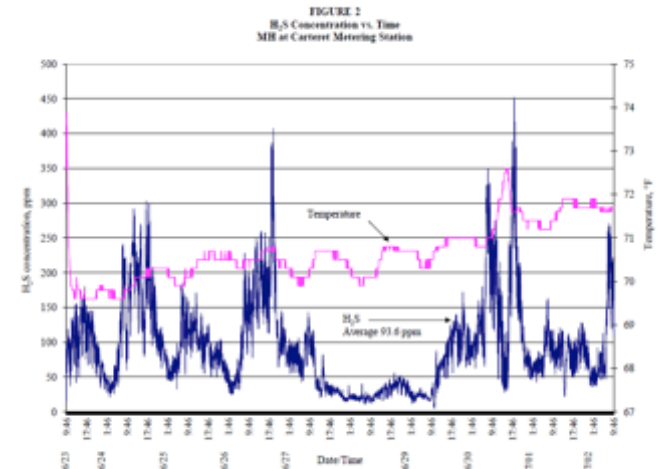
ALAIMO/BOWKER APPROACH

1. Conduct H₂S and sulfide monitoring for each segment
2. Conduct robotic inspection to identify corrosion locations, measure corrosion penetration, and measure sediment deposits
3. Evaluate pipe and manhole rehabilitation/replacement options
4. Evaluate need and locations for odor control systems



HIGHLIGHTS OF TESTING AND INSPECTION

1. Discharge of Carteret FM causing high levels of H₂S (>300 ppm) in gravity sewer headspace
2. Severe corrosion throughout Segment 1
3. Air injection into Woodbridge FM effective in preventing further sulfide generation
4. Concern for localized corrosion of force main at high points (air pockets)

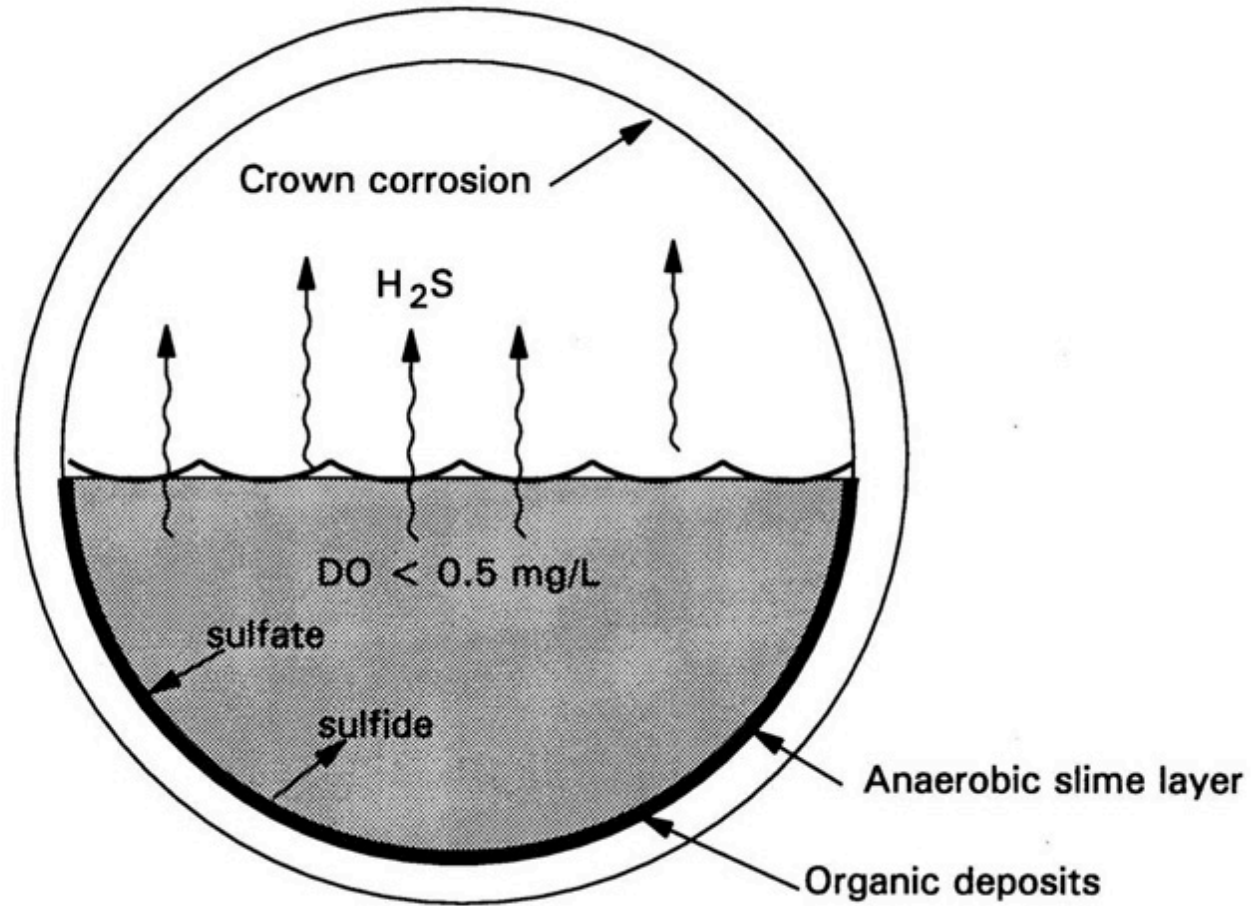


HIGHLIGHTS OF TESTING AND INSPECTION (cont.)

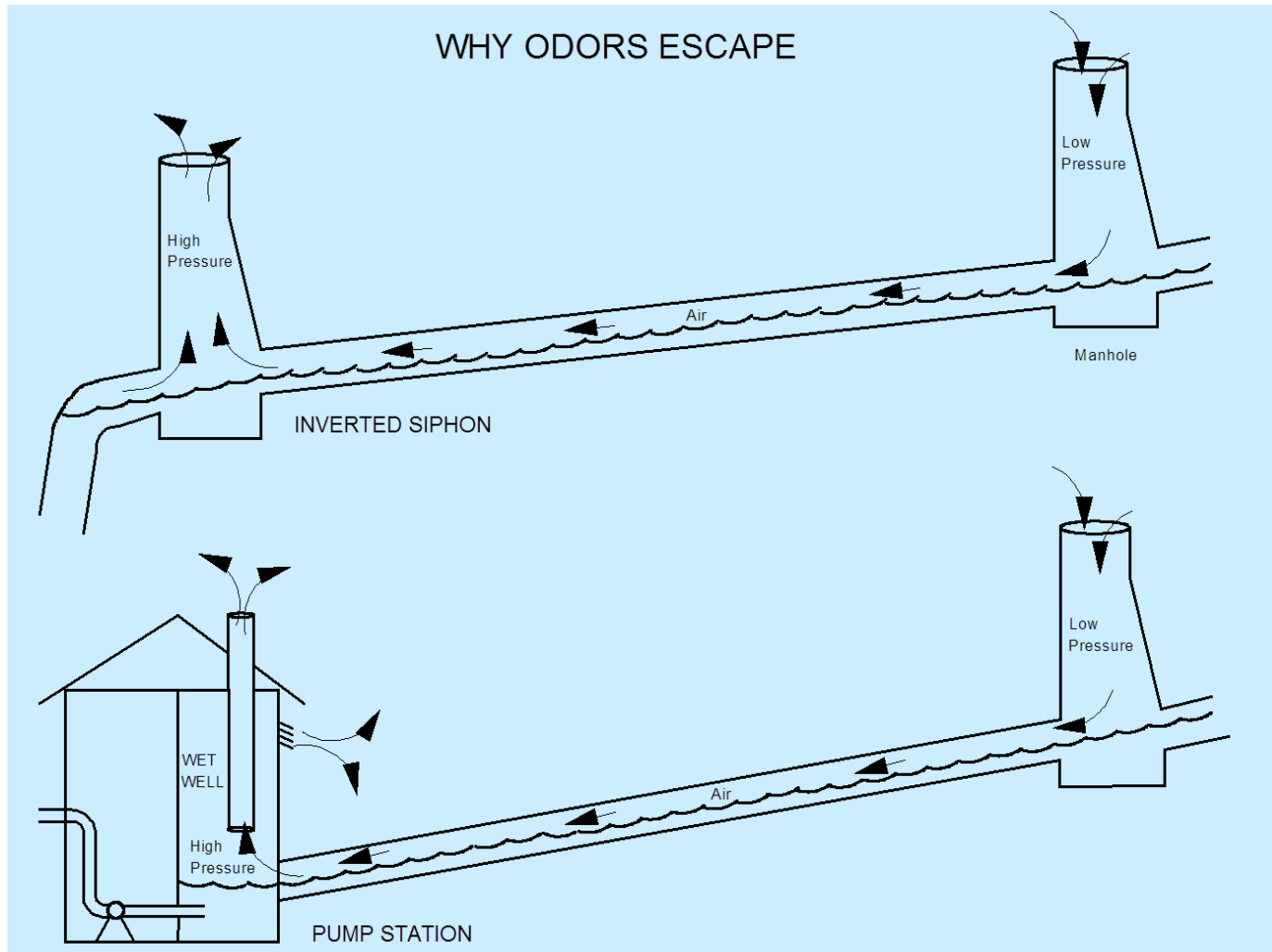
5. Severe corrosion detected in Segment 5, downstream of Perth Amboy FM discharge
6. Drop manholes causing turbulence that releases H_2S from solution
7. Sewer headspace pressurized upstream of two inverted siphons, causing odor complaints



SULFIDE GENERATION IN SEWERS



CAUSES OF SEWER ODOR RELEASE



SEGMENT 1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Oxygen injection at Carteret FM
2. Replacement or sliplining Segment 1 RCP with CCFRM pipe
3. Installation of biotrickling filter for Woodbridge PS odor control (completed 2012)



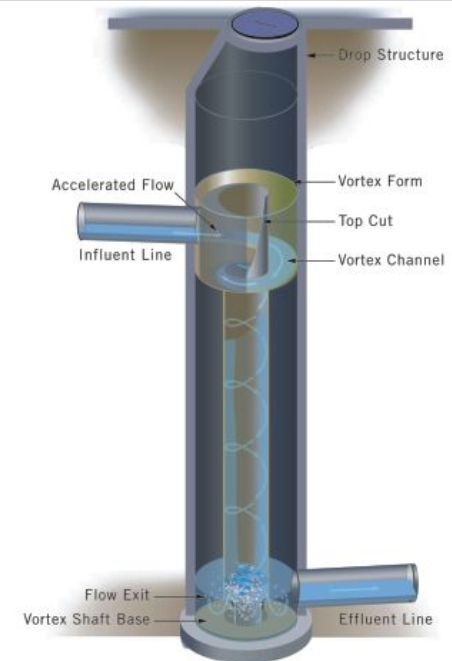
WOODBIDGE AVENUE PUMP STATION

1. Innovative odor containment system for bar screens
2. Odorous air drawn from aerated grit chamber, screens, and covered wet well channels
3. Working conditions in PS improved
4. Biotrickling filter achieved 99% removal of H₂S

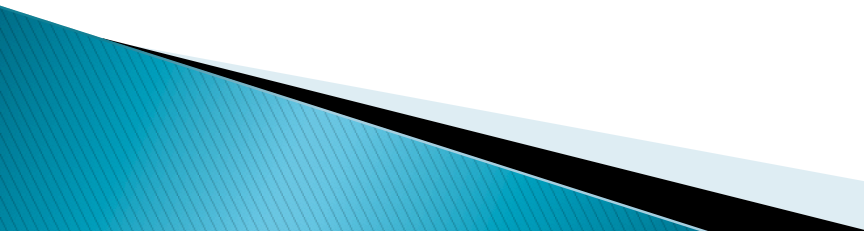


SEGMENTS 4 AND 5 RECOMMENDATIONS

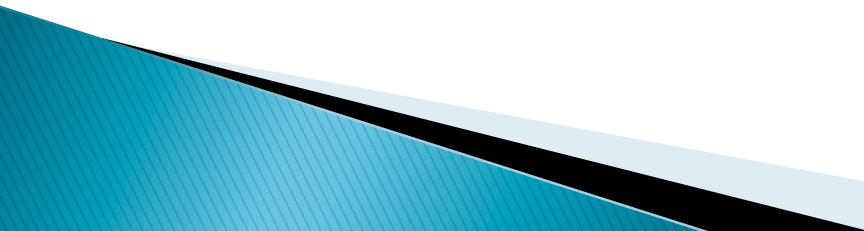
1. Replace severely damaged manholes; install PVC liner where structurally sound
2. Replace deep-drop manholes with vortex flow inserts
3. Rehab interceptor using sliplining technology
4. Install biotrickling odor control system at headbox of inverted siphons



CONCLUSIONS

1. Force mains are often responsible for significant sulfide generation
 2. Corrosion damage can occur rapidly, and if left unchecked, can result in pipe collapse and costly repairs
 3. Oxygen injection is a cost-effective alternative for preventing sulfide formation in force mains
 4. High levels of H₂S are hazardous to pump station operators and sewer workers
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CONCLUSIONS (cont.)

5. Properly-designed biotrickling filters perform well on hydrogen sulfide odors
 6. Drop manholes create turbulence that strips the hydrogen gas from the wastewater into the sewer headspace where it can cause corrosion and odors
 7. The use of vortex inserts can help prevent the release of odorous air while adding dissolved oxygen to the wastewater
 8. Where hydrogen sulfide is anticipated, only corrosion-resistant materials should be exposed to H₂S gas
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QUESTIONS?

