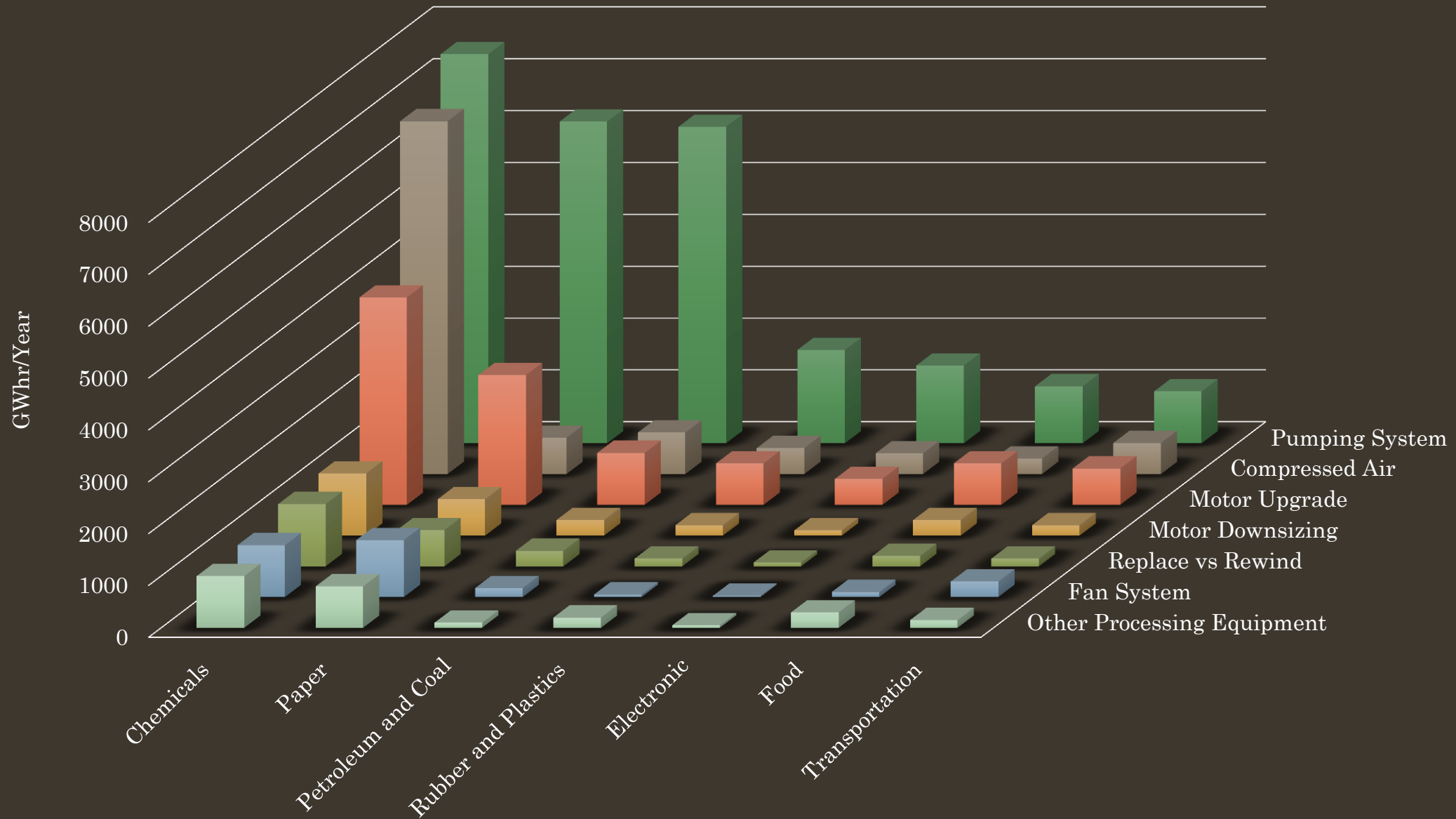


# Perfecting Your Pumps – Pump System Optimization

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# Pumping Energy



# Benefits of Assessments



Electrical motors in North American industrial electricity usage = 66% with pumping systems **accounting for 25%**

Electrical usage with wastewater pumping systems  
= **20-30% of total consumption**

Electrical usage with water pumping systems = **46%**



# DOE Standards for Pump Efficiency – Final Rule

- Clean Water Pumps
- Finalized in Jan 2016
- Defines Pump System Efficiency Testing Procedure
  - What efficiencies need to be met
  - How to define the efficiencies
- 1<sup>st</sup> Rule related to Pump System Efficiency
- Measures efficiency at varying loads
- Compliance begins in 2020



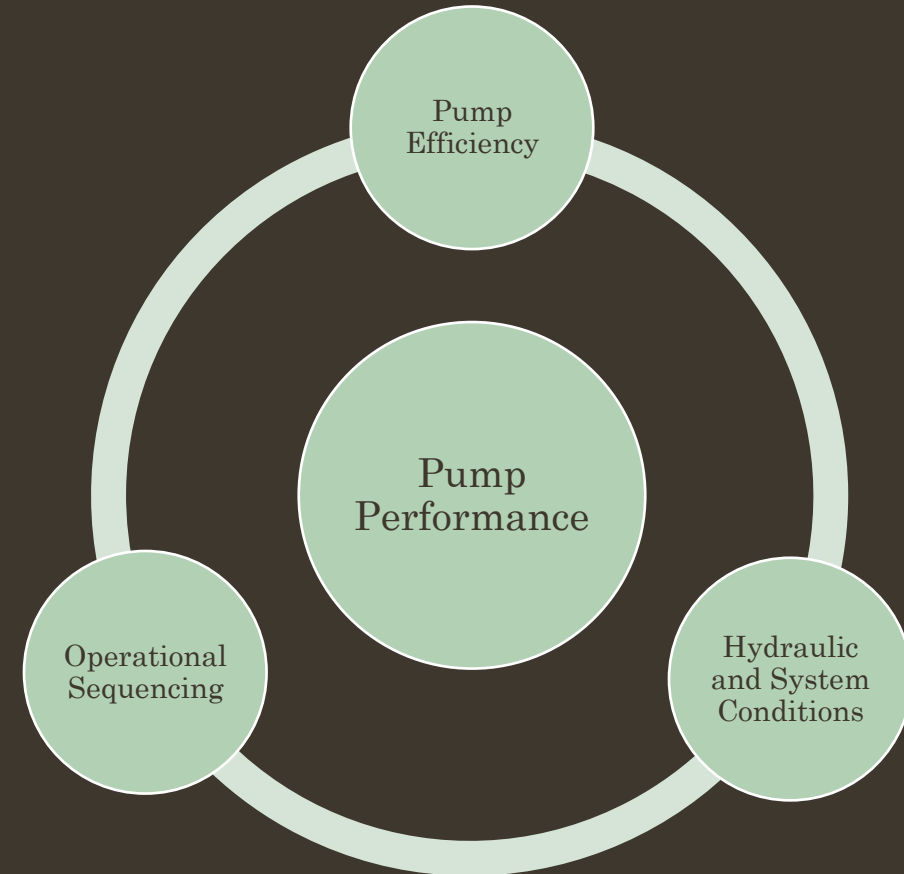
# What The DOE Rule Does NOT Do:

- Prevent oversizing
- Control where on the curve pump operates (BEP)
- Address pump throttling
- Correct for misapplication of pumps
- Reduce friction loss
- Impact motor efficiency
- Improve system controls
- Control wear



# What Affects Pump Performance

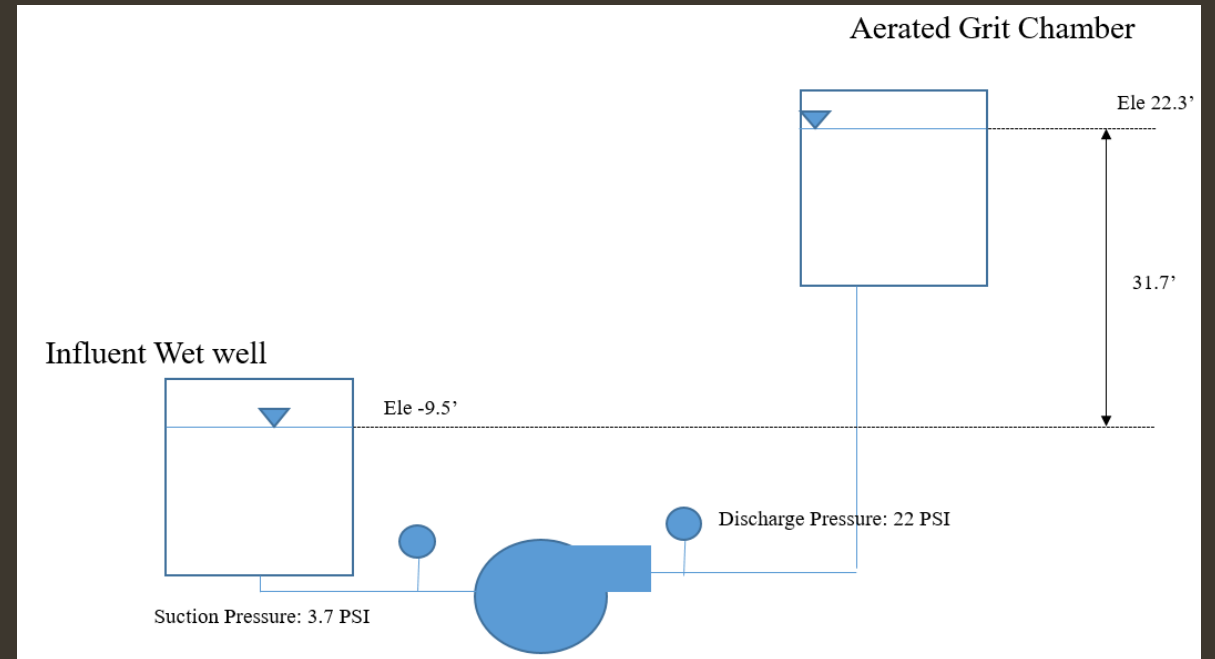
- Hydraulic and System Conditions
  - Valves
  - Piping
  - Elevations
- Operational Sequencing
  - VFD Operation
    - Best Efficiency Point (BEP)
- Pump Efficiency
  - Impeller modifications
  - Wear



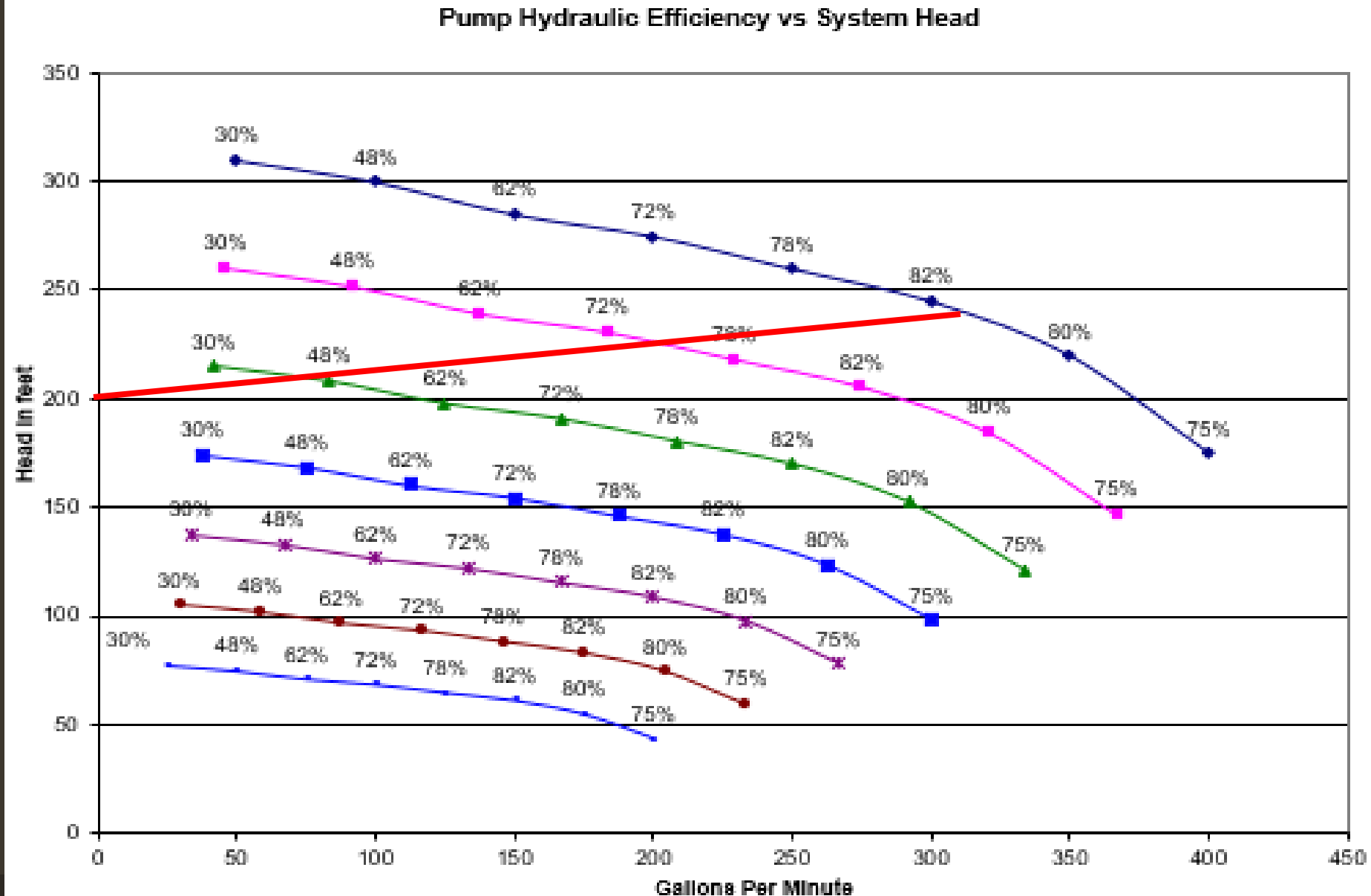
# Hydraulic and System Conditions

## Change is Hydraulics

- Wetwell level
  - Changes in level impact the suction pressure
- System Pressure
  - Changes in tank or distribution systems impact the static head
- System Changes
  - Less flow or head than design



# Operational Sequencing – VFD Operation





# Pump Efficiency

## What Impacts Pump Efficiency

- Hydraulic and System Conditions
- Operational Sequencing
- Wear and Tear from operation
  - Impeller
  - Wear rings
  - Clearances Increase
  - Tolerances Change

## How Can Pump Efficiency Be Restored

- Pump Rebuilds/ Replacements
  - Application of Interior Coatings
- VFD Installation
  - Head and Flow reduction
  - Move the operating point closer to BEP
- System Configuration
  - Piping Modifications
  - Setpoint Modifications

# What is Pump Efficiency

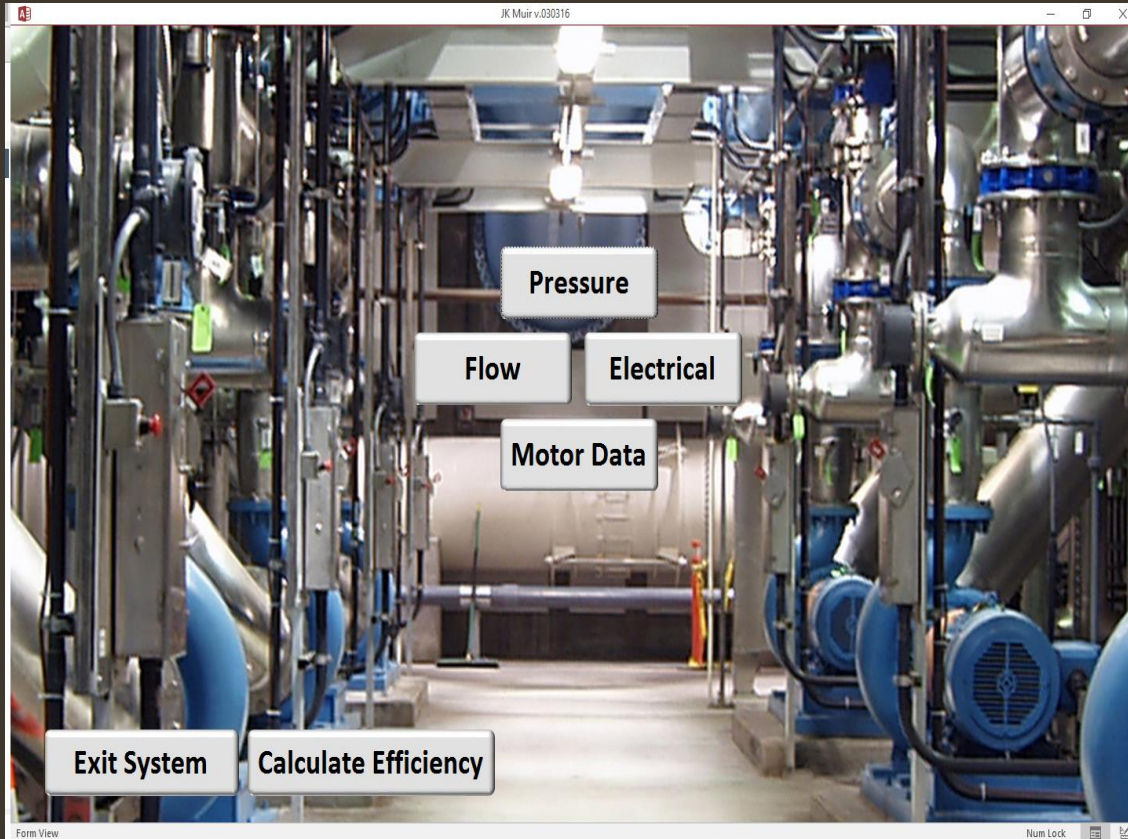
## What are the Important Factors

- Using Portable Instrumentation
  - Flow
  - Pressure
  - Power

- $$\text{Pump Efficiency} = \frac{\text{Flow} * \text{Total Dynamic Head (ft)} * 0.746}{3,960 * \text{Motor Efficiency} * \text{VFD Efficiency (if applicable)} * \text{Power (kW)}}$$



# Pump Efficiency Testing App

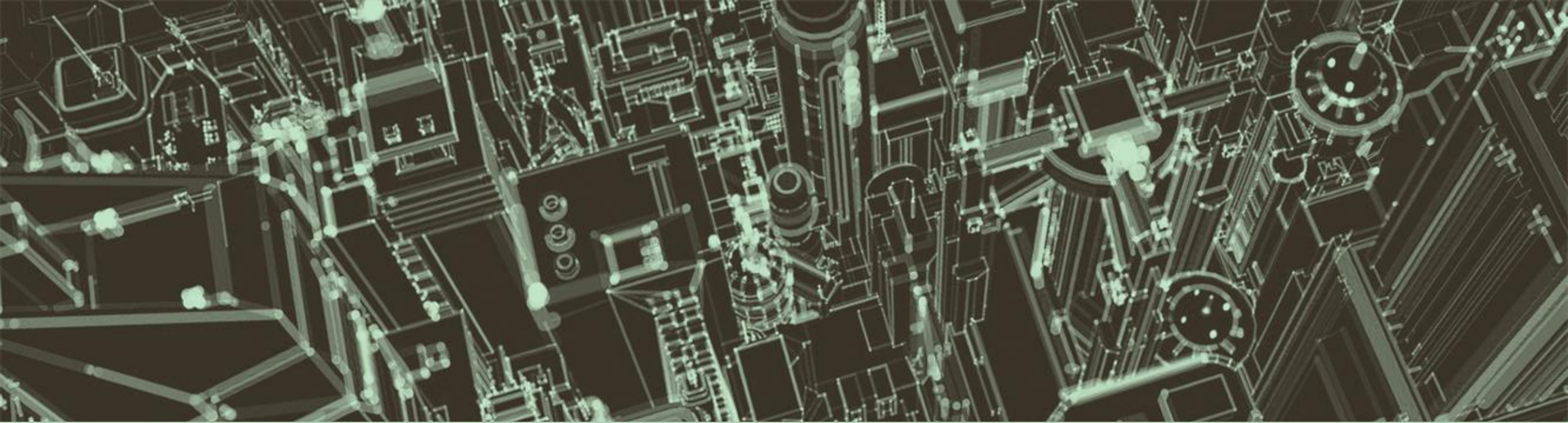


- Offers Real Time Efficiency
- Aids in Cross Validation
- Can this be integrated into existing SCADA?
- Compare Field Readings with Original Design Information to Determine Best Opportunities

# National Grid Pumping System Optimization

- Assess Pumping Systems to Determine Room for Improvement
  - Detailed analysis and field measurements to establish baseline operating conditions
  - Any maintenance concern – what are they telling us
- Existing water and wastewater pumping systems
  - Hydraulic Changes
  - System Conditions
  - Pumping Efficiency
- Potential Benefits from applying Ceramic Based Interior Coating
  - Increased Pump Efficiency?
  - Increase in Longevity of Restored Efficiency?
- Funding
  - Providing incentives not straight forward
  - Utilities want to fund these projects





# Case Studies





# Webster Wastewater Treatment Plant

## Site Conditions

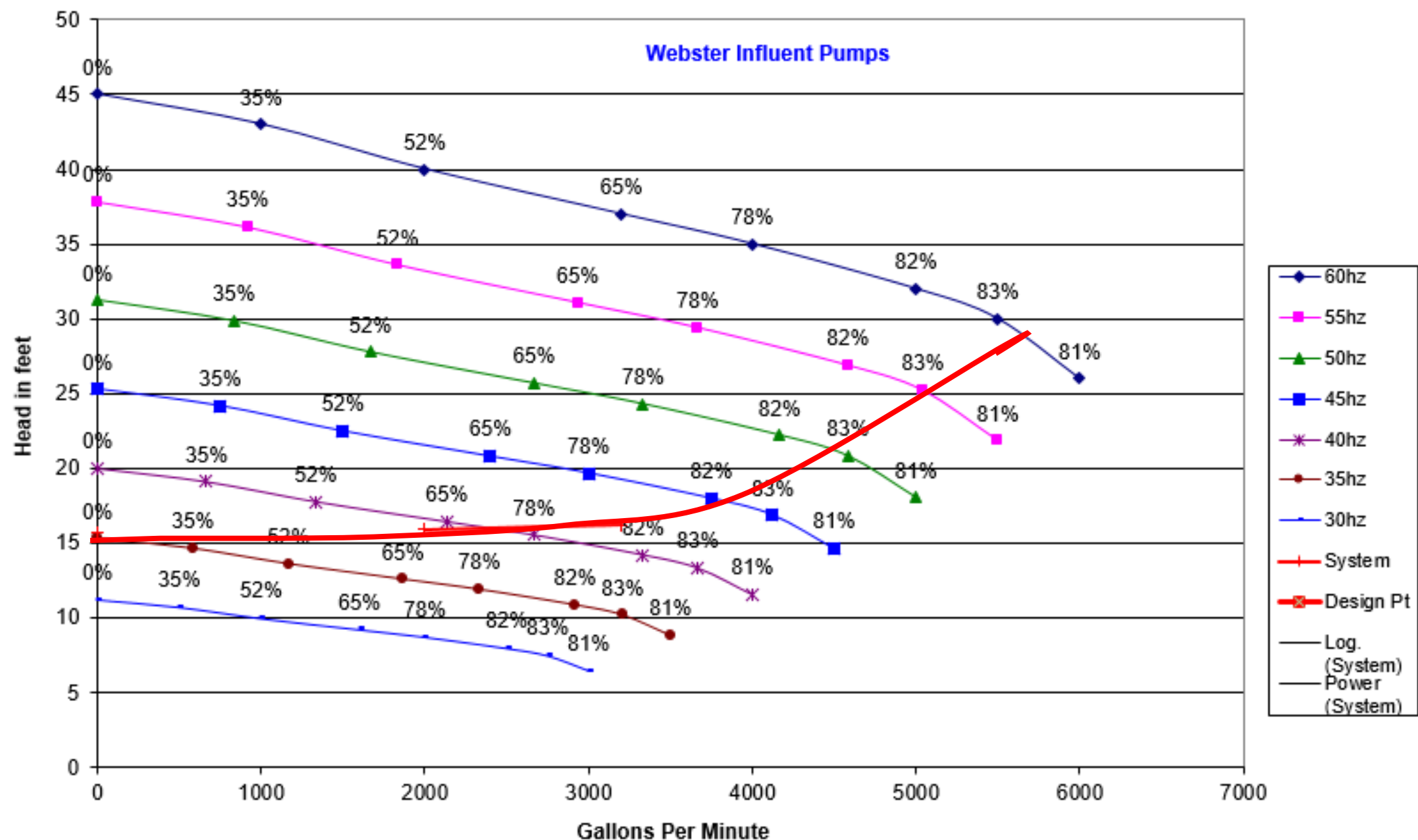
- 3 Influent Pumps
  - 60 HP, 32', 5,000 GPM
- Maintaining Wetwell Level
- Operation
  - Lead/Lag Operation of One Pump
  - Typically one pump in operation
- Existing Efficiency = 46%
- Manufacturers Efficiency = 83%

## Maintenance

- Regular/ Normal Maintenance Requirements
- No Concerns
  - Not always an indication of reduced efficiency



## Pump Hydraulic Efficiency vs System Head



# Webster Wastewater Treatment Plant

## ECM – Rebuild all Three Pumps

- Efficiency = 70-85%
- Savings = \$6,945 per year in electrical costs
- Project Cost = \$43,200
- Payback = 6.2 Years



# Fall River Drinking Water Treatment Facility

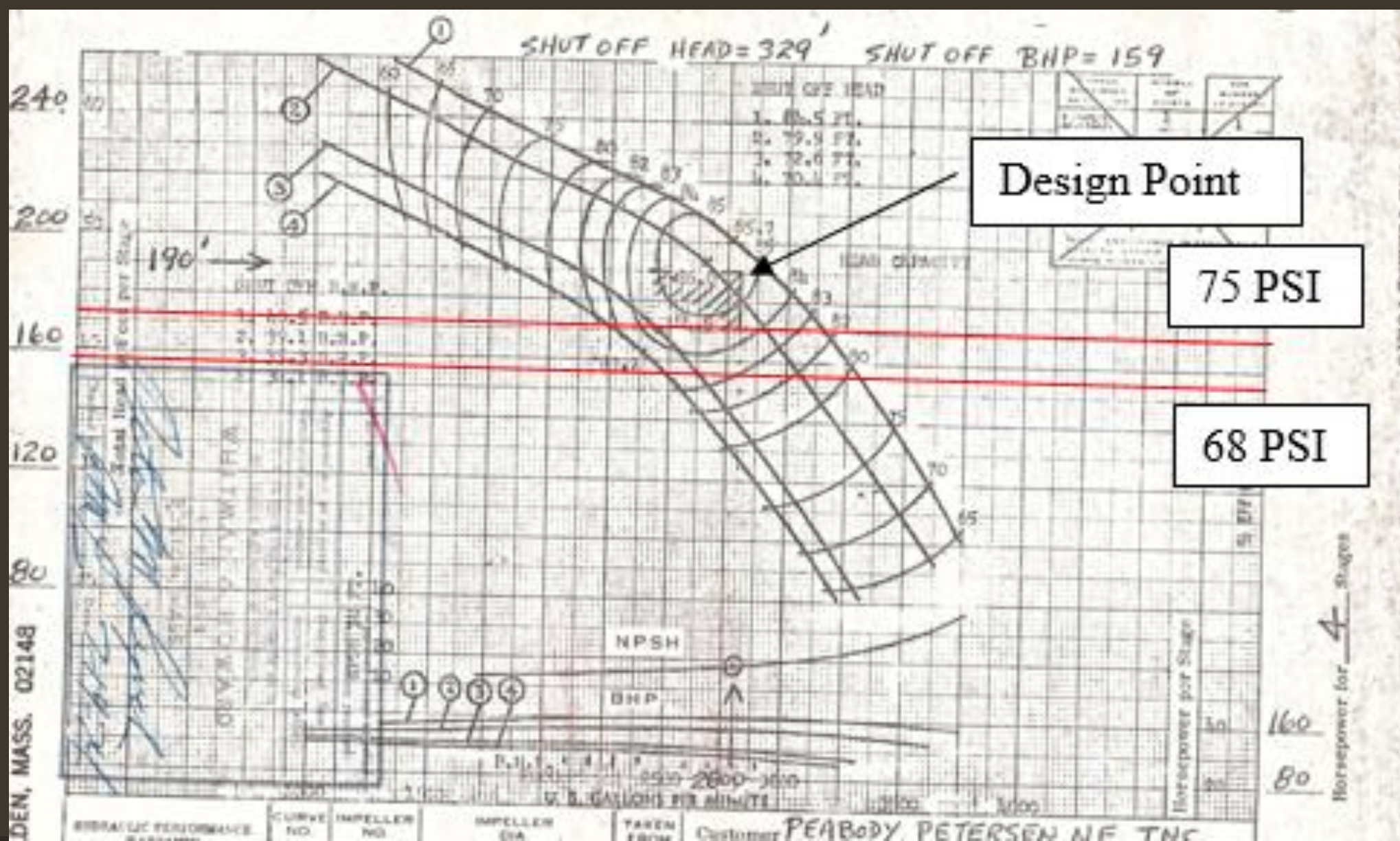
## Site Conditions

- 4 Finished Water Pumps – Three Different Sizes
  - Pumps 1,2 – 250 HP, 2,800 GPM, 190'
  - Pump 3 – 250 HP, 4,200 GPM, 190'
  - Pump 4 – 500 HP, 8,400 GPM, 189'
- Maintaining System Pressure
  - Between 68 and 75 PSI
- Operation
  - Constant speed operation of 2, 250 HP pumps
- Existing Efficiency = 60%
  - Manufacturer Efficiency = 82%

## Maintenance

- Motor on one of the pumps overheating
  - Found to be operating within the service factor
- Reduced flowrate due to wear of pumps causing chemical dosing issue



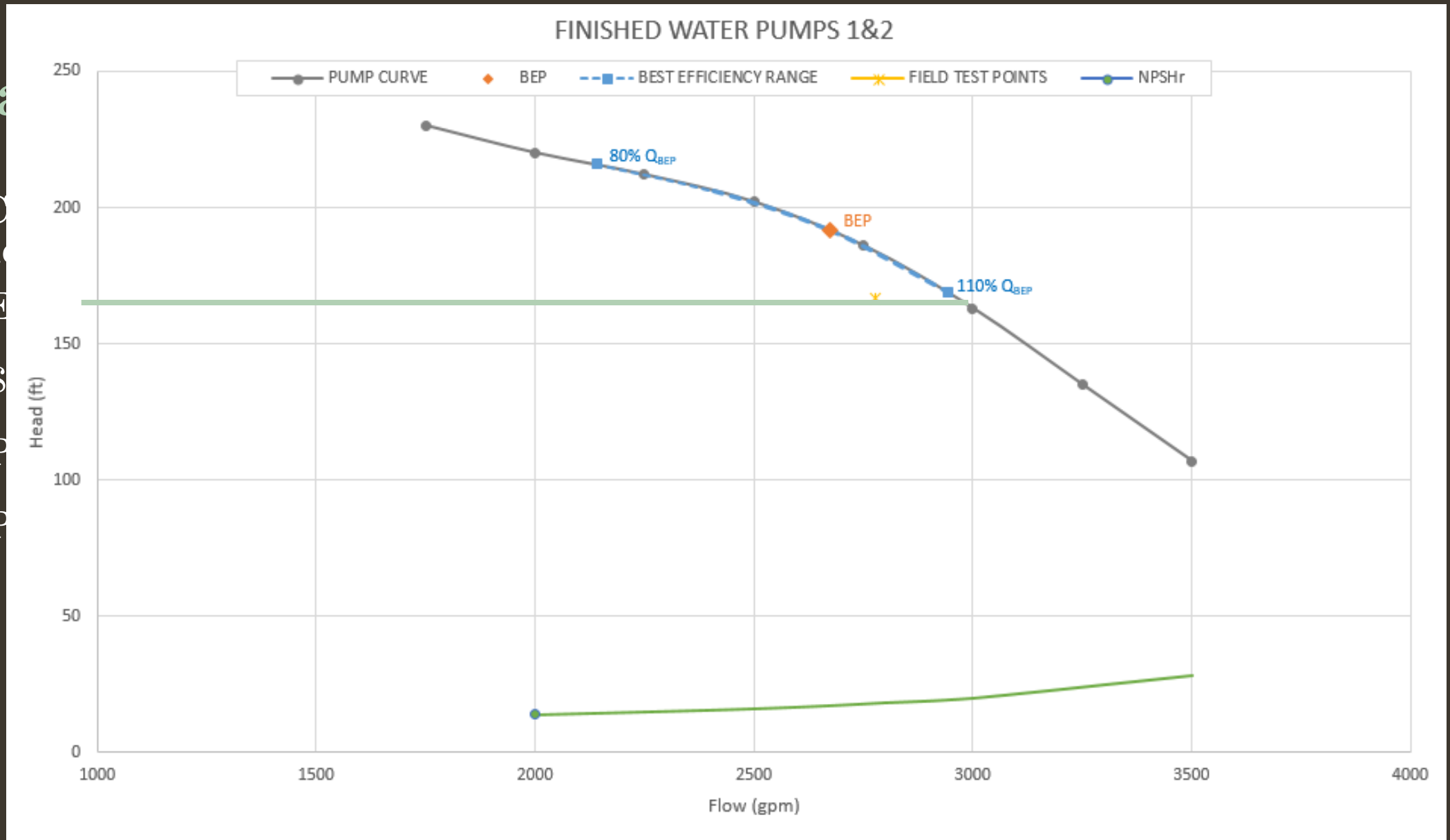




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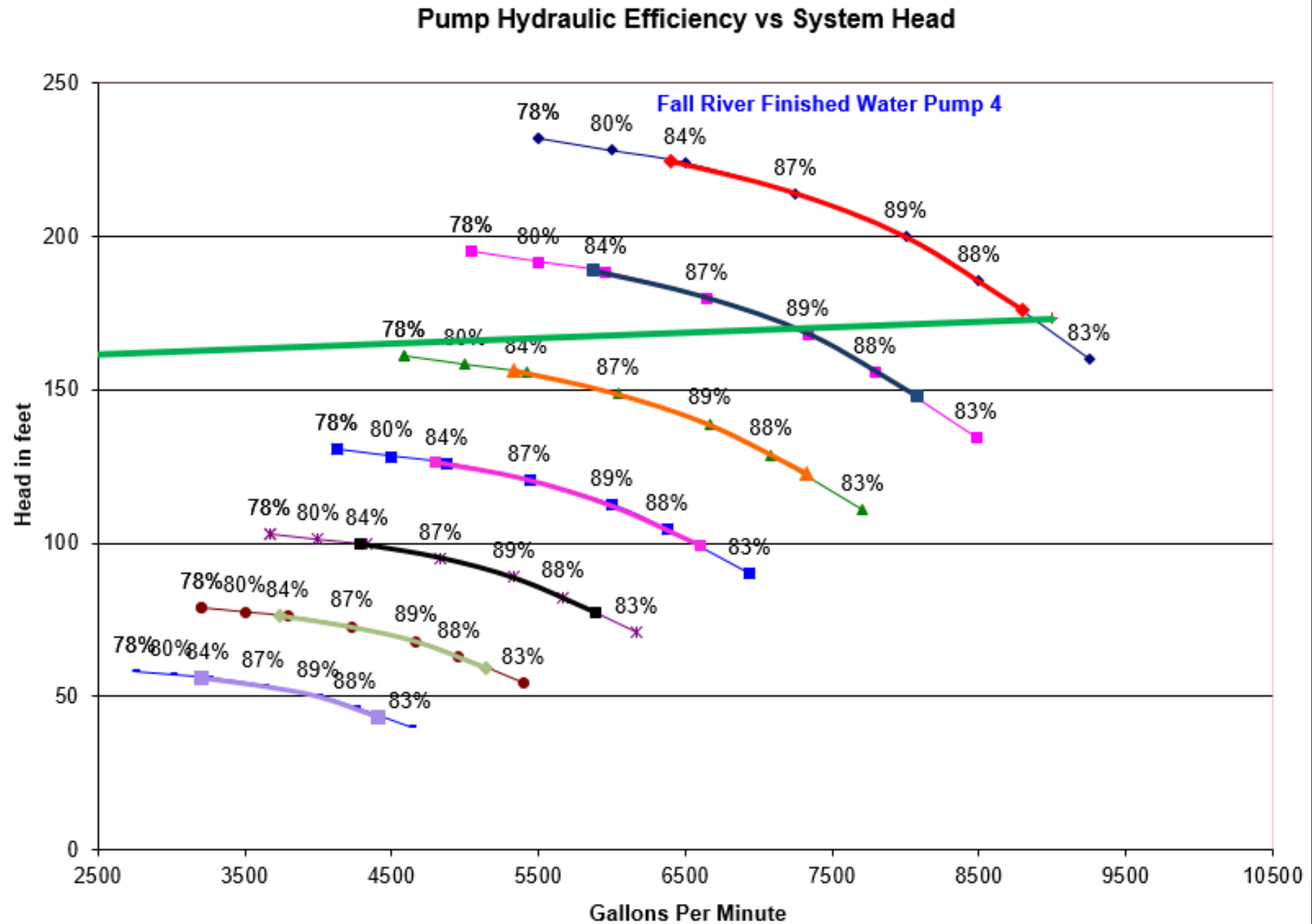
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# Gardner Drinking Water Treatment Facility

## Site Conditions

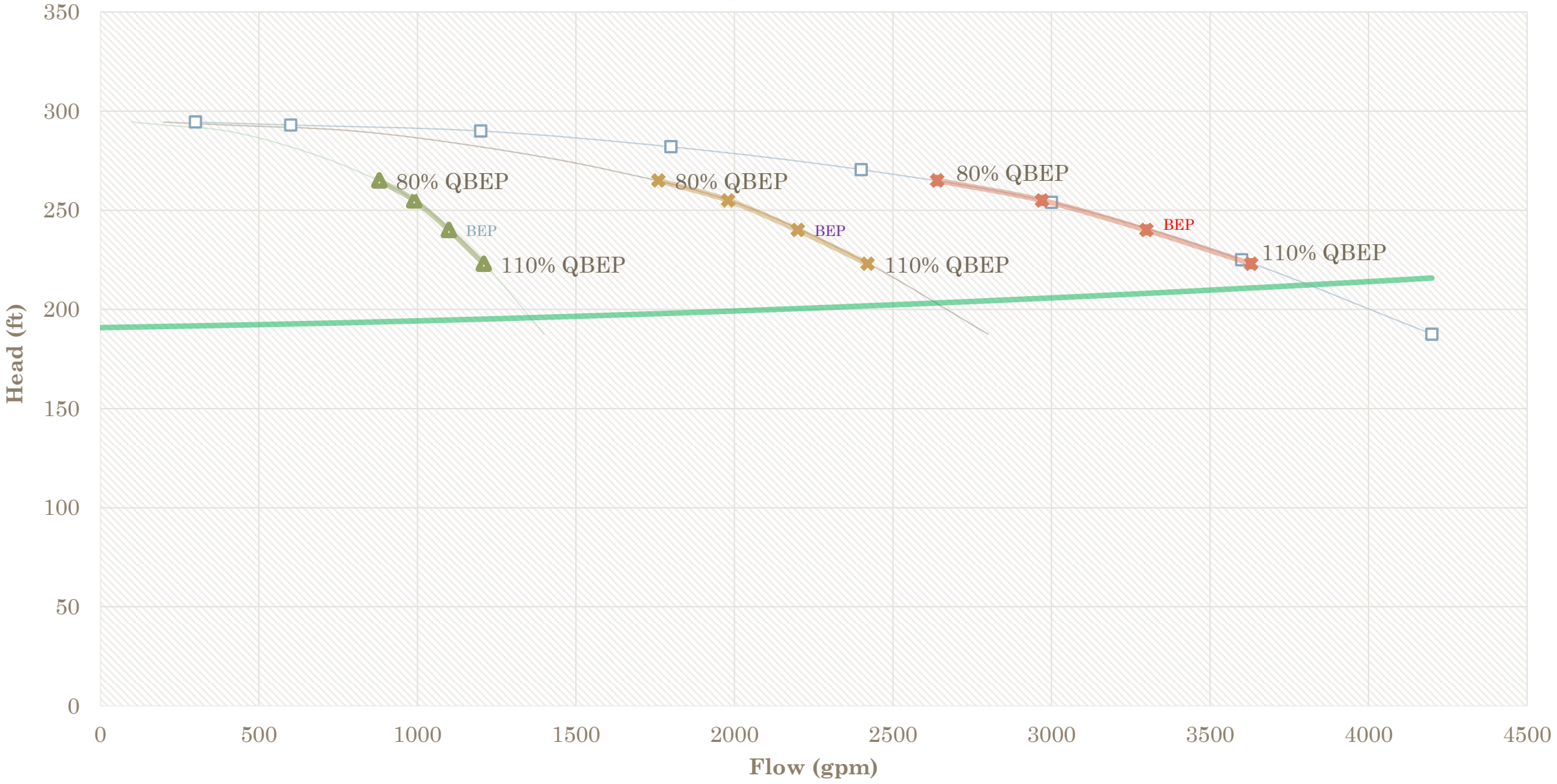
- High Service Pumps
  - 100 HP, 240' TDH, 1,043 gpm
- Two pumps operate at a constant speed to fill two service tanks
- Existing Efficiency = 45%
  - Manufacturers Efficiency = 80%

## Maintenance

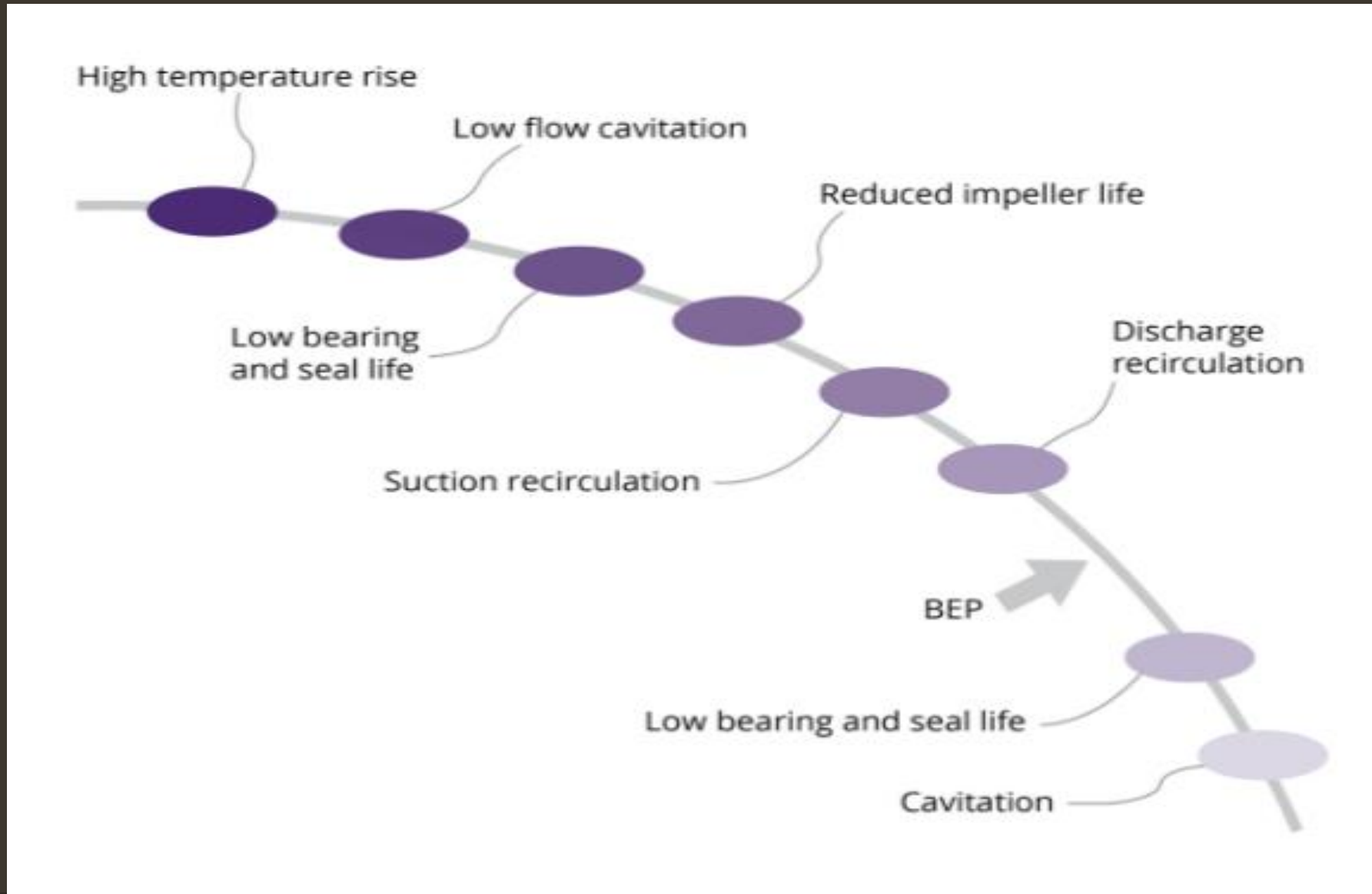
- No issues at this site
  - Maintenance Not Always an indication of Efficiency Loss



# Gardner High Service Pumps

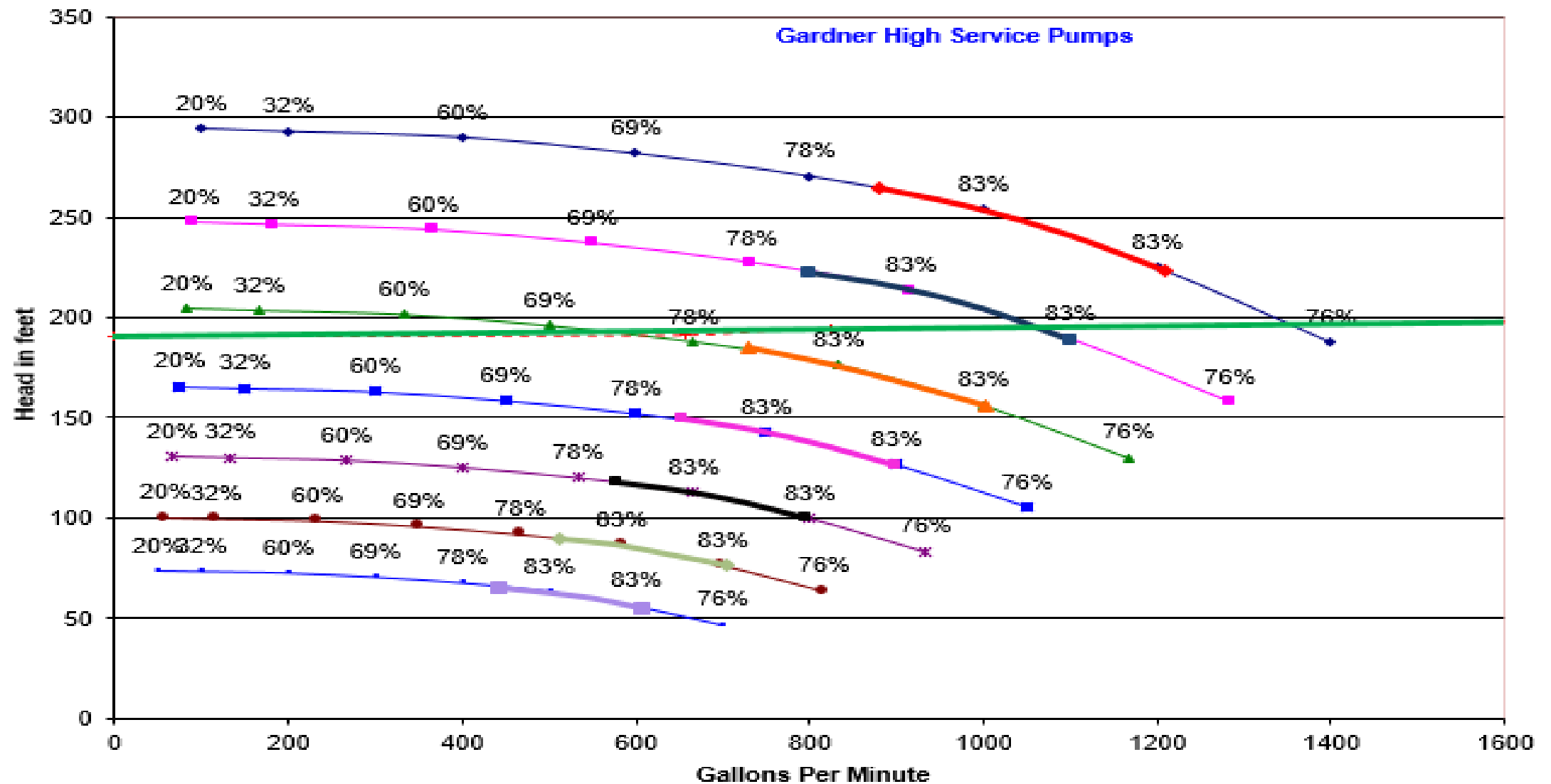


# What happens when we operate outside BEP





## Pump Hydraulic Efficiency vs System Head



# Gardner Drinking Water Treatment Facility

## ECM – Pump Rebuild and VFD Installation

- Pumps to be rebuilt
  - Under the rebuilt conditions the pumps would be operating outside of their BEP
- Install VFD to reduce speed/Q to get the pump back into BEP
- \$33,824 annual electric savings
- Project Cost = \$145,418
- Payback = 4.3 years

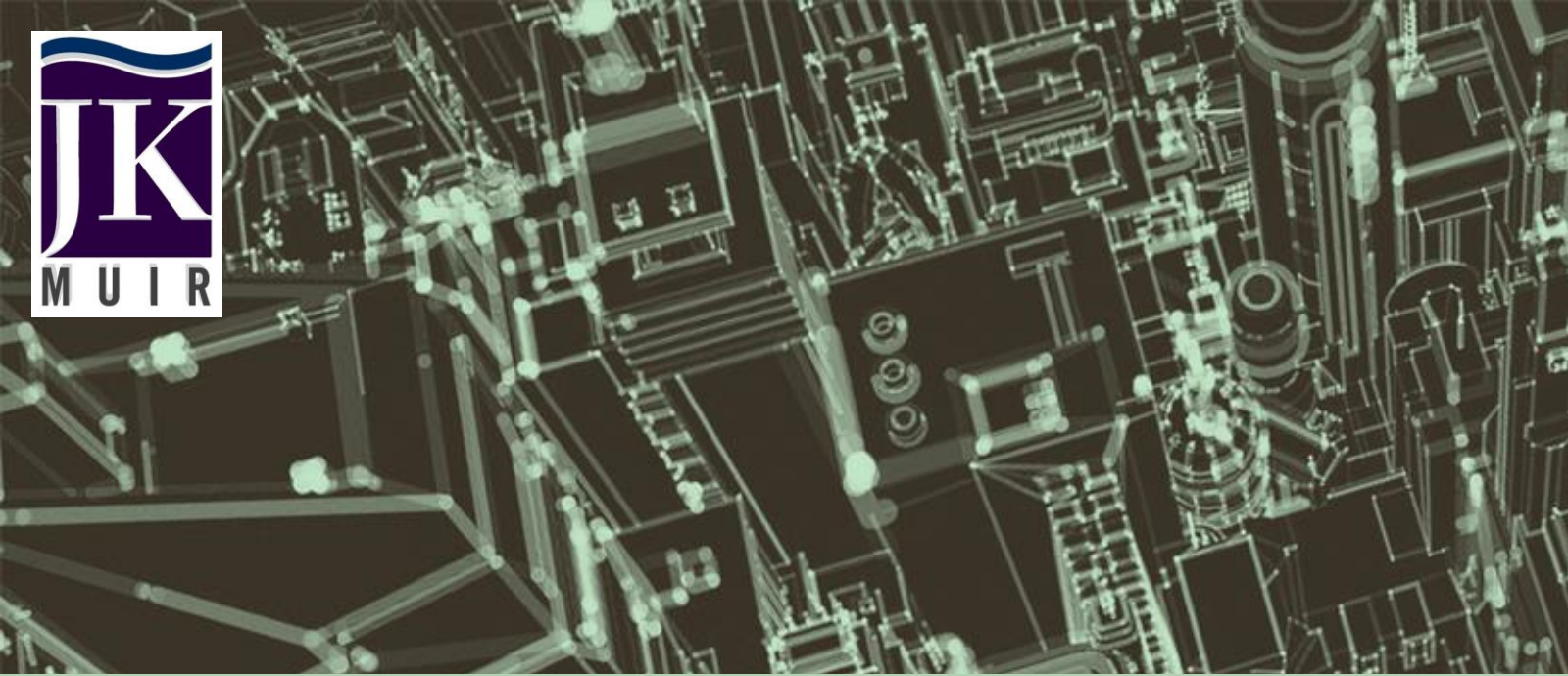


# What's Next

- Hydraulic Institute (HI)
  - Pump Efficiency Testing Standards
  - Certification for Pump Testing Professionals (PSA)
  - Masters Certification in Pump System Assessment
- Coatings/materials to improve performance
- Monitoring: real time feedback
  - Smart grid
  - Internet of things
  - Program v. one time replacement
- Asset Management, Capital Improvements, Commissioning
- Utility support & customer/end user out reach







# Thank You

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