

Taking a Tank Offline? No Sweat!

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Question?

Who took a tank offline and returned it to service?





Overview

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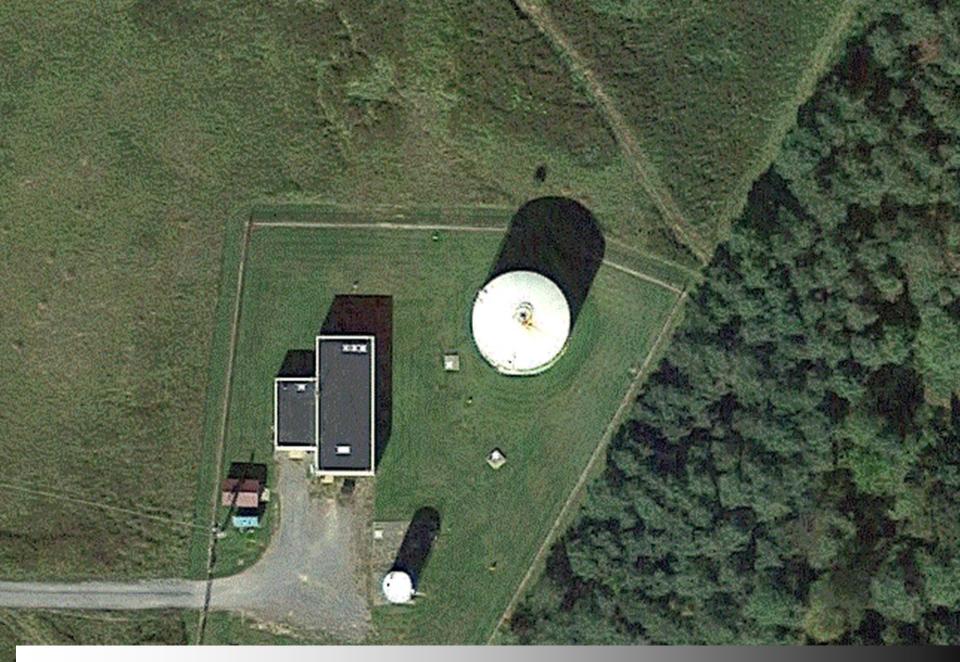
Tank Tales





1.5 MG and 3.0 MG Reservoirs





0.5 MG Clearwell at Plant

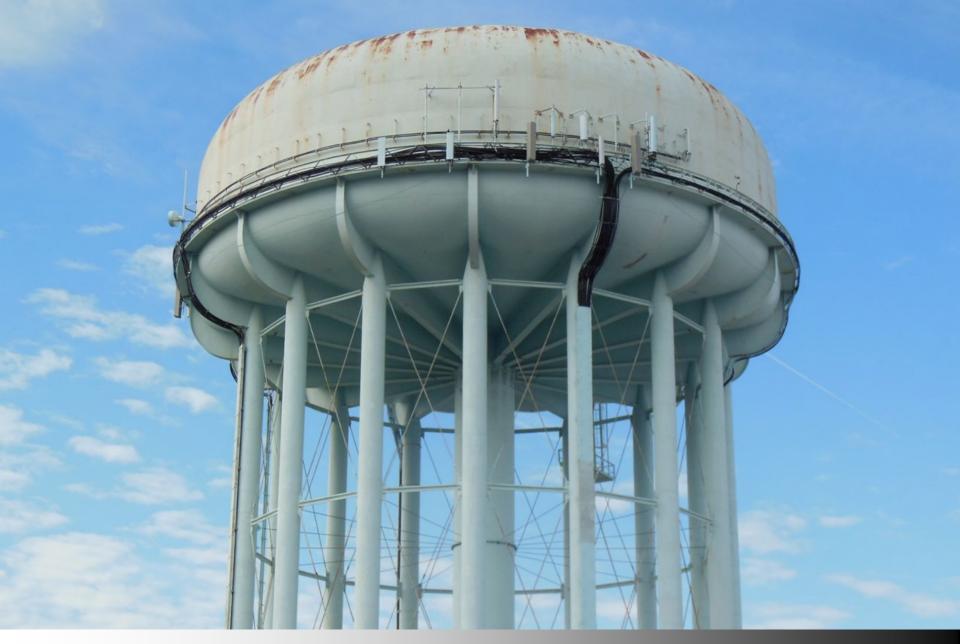






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300,000 Gal. (50,000 Gal. Needed)

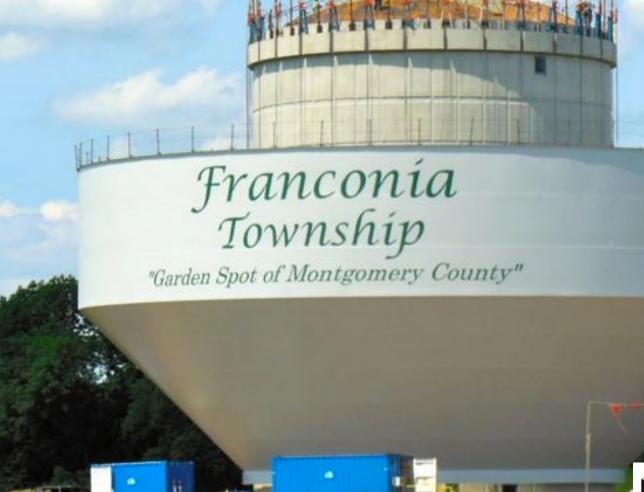


2.0 MG in Middle of Town



Tank Study











Caveat for Buried Tanks In the event of rain...











Step-By-Step



1.5 MG Standpipe

- Two Cell Carriers
- Lead Paint on Exterior
- Tight Site
- Steep Driveway
- Inadequate System Storage



Temporary Storage

- Nearby Tank in Pressure Zone only 200,000 gallons
- Booster Pump Station needed upgrades
- Additional 90,000 gallons of storage needed
 - 7 hydropneumatics tanks at 3 sites



Temporary Storage

- DEP Permitting
 - For Tank Rehab AND
 - For Temporary System
- Location of Temporary Storage
- Site Preparation and Security





Temporary Storage

- Who's Responsible?
- Who Pays For It?
- Set-up of System
- Will it work?
- Incremental Testing Without Temp. Storage
 - Operate pumps in VFD/pressure mode
 - Valve off tank and run 9 am to 3 pm
 - Valve off tank and run overnight

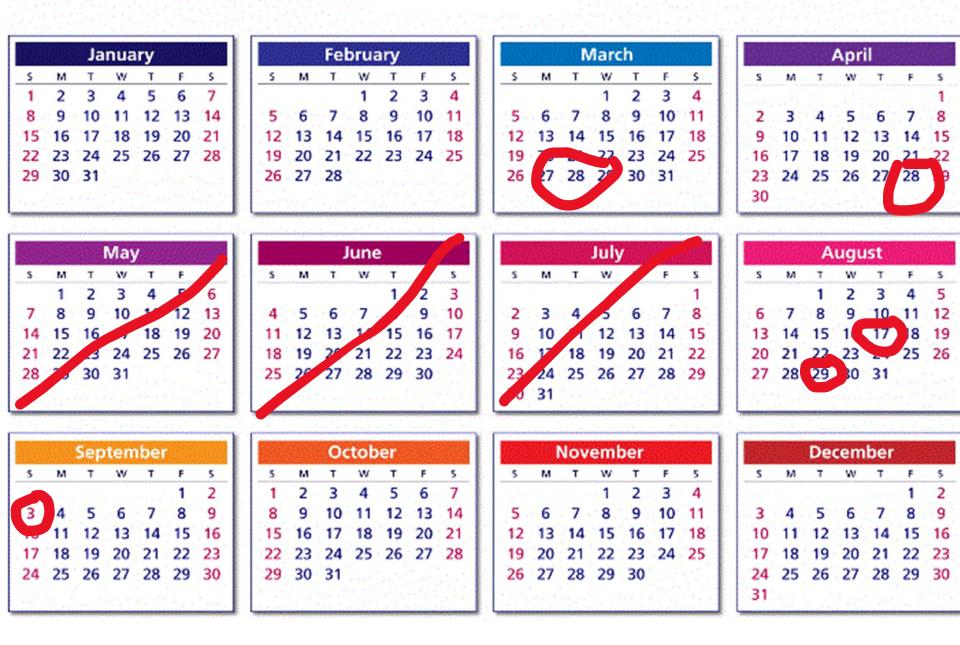


Draining Tank what about...

- Can tank be isolated from the distribution system?
- Can the tank be drained?
- How much silt and sediment in the bottom?
- Where is water going to go?
- If draining into stormwater or out of system, must dechlorinate water first.























Return to Service short version

1. PA DEP Permits

- Notify DEP, review what they expect
- \$50 and Certificate of Construction
- Test Results VOCs and BacT
- They may require on-site inspection
- 2. Procedure
 - Final cure, rub test inside
 - Painter rinses tank and disinfects
 - AWWA C652, 3 methods
 - Painter seals up tank, new nuts/bolts/gasket
 - Owner fills tank
- 3. Testing
 - Who does it, where are samples taken







Return to Service tips

- Don't need to dump water after chlorination and filling.
- After disinfection, may be many days or weeks out from return to service.



Water Tanks lessons learned

- Test System Prior to Draining
- Perform Dry Tank Inspection
 - Cleanout Tank
 - Check Valve Operation
 - Check System Pressures
- What Time of Year is Ideal?
- When is System Usage Down?
- Typically Don't Paint Nov. Mar.



Water Tanks lessons learned

- Need PA DEP permit
- If you need additional storage...
 - Temporary storage is costly
 - Cold weather provisions
 - Security
 - Ideally responsibility of the Contractor



Water Tanks lessons learned

- Consider alternate operations
 - Variable Frequency Drives
 - Pressure Relief Valves on Fire Hydrants
- Consider interconnect with neighboring system
- Consider a new tank





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