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JM EAGLE APPLAUDS LADWP USE OF PVC PIPE

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The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), the nation's largest public utility, in late September replaced a broken ductile iron waterline with JM Eagle Ultra Blue C909 in Venice, Calif.

After experiencing several leaks with the corroded residential waterline made of ductile iron, LADWP made the switch to PVC.

LADWP Officials were won over with PVC's non-corrosive properties and city crews were amazed with the pipe's exclusive-to-JM Eagle technology. Ultra Blue (PVCO) is molecularly engineered to be lighter and four times stronger than conventional PVC.

"JM Eagle's C909 proved to be lightweight and efficient in installation. Using this pipe was faster versus ductile iron, especially due to its maneuverability without the need for a crane," said Allan Deisch, LADWP Water Utility Supervisor.

The Venice project is the first in a series of projects LADWP has scheduled where it will install PVC pipe from JM Eagle to replace failing iron pipe. The majority of LADWP's water system is made up of iron pipe, which was a modern material when the system was first constructed decades ago. In the past five years Los Angeles' iron pipe infrastructure has demonstrated serious signs of degradation with numerous water main breaks flooding residential and commercial streets, leading to a consistent flow of costly repairs.



"The LADWP's decision to integrate PVC pipe in its water system will save the city's taxpayers millions of dollars in future repairs and costs", said Neal Gordon, JM Eagle Vice President of Marketing and Waterworks Sales, "PVC pipe is proven to last up to 100 years and JM Eagle stands by its pipe with a 50 year warranty."

This job represents a major milestone for JM Eagle as LADWP was one of the original interveners in a lawsuit against the nation's largest producer of plastic pipe. However, last year the public utility joined a dozen government entities in declining further action and dropped out of the "whistleblower" complaint. LADWP's switch reaffirms JM Eagle's stance that claims brought about in the qui tam case are false and without merit.

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