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RE: CATHODIC PROTECTION SURVEY  
SRC DRY AREA PLANT - 2022 RECOMMENDATIONS

Dear Mr. Tutt;

Please review the general recommendations concerning the results of the Nutrien Ltd. - SRC Dry Area Plant cathodic protection survey, performed beginning June 30, 2022. The following recommendations were cited during this inspection:

- Cathodic protection levels below regulatory minimum required levels
- Galvomag anode at CTP#1 is depleted or damaged requiring replacement
- CTP#2 fenced and locked with no access for inspection
- Casings could not be located by guide or technician - must locate and inspect
- Re-survey on completion

I trust the information to be in sufficient detail. Please contact me after reviewing this report to discuss these recommendations. A copy of this report is available online at [www.cityservices.biz](http://www.cityservices.biz). Click on Clients → Nutrien → Corrosion Surveys. To obtain or change your username and password, contact us at 229.226.6569.

Sincerely,

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## SRC Dry Area Plant

CATHODIC PROTECTION SURVEY  
JUNE 2022

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SRC Dry Area Plant  
Effectiveness of Cathodic Protection  
Survey Underground Natural Gas System

## INTRODUCTION

A cathodic protection survey was conducted for Nutrien Ltd. - SRC Dry Area Plant beginning June 30, 2022. During this survey, the SRC Dry Area Plant natural gas system was inspected for the effectiveness of cathodic protection, as applied. The cathodic protection system for Nutrien Ltd. - SRC Dry Area Plant consists essentially of Galvomag Magnesium anodes placed in various locations throughout the natural gas distribution system.

## RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

A total of Eight [8] [15 in 2021] cathodic protection voltage readings consisting of, Two [2] [3 in 2021] Galvomag anode / CTP readings, One [1] [4 in 2021] gas casing pipe readings and Five [5] [8 in 2021] gas pipeline readings were taken during this survey. As can be seen by the structure-to-soil potential measurements and the enclosed data sheet, 50% of the gas pipeline readings obtained are indicative of cathodic protection. A structure-to-soil potential of 850 millivolts [-0.850] or more negative direct current is the basis used in this report to confirm cathodic protection.

## **IR DROP CONSIDERATION**

Aging pipes and changing conditions can cause significant problems, such as an increase in applied CP levels and enlarged holidays in coating. In addition, increased environmental concerns also emphasize the need to minimize leaks as much as possible.

The effectiveness of any cathodic protection system can be determined by taking potential measurements between the structure and a reference electrode. These potential measurements have traditionally been recorded with “average reading” digital voltmeters while the protective current is flowing or applied. These potential measurements contain the error produced by the voltage drop in the soil (electrolyte resistance) and the voltage drop (current) in the structure being protected. This error is referred to as *IR* drop. Interpretation of a current applied measurement requires consideration of the significance of voltage drops in the earth and metallic paths.

An *IR* drop is a voltage across a resistance, in accordance with Ohm's law ( $V=IR$ ). Although there are several *IR* drops in a structure-to-electrolyte potential circuit, the *IR* drop of most concern is that which occurs between the reference electrode (half-cell) and the structure-to-electrolyte (pipe) boundary. This *IR* drop is due to a CP current in the resistance of the electrolyte and is an error in the measurement.

One way to reduce the *IR* drop is to bring the reference electrode close to the structure (pipe) to reduce the resistance of the electrolyte (soil). Another way to reduce the *IR* drop is to bring the current to zero by interrupting all sources of current (anodes) influencing that reference point at the same precise time.

## **SURVEY TEST INSTRUMENTATION & METHOD**

- Gas Electronics Model 601 Insulation Checker
- Fluke Model 71 Digital Multi-meter
- Tinker & Razor 6-B Reference Electrode [CSE]
- Cu/CuSO<sub>4</sub> Reference Electrode Calibration 06/29/2022 – 3.3 Mv



## RECOMMENDATIONS

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The sacrificial galvanic anode arrangement designed to protect the coated and wrapped steel natural gas system indicates *inadequate current* to afford cathodic protection to the steel distribution system. Structure-to-soil readings obtained from Cathodic Test Points and gas risers on the steel distribution system indicate CP readings *below* State and Federal minimum standards of -0.850 volts direct current. No Railroad casings could be located or identified by the Nutrien guide, thus no readings in this survey. The area around cathodic test point #2 was fenced and locked with no access to this test point, thus no reading.

The coated and wrapped main gas lines show a minimum structure-to-soil potential of -0.682 vdc and a maximum structure-to-soil potential of -1.215 vdc at various Cathodic Test Points in the SRC Dry Area Plant distribution system. Continuity over the entire main line system is good to excellent. The six-inch [6"] coated and wrapped steel gas pipe from the metering station to the limestone unloading area indicates areas of *inadequate cathodic protection*. Recommendations as follows:

- Locate casings for inspection
- Replace CTP#1 Mag Anode
- Access CTP#2 for inspection
- Re-survey on completion

At this time, the Natural Gas Distribution System for Nutrien Ltd. - SRC Dry Area Plant complex indicates cathodic protection levels *below* regulatory minimum levels. I trust the above information to be satisfactory and in sufficient detail, however, should you require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Anthony Livings  
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**CATHODIC TEST POINTS**

## CATHODIC TEST POINTS

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### Cathodic Test Point - #1

Red Anode Connection	-0.476 Vdc
Black Gas Pipeline Connection	-0.682 Vdc
Anode / Gas Line Connections Combined	-0.140 Vdc

### Cathodic Test Point - #2

*CTP #2 area is fenced and locked with no access available as per Nutrien guide / Will this cathodic test point be available for survey at a later date, with revised report generated?*

Red Anode Connection	-0.000 Vdc
Black [Tape] Casing Pipeline Connection	-0.000 Vdc
Black Gas Pipeline Connection	-0.000 Vdc
Anode / Gas Line Connections Combined	-0.000 Vdc

### Cathodic Test Point - #3

Red Anode Connection	-1.230 Vdc
White Casing Pipeline Connection	-0.805 Vdc
Black Gas Pipeline Connection	-1.215 Vdc
Anode / Gas Line Connections Combined	N / A Vdc



**STRUCTURE-TO-SOIL POTENTIALS**  
**GAS PIPE CASINGS**

**STRUCTURE-TO-SOIL POTENTIAL  
GAS PIPE CASINGS**

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Test Location	Energized Potentials Volts
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*Railroad Casing @ CTP #3 - <i>Not Located</i>	-0.000
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*Scale House Drive Casing @ CTP #2 – <i>Not Located</i>	-0.000
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\*Casing Anode Installed

**STRUCTURE - TO - SOIL POTENTIAL DATA**

## STRUCTURE – TO – SOIL POTENTIAL DATA

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<u>Test Location</u>	<u>Energized Potentials Volts</u>
Metering Station [6" Steel Line Outlet]	-1.014
Limestone Loading [6" Riser Inlet]	-1.016