

COPPELL

Residual Control Technology Saves Millions of Gallons of Water While Maintaining Consistent Chloramine Residual Levels

OVERVIEW

Located in north central Texas, the City of Coppel is part of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, an agglomeration of cities that make up the 10th most populous region in North America. Founded as a farming town by German and French immigrants in the 1830s, Coppel is now home to over 40,000 people. While the City of Coppel is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the water distribution and wastewater collection systems in a predominantly residential area with 16,000 connections, the City relies on purchased drinking water from Dallas Water Utilities with chloramine residual in the range of 3.0 mg/L to 3.5 mg/L.

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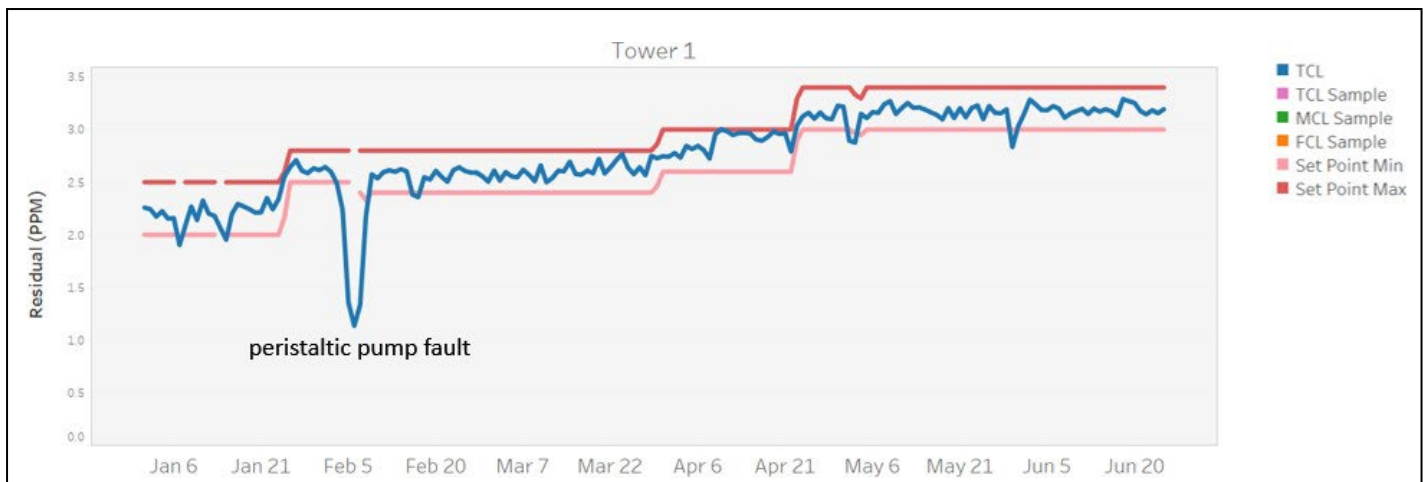
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1.5 MG Southwestern Tank – Tower 1

In late 2016, the city installed a Monoclor® RCS (Residual Control System) at their Southwestern tank. The system consisted of a PAX PWM500 Mixer, a Water Quality Station, Smart Controller, chlorine feed skid for bulk hypochlorite and an ammonia feed skid for liquid ammonium sulfate (LAS). Once the equipment was installed and calibrated, a desired residual set-point was programmed into the system. The Monoclor® RCS continually monitored the existing residual in the tank and automatically adjusted the dosing rate to maintain the desired residual set point.

The result has been dramatically more stable residual levels and improved water quality. Data from the City shows a 95% increase in Total Chlorine residual from 2016 to 2017 (on left). At the same time, the data shows a 76% decrease in Nitrite levels during the same time. In the past, especially during the hot summer months of May, June, and July, the City of Coppell was challenged to maintain a 0.5 chlorine residual. Upon start up of the Monoclor® RCS, the steady residual levels enabled them to practically eliminate the need for flushing, conserving large quantities of water while reducing operator man hours that were once dedicated to these flushing exercises. Together, this contributed to making the Monoclor® RCS a cost-effective investment in a very short period of time. The City is expected to add another Monoclor® RCS to their network in 2018.



Southwest Tank residual levels remains steady and controllable per 2018 six month audit

“We now have more control over our water quality which has had an affect not only in our Elevated Storage Tank but out in the far reaches of our distribution system. We get less taste and odor complaints, have lower nitrite levels, and my operators can spend their time more productively now that we are not having to drain the tank.”

- Jerry Davis - Water Operations Supervisor

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