# Galvanic Cathodic Protection of Concrete Structures

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### **Concrete Repair Process**



**Corrosion Ravaged Bridge Columns** 



### Levels of Corrosion Protection

Cathodic Protection	Highest level of protection intended to stop on-going corrosion activity
Corrosion Control	Significantly reducing or stopping on-going corrosion activity
Corrosion Prevention (Cathodic Prevention)	Preventing new corrosion activity from initiating

# **Cathodic Protection**

- Address active corrosion
- Reduce corrosion rate to approximately zero
- Typical applied current: 5 to 20 mA/m<sup>2</sup>
- 100 mV+ potential shift

# **Corrosion Control**

- Address Active Corrosion
- Significantly reduce corrosion rate
- Typical applied current: 1 to 7 mA/m<sup>2</sup>
- Research has shown that as little as 1 mA/m<sup>2</sup> achieved 96% reduction in delamination growth

#### **Corrosion (Cathodic) Prevention**

- Mitigate the <u>initiation</u> of corrosion
- Current density required is lower than amount necessary to stop on-going corrosion activity
  - Research has shown that 0.25 to 2 mA/m<sup>2</sup> is sufficient to prevent corrosion initiation
- New Construction
- Repair

### **Corrosion Protection**

- Current Provided to the Reinforcing Steel
   Impressed Current Systems
  - Galvanic Systems
- Both Types of Systems can Provide Corrosion Protection to Steel in Concrete



# Abutment Repair Detail With Galvanic Protection



#### I-75 Ohio DOT



#### Forms installed

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#### Completed repair

#### Kirkwood Road – Monitoring Protective Current and Temperature



#### Kirkwood Road Monitoring

Date	Temp	mA/m2	Polarization	
5/6/05	(C)	37.7	(mA)	
7/20/05		13.9	346	
8/16/05	31	12.9	333	
10/26/05	12	5.4	394	
12/7/05	11	3.2	339	
5/1/06	14	7.5	335	
12/20/06	4	4.3	500	
5/30/07	26	7.5	446	
9/20/07	24	9.7	484	
12/09/08	4	3.3	470	
7/9/09	23	3.3	475	

Galvanode<sup>®</sup> Galvanic Protection System for Concrete Piles in Marine Environment

Robert Moses Causeway Long Island, NY

















### Cathodic Protection: Robert Moses Causeway

- Contract Specified Monitoring for 1 Year
- Temperature has varied from -10C to 25C.
- Current has varied from 17 to 55 mA.
- Current Density: 4.0 to 12 mA/m<sup>2</sup>.
- Polarization: 128 to 297 mV.
- System meets all CP Criteria.





# Pile Cap Repair

- 2,000 meters of pile cap repair
- Remove bottom 20 cm
- Install distributed strip anodes
  - 4 cm x 4 cm x 2.5 m
- Form and Pour Repair







**Parking Garage** 



#### **Bridge Widening**



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### Leister Bridge Cross Beam

Completed in 1999Monitored for 10 years



### 10 Year Monitoring - Current



# **Current Density**

- Cathodic Prevention
  - European Standard EN 12696
  - Current Density 0.2-2mA/m<sup>2</sup>

- Leister Bridge
  - Ranged 0.6 mA/m<sup>2</sup> and 3.0 mA/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Overall mean of around 1.4 mA/m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Zinc Consumption**



Calculated based on current output and 85% utilization

#### Forensic Analysis after 10 yrs

Encasing Zinc Extent of pores Mortar containing white corrosion corrosion product products **Bright Zinc** substrate (top darker layer scraped off) Coherent Zinc interface substrate Repair Uncorroded mortar tie wires

(b)

(a)

#### **Anode Connection to Reinforcing Steel**



#### Preventative Galvanic Protection with FRP Strengthening





#### **Galvanic Anodes in New Construction**

- General Protection
- Targeted protection
  - High chloride exposure
  - Critical structural elements
  - Construction joints



# Catano Ferry Terminal



First Green Building in Puerto Rico as certified by as LEED
2nd ferry terminal in the USA certified by LEED
Construction Complete 2012

\$22.5 million ferry terminal in Catano
Replace the existing 35 year old terminal
4,600 passengers daily

# **Catano Ferry Terminal**

- Galvanic Anodes used for Cathodic Prevention
- Piles
- Beams
- Columns





# Summary

- Large Range of Corrosion Mitigation Options Available
- Mitigation Strategies can be
  - Global, Targeted, or Localized
- System Selection
  - Existing Condition, Exposure Conditions, Service Life Required, Budget, and Maintenance Considerations

