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LEGAL NEWS

New Lawsuit Filed Over Aquatherm PP-R Plumbing Pipes at Historic Lodge
The lawsuit states the U.S. Forest Service hired a private consultant to analyze the pipes, resulting in the conclusion the pipes were being degraded from the water inside and that all of the pipes in Timberline Lodge needed to be replaced.
https://www.koin.com/news/oregon/timberline-lodge-plumbing-lawsuit-2-million-dollars-us-forest-service-plaintiffs/

Aquatherm Sued by USA Over ‘Defective’ PP-R Pipes (July, 2022)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. AQUATHERM GmbH; AQUATHERM L.P.
Plaintiff asserts claims of breach of express warranty, breach of implied warranty of merchantability, breach of implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose, and unjust enrichment
As alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint, the United States seeks to recover the cost of replacing defective pipes in a federal building in Portland, Oregon. Between 2009 and 2013, the General

Services Administration (GSA) renovated the Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Federal Building (the Building). The first of several pipe leaks occurred in March 2018. Since then, the AQ GmbH PP-R pipes allegedly failed another eight times, and Plaintiff contends that they will likely continue to fail because they are defective and unsuitable both for ordinary use and specifically for use in the Building.
https://scholar.google.com.au/scholar_case?case=16938976519910698144&q=pp-r+pipe&hl=en&as_sdt=2006&as_ylo=2022

United States of America v. Aquatherm GmbH et al (3:22-cv-01101), Oregon District Court
https://www.pacermonitor.com/public/case/45419067/United_States_of_America_v_Aquatherm_GmbH_et_al

JM Eagle Moves to Dismiss Baseless Lawsuit (2022)
https://unbate.ngontinh24.com/article/jm-eagle-moves-to-dismiss-baseless-lawsuit-2

EPA Considers Reclassifying PVC as Hazardous Waste
https://www.natlawreview.com/article/waste-not-want-not-impact-epa-s-decision-to-consider-reclassifying-discarded

Eastlake Family Settles Ohio Gas Explosion Lawsuit Due to HDPE Pipe Squeeze Off Failure
https://www.fdslaw.com/blog/personal-injury/ohio-family-gas-explosion-suit/

INDUSTRY NEWS

Installing Continuous HDPE Pipes at Mine Site – Game Changer!
https://www.icn.org.au/case_study/polyline-pipe-systems-producing-and-installing-continuous-hdpe-pipes-at-mine-sites/

New Video Webinar on HDPE Piping for Waste-Water Systems (by Alliance for PE Pipe)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nx7D0Pxp6uo

ISCO Supplies Record Breaking HDD Project
https://isco-pipe.com/isco-supplies-record-breaking-hdd-project/

The Cost Reduction Benefits of PE 100-RC Pipe Fittings (AGRU)
https://agruamerica.com/hdpe-pipe-fittings-cost/

New Pipe Cutter Cuts Square on Medium and High-Density PE Pipe
https://news.thomasnet.com/fullstory/new-pipe-cutter-cuts-square-on-medium-and-high-density-pe-pipe-40046489

HEAT-FIT®: Fire-Retardant Pipe Jacket by GF Piping Systems Receives DNV, BV, ABS, and LR Approvals
https://news.cision.com/gf-piping-systems/r/heat-fit--the-fire-retardant-pipe-jacket-system-by-gf-piping-systems-receives-dnv--bv--abs--and-lr-a,c3610197

Climate Change - a Threat to Integrity of Plastic Pipeline Facilities
Warming climate threatens to melt plastic pipes and wash away the supportive soil around pipes
https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/environment/2022/08/04/phmsa-warns-climate-change-threatens-pipelines-citing-michigan-example/7813644001/

How GRP Jacking Pipe Ensured the Success of a Challenging Sewer Installation
https://createdigital.org.au/how-grp-jacking-pipe-ensured-the-success-of-a-challenging-sewer-installation/

PVC Pipe Longevity Report [PDF]
https://www.uni-bell.org/Portals/0/ResourceFile/pvc-pipe-longevity-report.pdf

LATEST RESERCH

HDPE Pipe Failures Correlated with Traffic Loading, Frost Action and Soil Temperature
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/362329903_Developing_Software_Application_for_Pipeline_Survival_Curves

Experimental and Numerical Analyses of Buried HDPE Pipe with Using EPS Geofoam
https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12205-022-1541-z

Modelling and Analysis of Defects in Fibre-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Pipelines for Hydrogen Transport
https://www.findaphd.com/phds/project/modelling-and-analysis-of-defects-in-fibre-reinforced-polymer-frp-pipelines-for-hydrogen-transport-robert-gordon-university-school-of-engineering/?p146314

HDPE PIPE Scaling Simulation for Landfill Leachate Transportation: a System Dynamics Approach
https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13762-022-04404-4

MICROPLASTICS FROM PLASTIC PIPES

Release of Additives and Non-Intentionally Added Substances from Microplastics Under Environmentally Relevant Conditions
https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4159402

Studying the Influence of Polyethylene Microplastics' Intrinsic and Extrinsic Characteristics on their Weathering Behaviour and Heavy Metal Transport in Storm Runoff
https://cloud.excelplas.com/s/OZYPqPzq2dTpG2F

Environmental Hazard of Polypropylene: Acute Toxicity Towards Daphnia Magna and Current Knowledge on Other Polypropylene Microplastics
https://microplastics.springeropen.com/articles/10.1186/s43591-021-00020-0

NEW JOBS

GF Piping Seeking Product/Business Development Manager
https://www.seek.com.au/job/57999698?type=promoted

GF Piping Seeking Plastics Fabricator for Plastic Pipes
https://www.seek.com.au/job/57987650?type=promoted

FAILURE ANALYSIS

HDPE PIPE JOINT FAILURE EXPERTS
The failure of electrofusion or butt fusion joints in polyethylene gas pipework can be due to several factors including incorrect alignment, contamination, incorrect temperature or the duration of joint fusion.
If a joint failure occurs, investigations are important to help identify modifications to procedures or training that can help you minimise the occurrence of future failure. This is where we can help.
We provide a detailed PE joint failure investigation service which typically include:

- Digital inspection of the received sample, including dimension measurements of sizes and ovality
- Segmenting the joint for visual and microscopic investigation
- Elemental analysis of any contamination found in the joint
- Peel decohesion testing

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Plastic Pipeline Expert Witness
If you require expert witness or legal consulting assistance in pipeline failure analysis, plastic pipeline joining methods, plastic piping welding, or associated technical areas please contact us.

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ExcelPlas Investigating Poly Pipe Failures
Through failure analysis & forensic chemistry, we help clients improve product performance, increase profits, & resolve product liability claims with plastic pipes and fittings.
We are dedicated to unmatched excellence in failure analysis, investigative chemistry, material testing, and expert witnessing for plastics, polymers and composites.
With over 25 years of investigative experience, the staff at ExcelPlas are uniquely positioned to help clients resolve the most challenging performance and processing issues related to materials and finished pipes and fittings.
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PPN the Digital News Platform for Communicating to the Global Plastic Pipe Industry
Send Us Your News!!! PPN Publishes weekly.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUKxWbOZY10

ExcelPlas Labs Pipe Failure Investigations
ExcelPlas Labs have created a new benchmark in failure analysis of HDPE, PP-R, PB and PEX pipes in addition to PVC & CPVC pipes as well as composite GRP and GRE pipes. When a plastic pipeline fails to perform as intended, our team can determine the root cause of failure (e.g. oxidative failure, chemical failure, creep failure, over-stress failure, fatigue failure, design failure, etc). ExcelPlas are experienced with all plastic piping failure modes and mechanisms including Slow Crack Growth (SCG) Rapid Crack Propagation (RCP), Environmental Stress Crack Resistance (ESCR), Oxidative Stress Cracking (OSC), cyclic fatigue, manufacturing defects, and polymer material problems.
http://www.excelplas.com/

ExcelPlas Strain Hardening Test (SHT) for HDPE Pipes
The SHT in accordance with ISO 18488 is a relatively new, but excellent way to obtain a rapid indication of the Stress Crack Growth (SCG) resistance of your piping material. This tensile test performed at 80°C has become in just a few years the new standard for Batch Release Testing

(BRT). And not without reason. The test requires only a very small amount of material, the results are very reliable with a very low inter-laboratory scatter and the results are available within a few days, regardless of the PE grade. The SHT is usually performed on resin material but it can also be performed on samples taken directly from pipes or sheets. As accredited lab, EXCELPLAS is happy to discuss the possibilities with you, whether it is for BRT, benchmarking, quality control of your (high performing) PE grade or for polymer compliance/ validation.
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Australia's Plastic Pipe Testing Laboratory
ExcelPlas Laboratories provides a comprehensive plastic pipe joint testing service and is equipped with a state-of-the-art laboratory to test a range of polymer materials including polyethylene and polypropylene. ExcelPlas can carry out testing on plastic tube and pipe ranging in wall thickness from 3mm to 1200mm. ExcelPlas Laboratories provide a comprehensive service to Industrial & commercial companies, environmental consultants, Government bodies, and local Authority customers throughout Australia and Asia. All testing is carried and out in accordance with ASTM, ISO & WIS methods and is fully accredited to ISO 17025 by NATA.

- Butt Fusion Weld Testing
- Weld Testing
- Testing of Electro-fusion Welds
- Tear on saddle joints
- Crush De-cohesion of Electro-fusion welds
- Polymer & Plastics Identification
- Chemical & Thermal Testing
- Site Audits

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ExcelPlas - the Australian Pipes & Fittings Testing Laboratory

- Accredited to ISO 17025 by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) Australia, and is Australia’s largest laboratory dedicated for the testing of plastic pipes and fittings to various Standards which include Australian, European and International Standards.
- The staff employed at the laboratory have a combined experience of more than 85 years

within the plastics industry specifically with manufacturing, quality control and the research and development of plastic piping systems including HDPE, PEX, PP-R, PVC, U-PVC, M-PVC, O-PVC, ABS, GRP, GRE and PB.
- Services provided include conformance testing, compliance testing, batch release testing, root cause analysis for field failures and non-destructive testing of samples.
- http://www.excelplas.com/

ExcelPlas Lab Specialising in HDPE Pipe Condition Monitoring, Failure Analysis and Testing

In the event of a HDPE buttweld or electrofusion weld failing during initial testing, or in service, we can conduct investigations to assist in identifying the root cause of the failure.
This service also extends to the premature failure of the pipe or fitting itself.
http://www.excelplas.com/plastic-pipes

ExcelPlas Pipe Testing is a Leader in the Field of Polyethylene (PE) and High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Testing

ExcelPlas is accredited with the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) for butt weld tests, bend and tensile tests, peel decohesion tests on electro fusion sockets and failure mode determination
http://www.polypipetesting.com.au/butt-fusion-welds/

New UHMWPE Pipe for Tailing Offers Greater Than 4X the Abrasion Resistance of PE100 (Australia wide)

http://slurrypipes.com.au/

ExcelPlas Poly Pipe Weld Inspection Lists Top 7 Causes of Weld Failure:

- Lack of scraping
- Inaccurate scraping
- Contamination from dirt, water, oil or clays
- Lack of Paralell-ness of fusion faces
- Misalignment of surfaces
- Time, temperature and pressure deviations
- Not adhering to cool times

We have extensive experience in inspection of poly pipe welds for assuring welded joint quality. Direct Poly Pipe Inspection ensures that operators are following the proven welding procedure; this reduces the occurrences of operational errors which lead to defects such as inclusions, lack of fusion (LoF), porosity and misalignment.
More information, contact john@excelplas.com

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