

Leakage route map projects update



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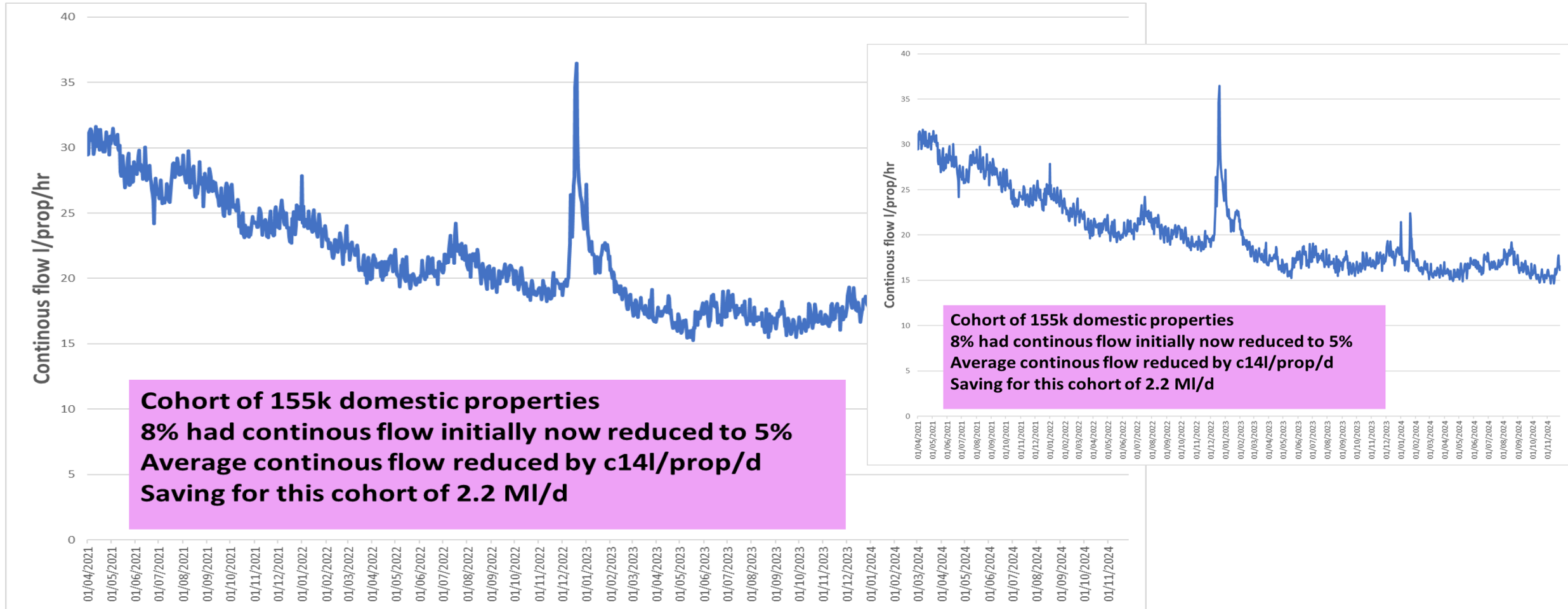




Projects in 4 areas identified by the leakage route map:

- Customer side loss quantification - Artesia
- Calm and Optimised networks - WRC
- Active leakage control KPIs - RPS
- Mains renewal techniques – Watershed Associates

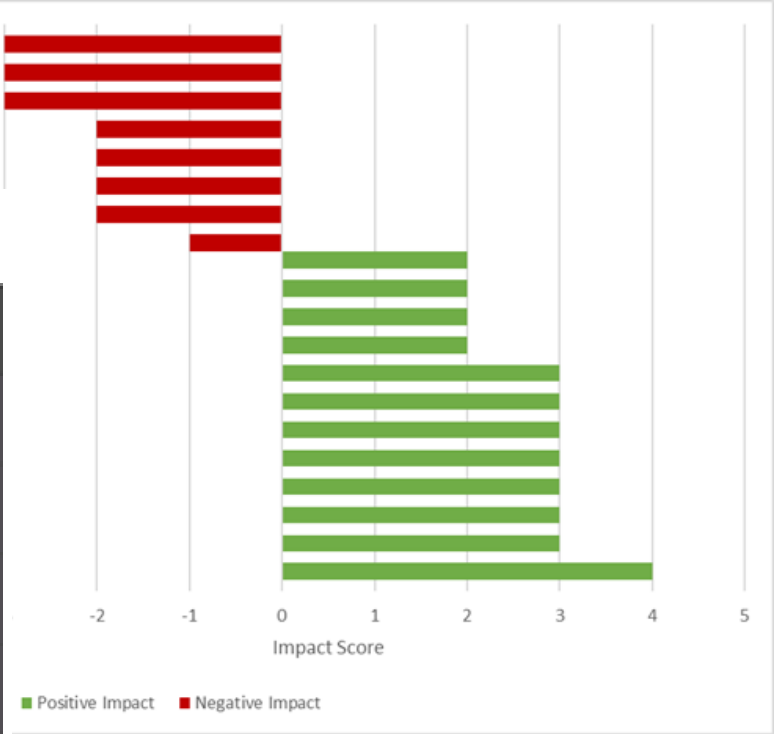
Customer supply pipe leakage/plumbing loss quantification



Calm and optimised networks

Not Calm → Calm

Large industrial users
Pump issues (no soft start/stop pumping)
Low Pressure Management Coverage
third party activity on the network
High network flows
High AZNP



Score	1	2	3	4	5
Valve servicing	● →				
Optimisation	● →				
Transients	● →				
Pumping	● →				
Valve Operation Tracking	● →				
Training	● →				
Route Cause Analysis	● →				
Hydraulic models	● →				
Overall Score	● →				

Positive Impact Negative Impact

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ALC KPIs

- More than 3m hours spent in 23/24 looking for leaks in England and Wales
- The way we look for leaks has changed over the last decade with increased permanent network sensors in some companies
- Companies report coverage from 0 to 96% coverage from permanent sensors

How do we assess how productive ALC is?

Data from 5 water companies used to demonstrate relevant KPIs.

- Total water loss index – time taken to identify a leak by the volume lost in that time
 - Volume lost as a % of target – leak volumes as a proportion of the targeted volume of leakage reduction
 - Repair time - the time taken from successful location of a leak to job completion
 - POI related KPIs – hours spent per POI, % POI conversion, time taken for POIs to become detected leaks
 - Targeting effectiveness – have resources been sent to the right DMA first time as proportion of total jobs
 - Quality of jobs – number of repeat leaks at same location
 - Customer leak time to resolve – time from issue of waste notice to completion
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- Along with existing KPIs such as jobs found per FTE or volume found per FTE these provide a consistent and universal set of metrics that facilitates benchmarking and comparisons of current activities and innovation.
 - Trial process & data requirements outlined.

Review of mains laying / rehab techniques

- To deliver the leakage reductions required by 2050 it's likely that we will have to increase the rate of mains renewal
- Current I2S rules penalise water companies if supply is interrupted by > 3hrs
- Work reviewed the different pipe replacement techniques in terms of:
 - Cost - potential reduction in costs from using trenchless techniques of a third
 - Carbon – trenched approach has 2.5 times more embedded carbon
 - Customer impacts – customer research suggests 3hr rule not a priority for customers when the work is planned and adequate notice is given
 - Innovation – industry split on whether the 3 hr stifles innovation
 - Renewal lengths – opportunity to renew more for less spend



Thank you 
for listening