

DRG CONSULTING

REMOVAL OF COATINGS

The writer visited South West Pipe Services, Inc. located at 1700 Newman Av. Alvin TX.

The pipe in question has an existing coating of coal-tar and has been wrapped with felt paper; the goal is to remove the coating to meet a NACE #2, SSPC PA 10 cleanliness standard.

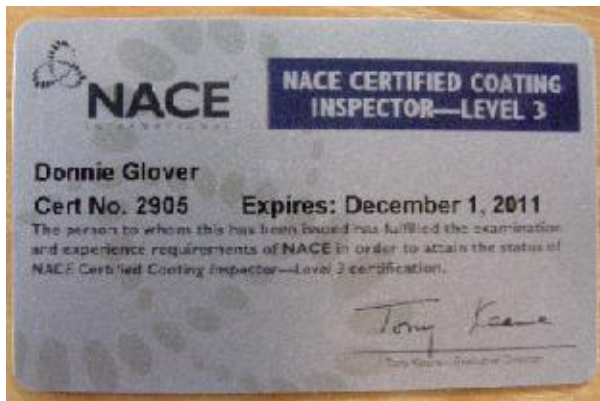
Photograph #1 shows a smaller diameter pipe with the coating still on the pipe, photograph #2 shows the pipe after it was run through the process to remove felt paper and the actual coating and in photograph #3, #4 and #5 is the finished product after the pipe was run through the wire wheel and the substrate was cleaned.

Keeping in mind that when a wire wheel is used to clean a surface the appearance of the cleaned substrate will look different from a surface that has been abrasive-blasted.

The surface that has been abrasive-blasted will have a dull appearance while the surface cleaned with a wire-wheel will have the appearance of polished steel.

It is my opinion the achievement goal has been met with the understanding that the existing coating was to be removed and the substrate to have the appearance of a NACE #2, SSPC PA 10.

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Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #3



Picture #4



Picture #5