

Case Study

Hospital Water Line Shutdown Impossible EZ Valve used to gain critical control

Project Profile

Location:

Porter Memorial Hospital

Owner:

City of Valparaiso, IN

Contractor:

City of Valparaiso, IN

Project Date:

August, 2006

System Details:

10" Cast Iron
Water Main

The situation is quite common to older developing cities: old, non-working or non-existent valves in their water distribution system. Porter Hospital's Valparaiso Campus, located on LaPorte Avenue in Valparaiso, IN had only one feed to supply the hospital water.

The existing feed was a 1950s vintage 10" cast iron pipe. The hospital's water supply came from one block north off of Lincolnway. If a main break occurred, as had happened in the past, the hospital's water supply would be at risk.

To correct the problem and also to avoid the cost of adding a new water supply, Valparaiso City Utilities suggested to the Hospital that they install two 10" EZ Valves knowing that this could be accomplished with no disruption to the water supply. Valparaiso City Utilities started excavating the site at 8:00 am and the crew arrived at 10:00 am to begin the two installations. By 1:00 pm, both installations were complete and Valparaiso City Utilities was able to start restoring the excavations.

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- Chuck McIntire, Distribution Manager
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