

Domestic Coatings Consulting Services Commonwealth of Massachusetts Attorney General's Office



Client/Owner: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Attorney General's Office

Project Location: Massachusetts

A natural gas distribution company operating in Massachusetts filed for a significant rate increase to remedy, according to the company, significant and rapidly increasing corrosion failure of unprotected gas distribution piping in its system. The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office intervened in the rate increase process on behalf of the rate payers.

CCC&L was engaged by the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office to perform a technical and prudence evaluation of the gas distribution company's claim. It was determined that, in fact, the corrosion failure rate of the distribution piping in question was actually decreasing, not increasing, over time, and that the gas distribution company's repair procedures for leaking piping, although not unsafe, were less than prudent. Testimony was given on behalf of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office at the rate hearings.