
Domestic Coatings Consulting Services “Rainbow Tank”



Client/Owner: Keyspan Energy Delivery, formerly Boston Gas Company
Project Location: Dorchester, MA

CCC&L assisted Boston Gas Company, later purchased by Keyspan Energy Delivery, in recreating Corita Kent’s landmark “Rainbow Tank” artwork at its Dorchester, MA, LNG terminal.

The “Rainbow Tank” artwork, originally completed in 1971, was applied to a 150-ft-tall LNG tank which overlooks Boston harbor. It is the largest example of copyrighted art in the western world. Due to a change in mission at the Dorchester facility, it was decided in 1980 to tear down the LNG tank displaying artwork and recreate the artwork on the remaining LNG tank.

CCC&L prepared the engineering specifications for removal of the existing lead-based paint on the remaining LNG tank, prepared the engineering specifications for recoating of the remaining LNG tank, including the artwork, assisted Boston Gas Company in selecting candidate coating contractors for execution of the work, and provided continuous coordination among the Boston Gas plant operators, the coating contractor and the artist-in residence responsible for accurate recreation of the artwork.

Work on the “Rainbow Tank” was complete in 1984. After over 20 years, the condition of the tank coatings remains excellent.