

Cooling Tower Pipes

Chemical Processing — Cooling System ARC 858 and S2 Coatings Case Study 039

Challenge

Issue

Corroded piping in cooling system required cleaning and repainting every 6 months, resulting in increased maintenance cost.

Goal

Extend the coating life from 6 to 36 months and avoid costs of recoating.

Root Cause

Previous coating selected not resistant to corrosion and failed semi-annually, resulting in pitting corrosion.

Original piping after 6 months

Solution

Preparation

- UHPW blast surfaces to remove old coating
- Grit blast to Sa 2.5 with 4 mil (100 μm) angular profile

Application

- 1. Apply ARC 858 to weld seams and pits
- 2. Apply 2 coats of ARC S2 with total ~DFT: 30 mils (750 μm)

Results

Client Reported

ARC coating performing after 10 years (20X previous coating life)

Previous coating system

10 year annualized recoat costs: \$80K

ARC coating cost

10 year annualized costs: \$ 6K

Total Cost Savings \$74K

\$=USD



Completed piping system after 10 years



Cooling water pipes coated with ARC S2