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Providing a Voice to Your Silent Sewers

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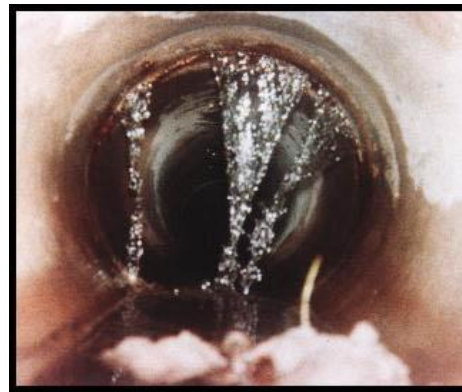


Points of Discussion

- Historical Trends of WW Systems
 - Collection System Design
 - Effects of Construction
 - Operation and Maintenance
 - System Management
 - Technologies Past and Present
 - Newer Technologies
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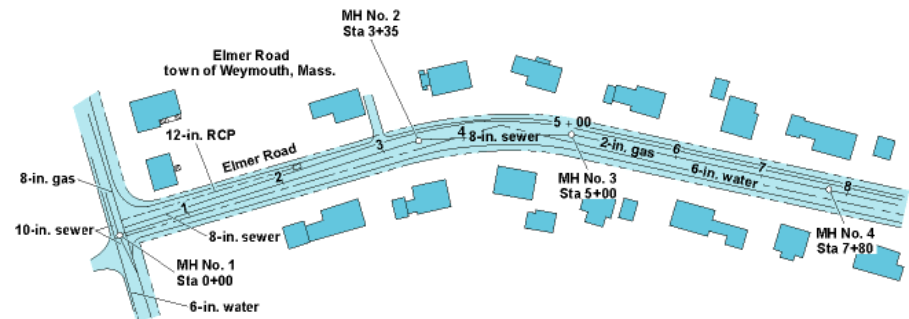
“Out of Sight, Out of Mind”

- Neglected Systems
- WW Treatment Plants
- Inflow and Infiltration
- CC/TV
- F.O.G.
- Slow Progress

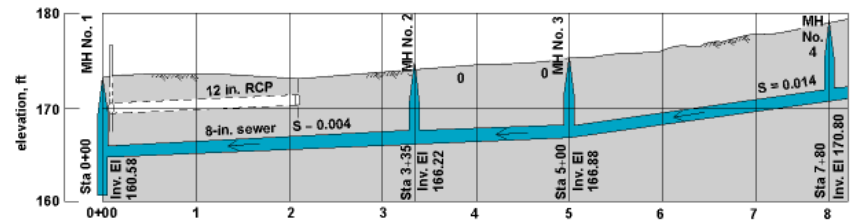


Design and Construction

- Excellent Design Criteria
- Poor Inspection
- Poor Workmanship
- Poor Piping
- Material Handling



(a)



(b)

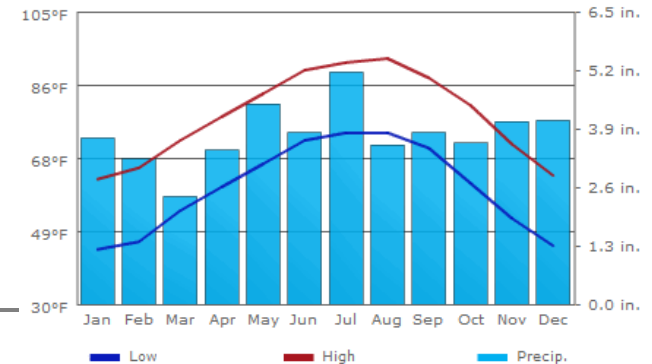
Operation & Maintenance

- Knowledge of Infrastructure
- Visual Inspections
 - Manholes
 - Lift Stations
 - Siphons
- Vandalism



Management

- Treatment of Wastewater
 - Piping and Pumping Capacities
 - Climatic Cycles
 - Seasonal Trends
 - Population Movement/Addition
- Plan Ahead and Oversee O & M



Technologies Past/Present

- CC/TV
 - Smoke Testing
 - Gravity Sewer Flow Measurement
 - SCADA
 - Spills Still Occur
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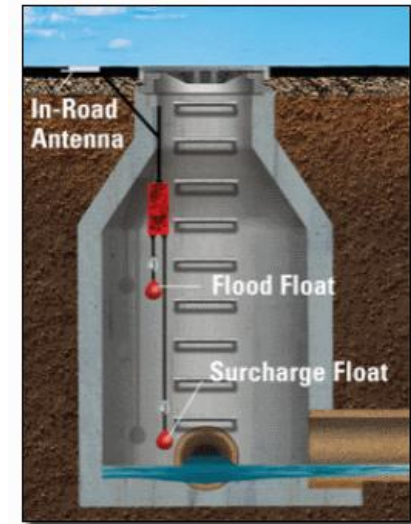
Newer Technologies

■ Floats

- Will Alert of High Level in Manhole or Lift Station
- Possibility of Fouling or Failing
- No Trending Data
- Installation Requires “Hot Patch”

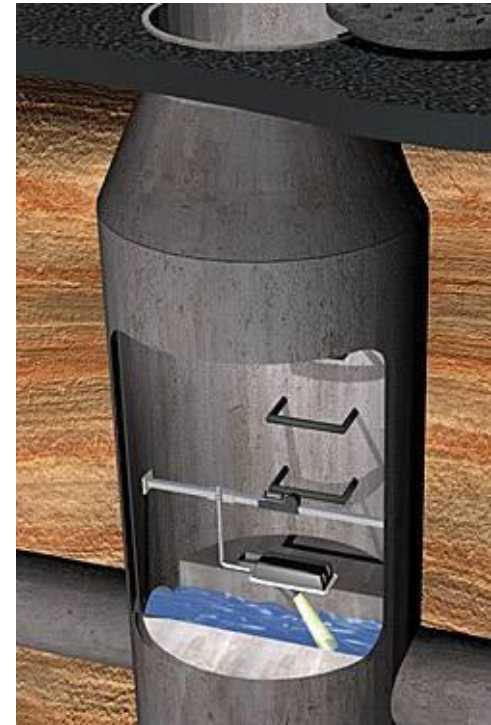
■ Flow Monitoring

- Good for Long-Term Trending
 - Capacity Studies
 - I & I Studies



Newer Technologies

- Flow Monitoring Ctd.
 - Requires Confined Space Entry
 - Requires External Power
 - Difficult Maintenance Access
 - Repairs
 - Calibration
 - Cleaning of Unit
 - CC/TV Access

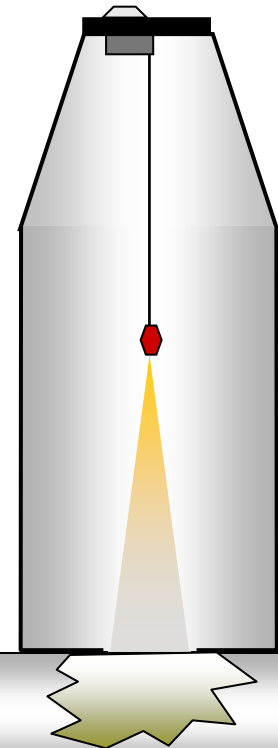


Newer Technologies

- Satellite Based Technology
 - Real-Time Communication via Satellite Network
 - Two-Way Communication
 - Requires No Confined Space Entry
 - Relies Solely on Battery Power
 - Secure Web-Hosted Software Platform
 - Data-Logging
 - Hourly, Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Yearly
 - Maintenance Data
 - Real-Time Level Monitoring
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Newer Technologies

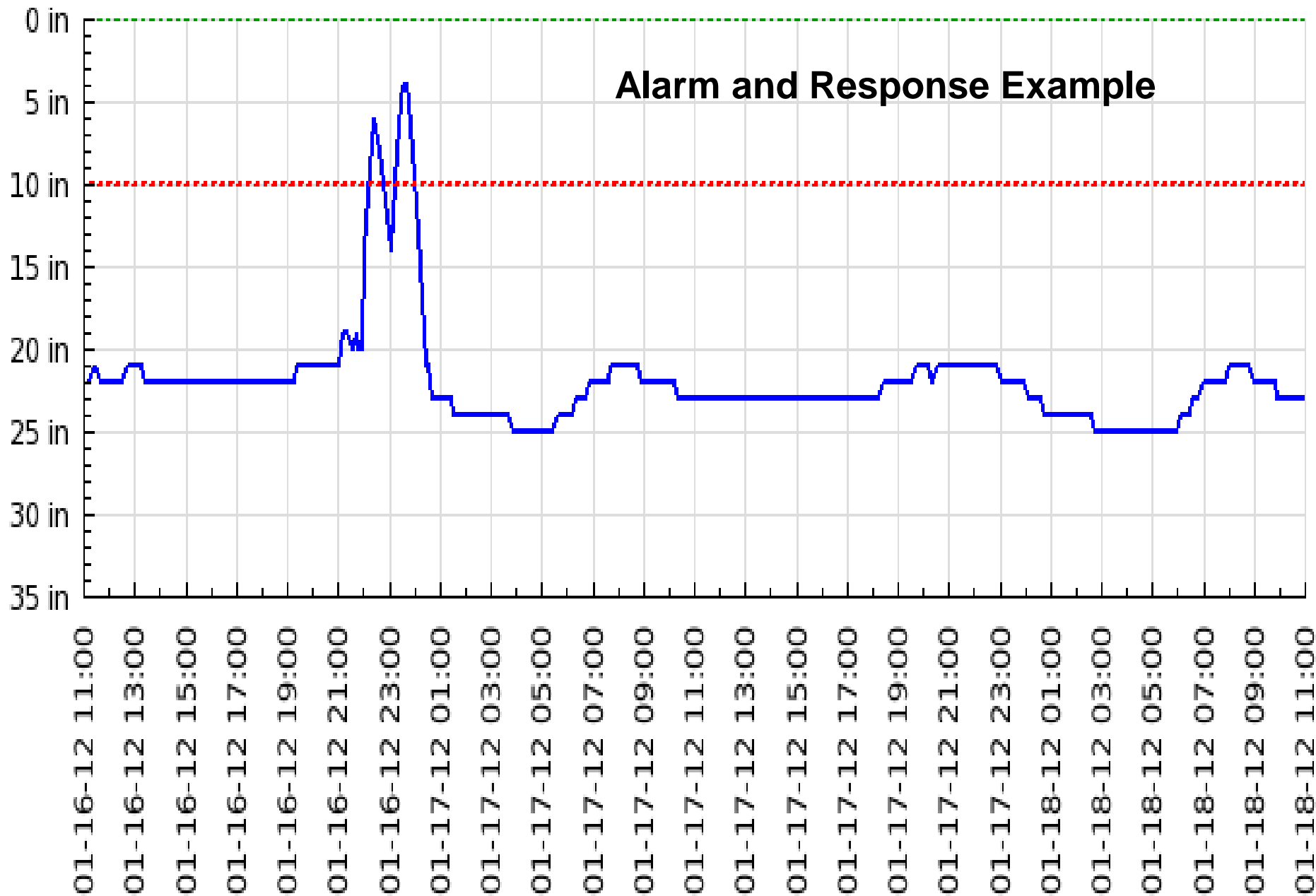
- Secure Web-Hosted Software Platform Ctd.
 - Real-Time Alarms for Surcharge and Intrusion Events
 - Alarms Sent via SMS and/or Email
- Ultrasonic Sensor
 - Resolution to +/- 0.10 inch



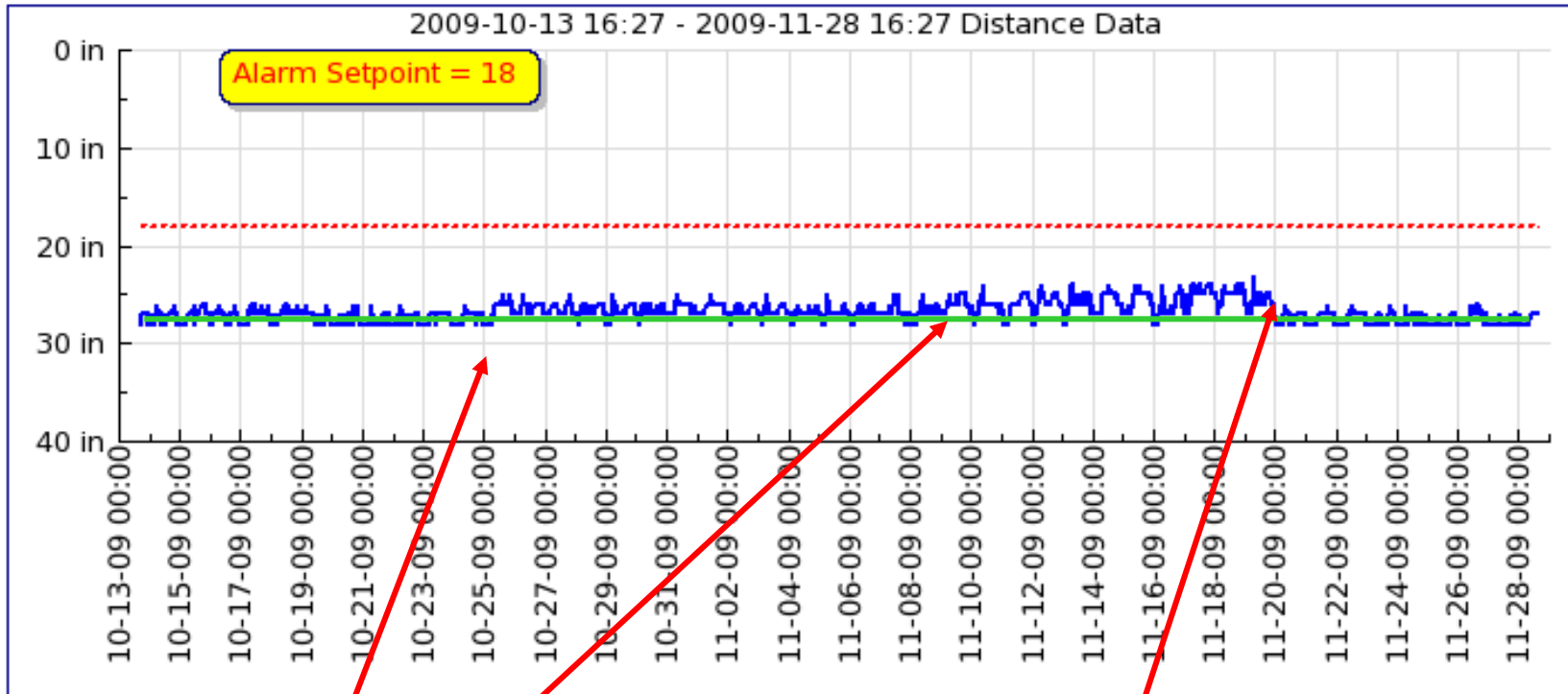
2012-01-16 11:11 - 2012-01-18 11:11 Distance

Alarm Setpoint = 10

Sensor Position = 0



Data-Driven Maintenance



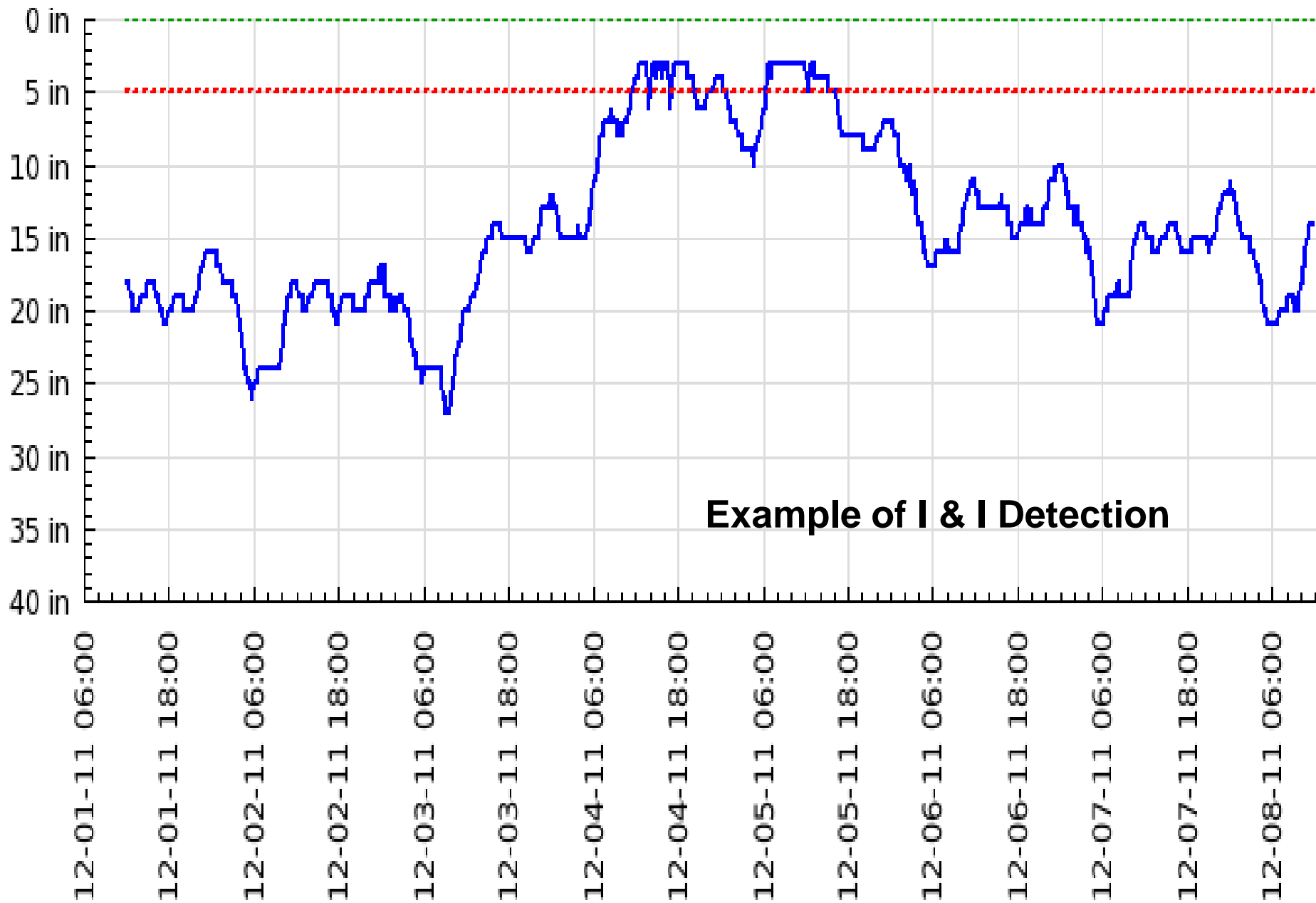
**Downstream
constrictions**

Cleaning Performed

2011-12-01 11:50 - 2011-12-08 11:50 Distance

Alarm Setpoint = 5

Sensor Position = 0



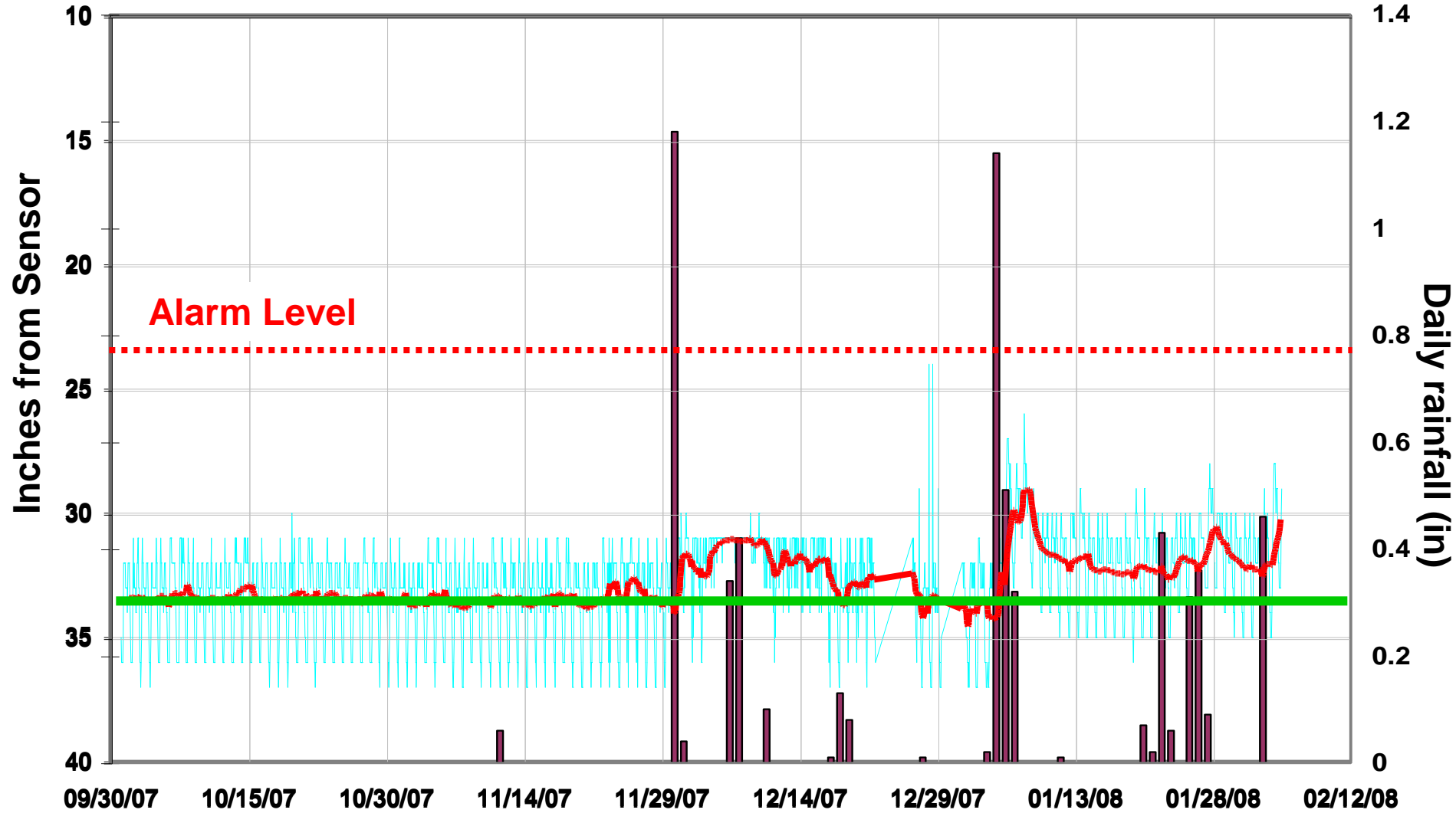
I and I Measurement

Raw level data

Rolling daily average

CIMIS Station daily rainfall

Pre-rain baseline

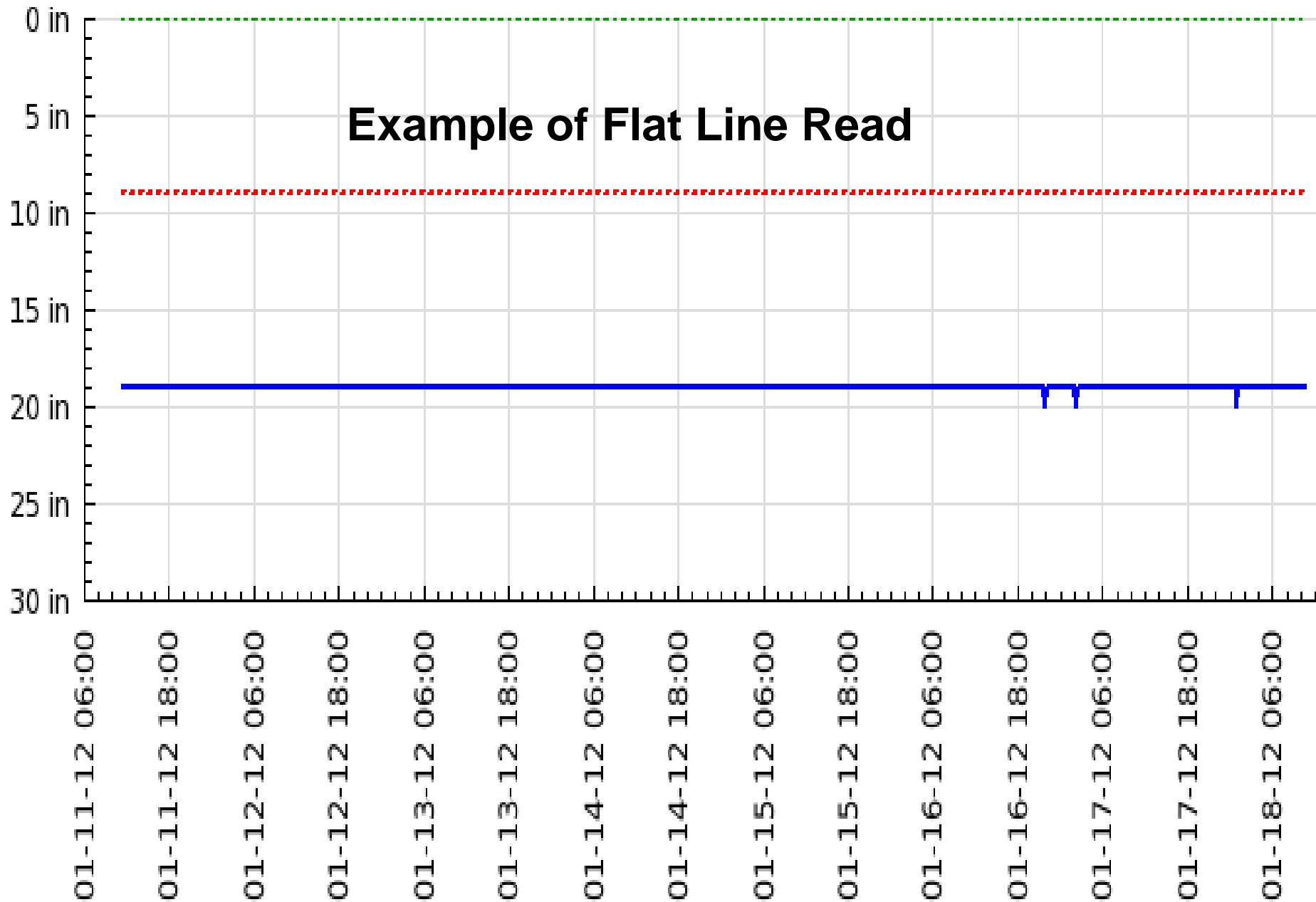


2012-01-11 11:09 - 2012-01-18 11:09 Distance

Alarm Setpoint = 9

Sensor Position = 0

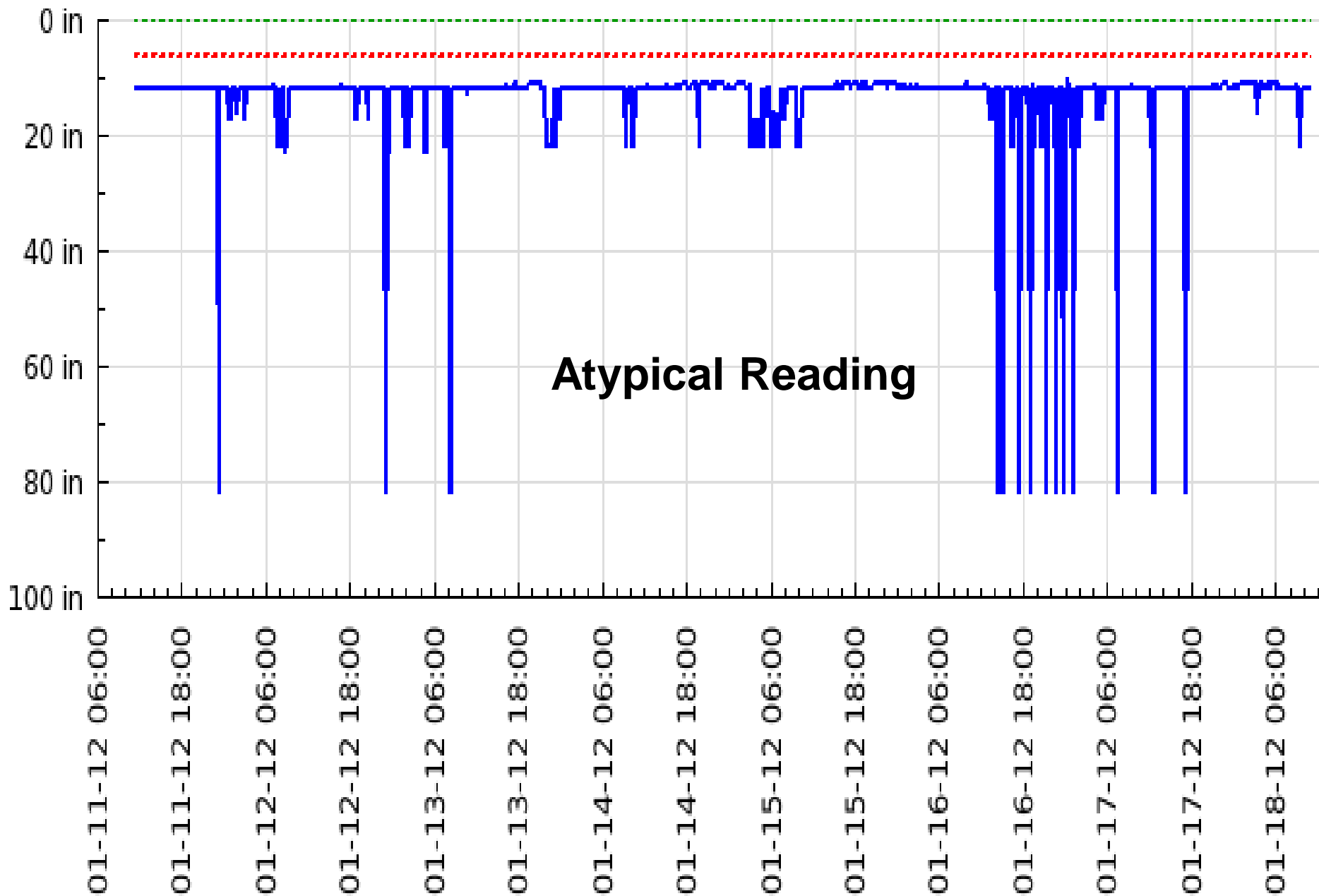
Example of Flat Line Read



2012-01-11 11:09 - 2012-01-18 11:09 Distance

Alarm Setpoint = 6

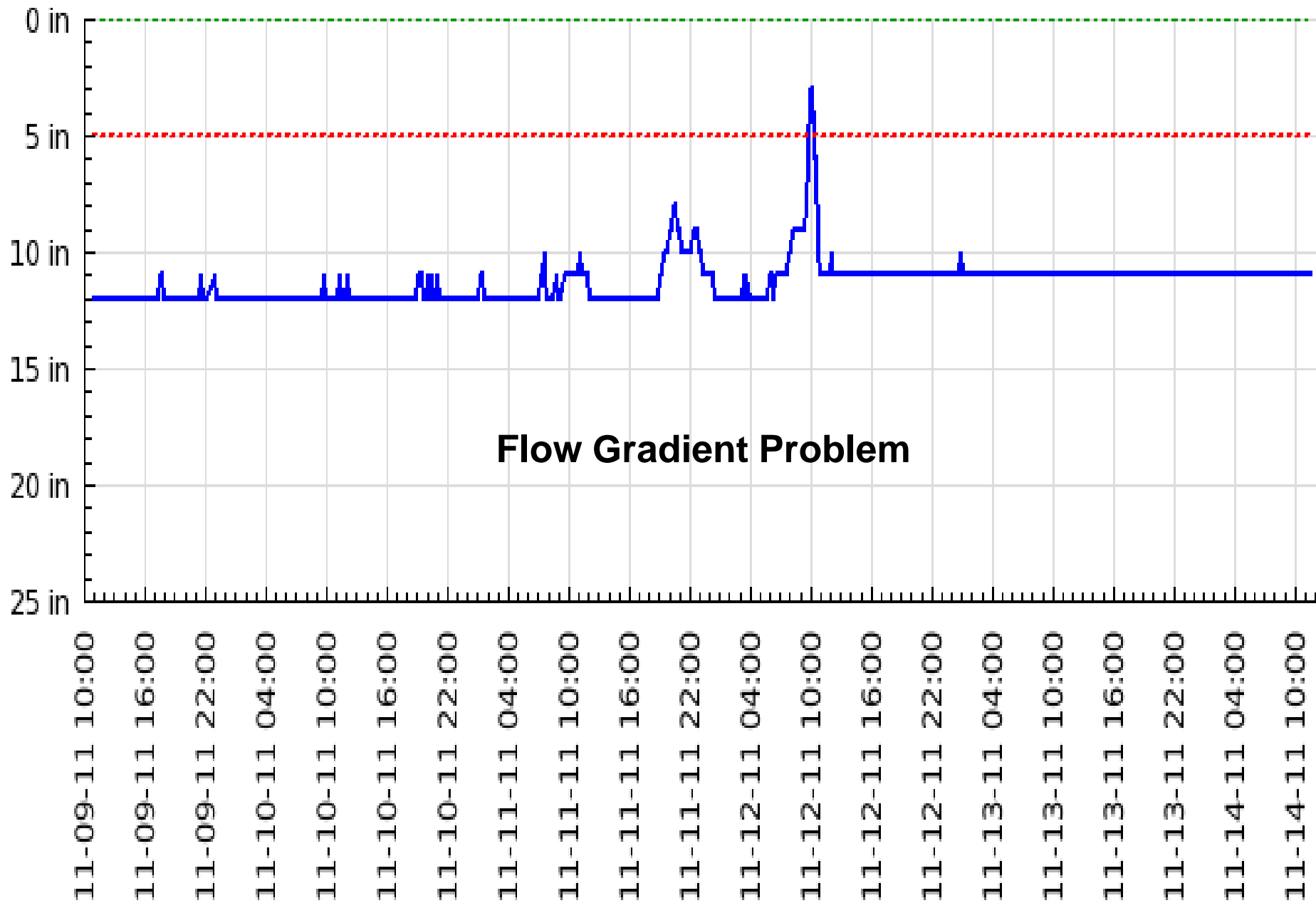
Sensor Position = 0



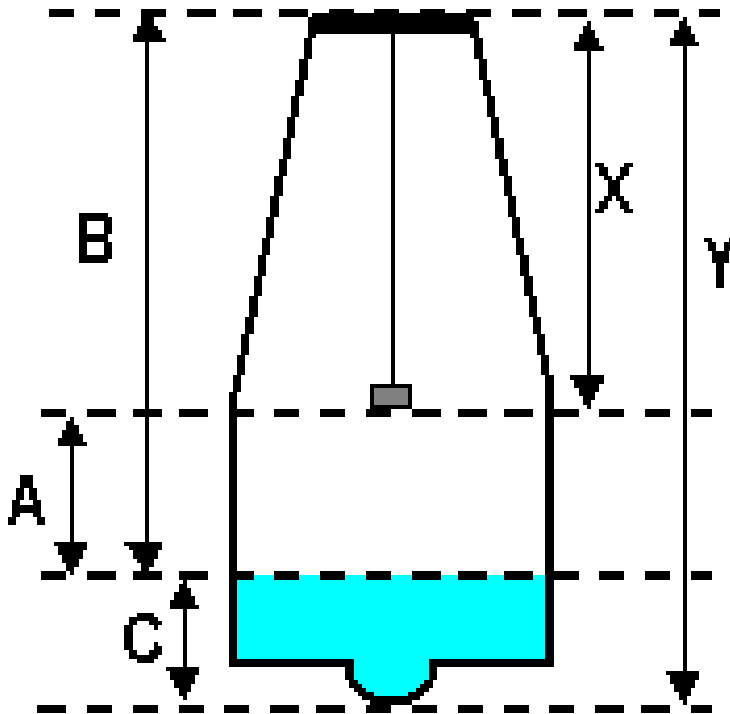
2011-11-04 11:37 - 2011-11-14 11:37 Distance

Alarm Setpoint = 5

Sensor Position = 0



Alarm Level (in.) 6	Normal High Level (in.)
X: Sensor Length (in.) 96	Y: Depth of Manhole (in.) 108



Level Display Options

- A: Distance from Sensor to Water Level
- B: Distance from Surface to Water Level
- C: Level of water above Bottom of Invert

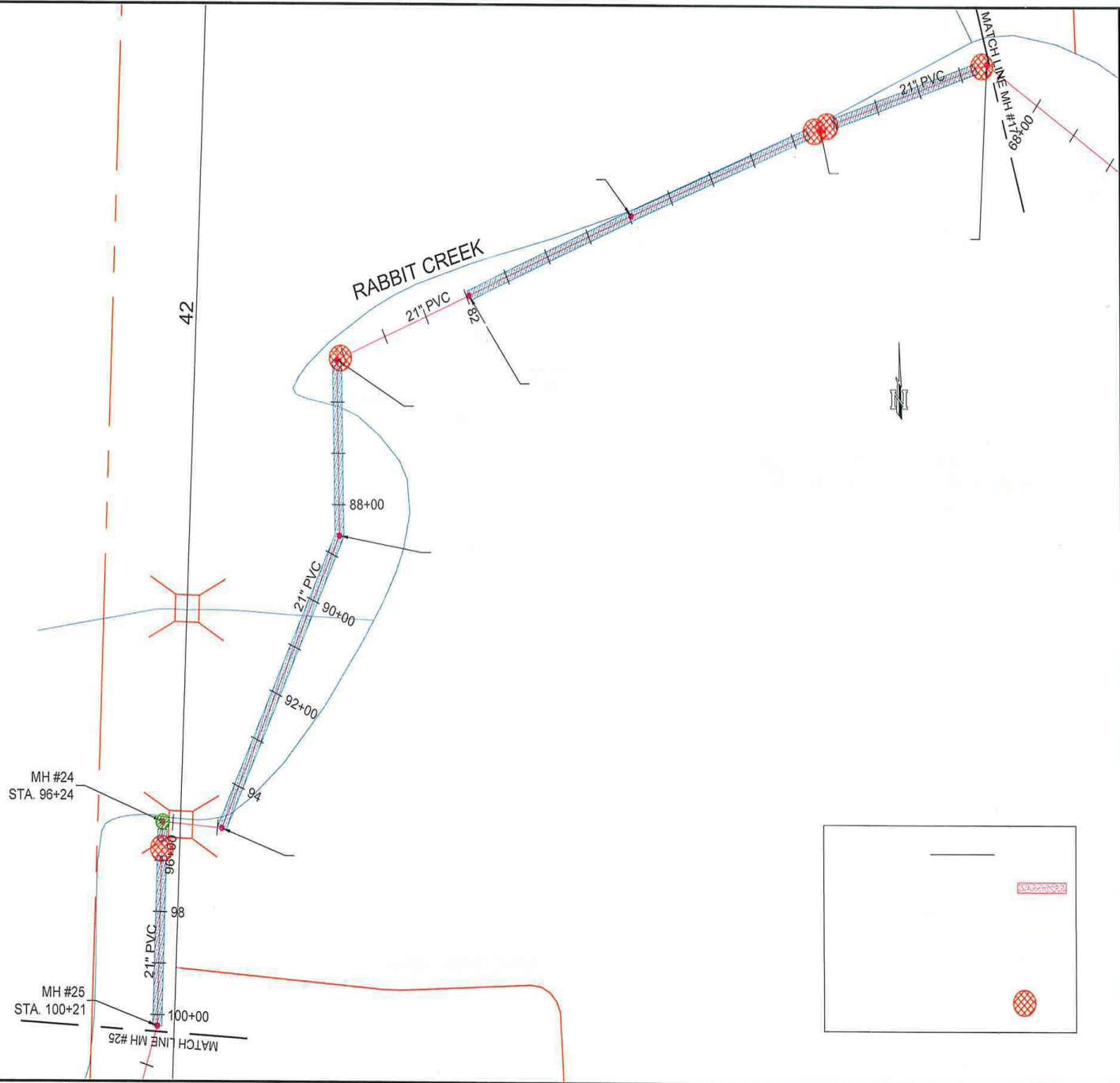
Measured Values

- X: Length of Sensor from Grade
- Y: Depth of Manhole from Grade to Bottom of Invert
- Default distance display is A. Distance from Sensor to Water Level.

Thank You

Questions?





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