

Public Joint-Stock Company "UKRTRANSGAZ"

- Usage of innovative repair techniques with the aim of avoidance of methane venting practices Implementation of innovative pipeline repair methods.
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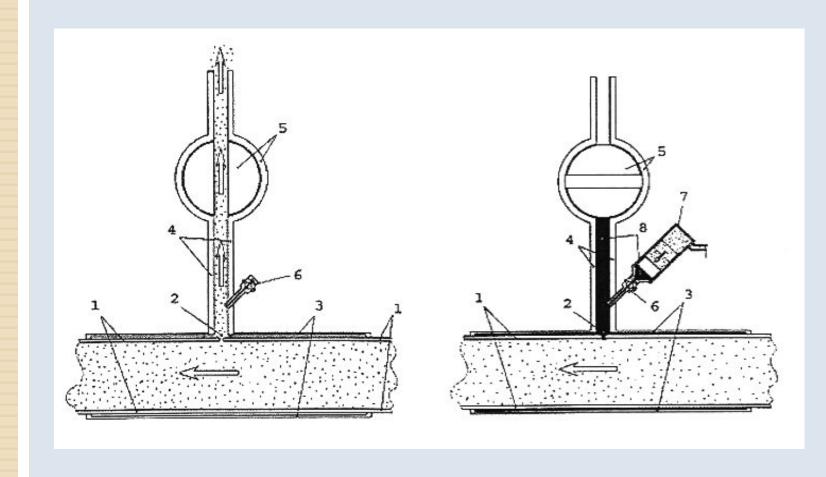


Figure 2: Application of leak elimination in operating pipeline, Pat.#59012A



1- the gas pipeline under pressure; 2- leak; 3- folded sleeve (made of two separate halves); 4 - supplementary pipe; 5- tap; 6- supplementary tap; 7- injector; 8- self-hardening filler.

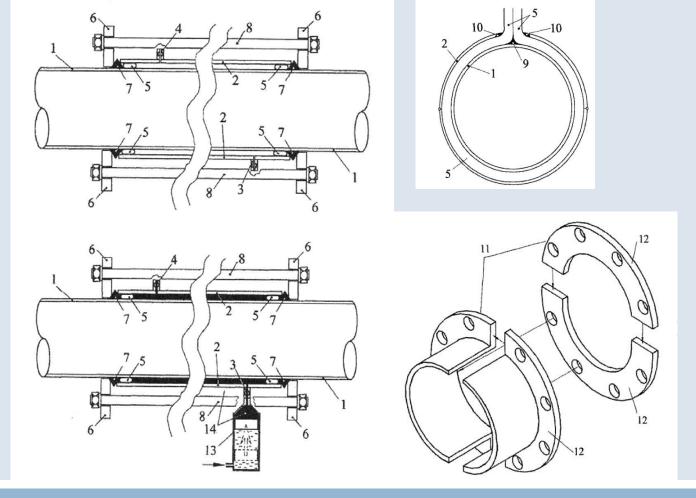


Figure 3: Method of pipeline defect repair with the use of folded sleeve and tightening flanges, pat. # 72840



1-pipeline repaired; 2- folded sleeve; 3- lower tap; 4- upper tap; 5- hose; 6- flanges; 7- additional annular wage shaped gasket; 8- locking bolts; 13- high pressure injector; 14-self-hardening compound.

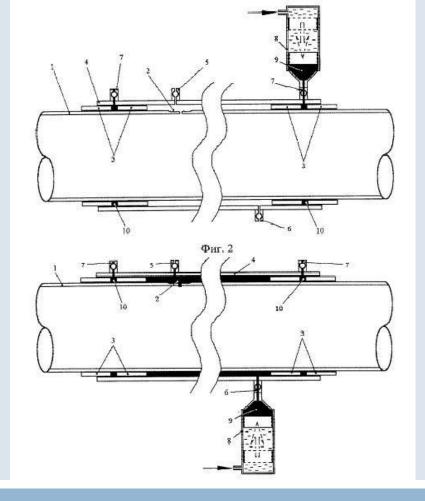


Figure 4: Method of pipeline defect repair with the use of two layer sleeve, pat. # 75859



1-pipeline, 2- damaged place, 3-rings, 4-sleeve, 5 and 6 – upper and lower taps 7-additional taps, 8-injector, 9- self-hardening compound with filler and 10 annular gaskets.



Figure 5: Application of two-layer sleeve



adjustment of the rings and sleeve



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assembling of the sleeve (rings on place)



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welding (a chain of several sleeves is shown which is covering multiple defects)

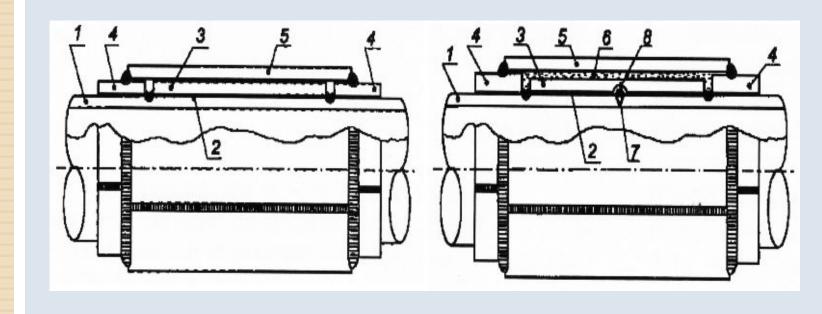


Figure 6: Double sleeve repair method, pat. #76390



1- Pipe repaired, 2- section with defect, 3 – inner sleeve, 4- rings, 5- reinforcing sleeve, 6- gastight self-hardening compound, 7- existing welding seam on repaired pipe, 8 – groove made on inner sleeve to accommodate the overhanging welding seam on the pipe surface.

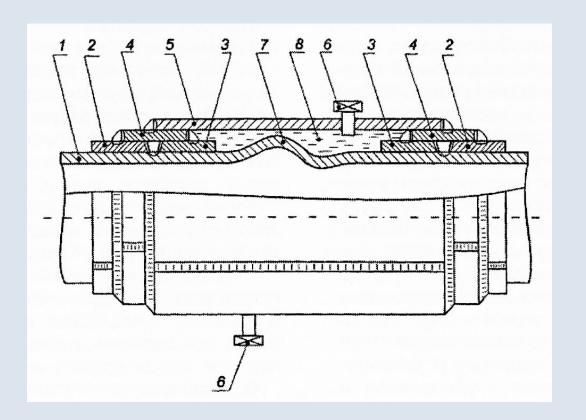


Figure 7: Three layer sleeve repair method, pat #76391



1- pipe repaired, 2 and 3 – first layer of service rings, 4-second layer of rings, 5 – reinforcing folded sleeve, 6- tapping, 7 – corrugation, 8 – compound.

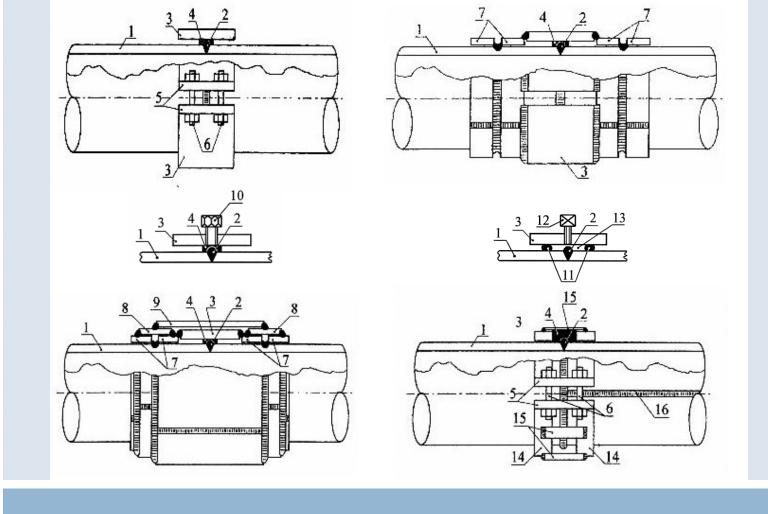


Figure 8: Method of leaking section repair (pat.# 77930)



1-repaired pipe, 2- welding seam having leak, 3- clamp, 4- gasket, 5 and 6 flange and bolts, 7- supplementary rings, 8- secondary rings, 9- main sleeve, 10 – bolt, 11- annular gasket, 12- supplementary tap, 13 – self-hardening compound, 14 – circular clamps, 15- connectors, 16- axial weld.

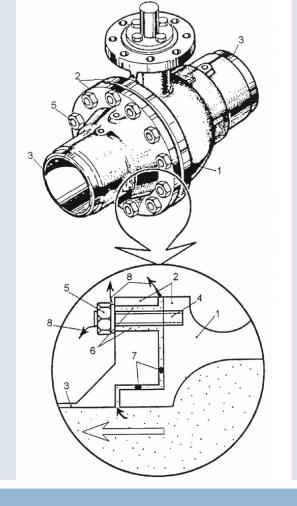


Figure 9: Tap design and leakage occurrence.



1 - Body of the tap, 2 - flange joint, 3 - pipeline, 4 - double-end-bolt, 5 - nut, 6 - inner space of stud joint, 7 - gaskets, 8 - leaking gas.

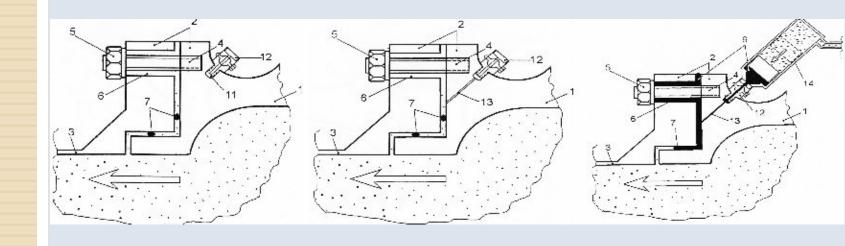


Figure 10: Method of elimination of leakages through flanged joints of taps without stopping the operation of the pipeline, pat. # 42619.



1 -Body of the tap, 2- flange, 3- pipe, 6- annular space around the bolt, 7 - gaskets, 9- self-hardening compound, 11 - blind bore where thread is made for service tap, 12 - service tap, 13 - injection bore, 14 - injector.

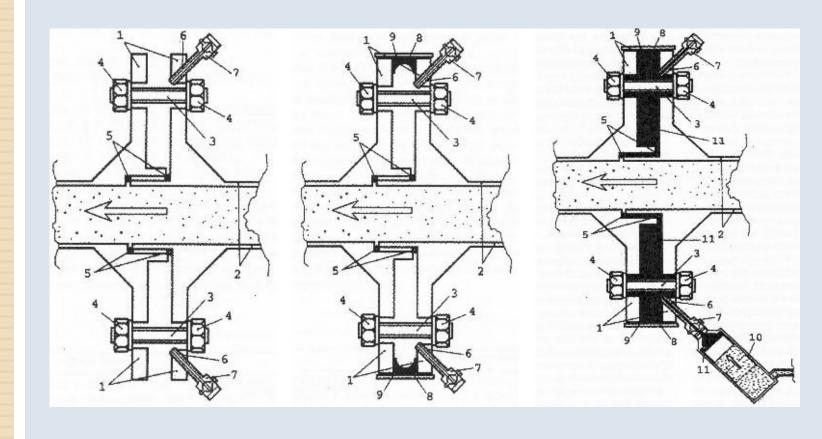


Figure 11: Repair of flange joint with the use of clamps, pat.# 59013



The improvement consists of installing gasket 9 and shroud ring 8 before the injection which helps preventing the spill-out of compound injected. The other details are similar to the previous method

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Table 1. Number of repairs made using innovative methods over years, 2011 and on -forecasted



The number of repairs made using innovative methods has been growing over the years as shown in a table above



Thank you for your attention.