# REPLACING GRIT TANK BEARINGS WITH SXL SAVES CUSTOMER \$\$\$

## Industry:

Sewage & Wastewater

# Company:

Fields Point Wastewater Treatment Facility, Rhode Island, USA

# **Application:**

**Grit Tank Peak Cap End Bearings** 

## **Thordon Grade:**

SXL

#### **Problem**

Fields Point Wastewater Treatment Facilty was replacing greased iron Peak Cap End Bearings two times each year in the Grit Tanks due to excessive bearing wear running against a steel shaft. Each Grit Tank required 4 small and 2 large bearing assemblies

The cost (USD) for the greased iron bearings and labor to maintain these bearings are as follows:

Cost of 6 iron bearings	\$ 5,000.00
Cost of Labor	
(US\$15/hour @24 hours)	\$ 360.00
Sub-total	\$ 5,360.00

Annual Cost (twice per year)\$10,720.00



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#### **Thordon Solution**

Thordon SXL bearings were installed in May 1996 by Thordon distributor, Johnson Packings of Massachusetts, and after 7 years of operation, the peak end cap bearings are still in service.

### **Savings to Customer**

Due to the material properties of Thordon SXL, the customer has seen a tremendous return on investment in this application. Thordon SXL bearings have extended the life cycle compared to the original greased iron bearings by a factor of 14, and they are still in service today.

Cost of 6 Thordon SXL	
bearings	\$ 1,945.00

Cost of Labor (US\$15/hour @24 hours).....\$ 360.00 Sub-total \$ 2.305.00

Annual Cost \$ 2,305.00

### Savings to Customer over 7 years

Iron bearings \$75,040.00 SXL Bearings \$ 2,305.00

Total Savings \$72,735.00

The Customer has saved \$72,735.00 in the past 7 years by using Thordon SXL bearings and they are still in service! **W** 



Grit Tank Peak Cap End Bearing

