

# **Apogee Leak Detection System**





An innovative infrared-based method for detecting leaks from hydrocarbon liquids and gas pipelines, production and storage facilities, landfills, and coalseam seeps.



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# LDS - 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation



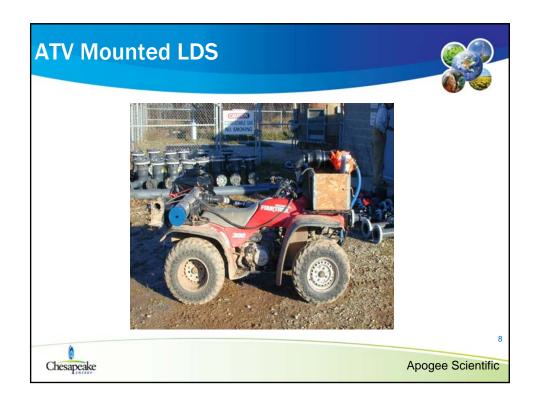
- High Speed High Sensitivity Three Gas Detector for Mobile applications
  - Methane
  - Total Hydrocarbons
  - Carbon Dioxide
- GPS with real time mapping system
- Integrated Geographic Information System (GIS)

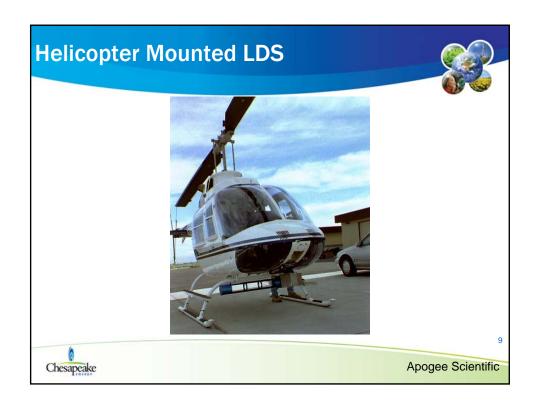


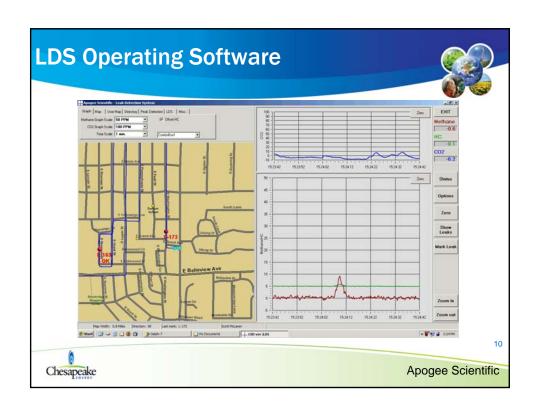
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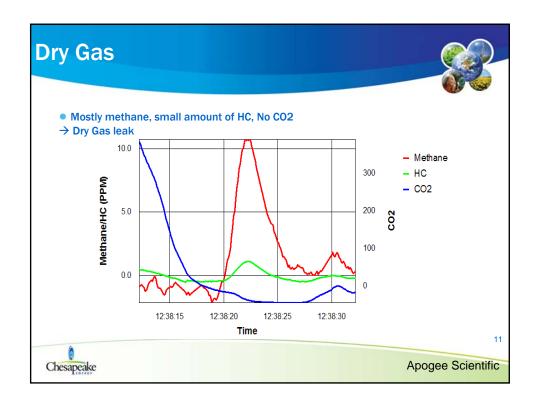
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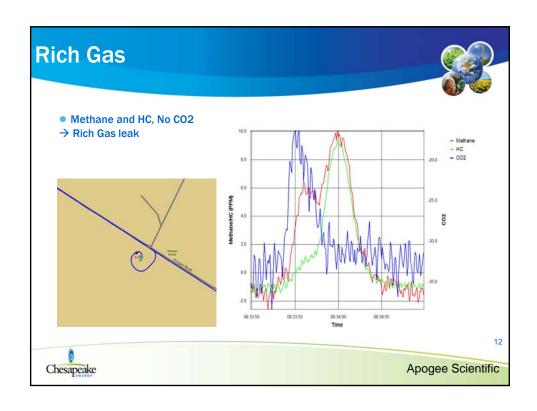


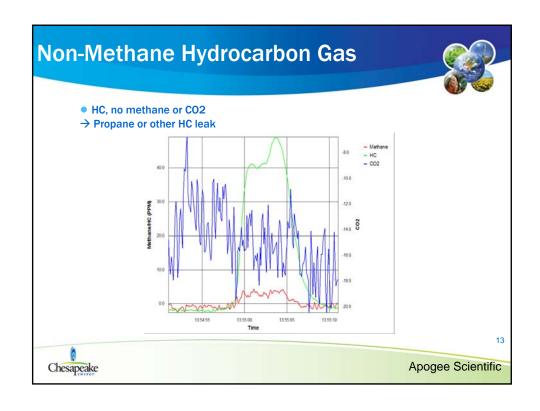


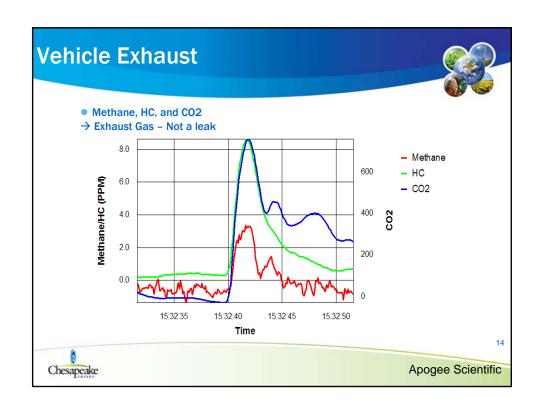


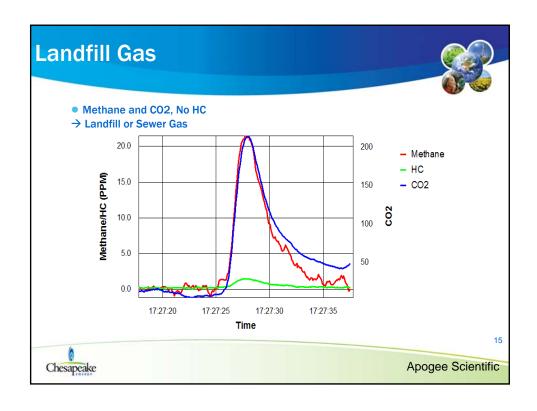


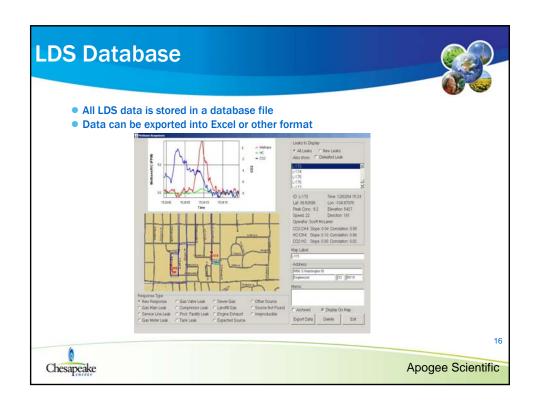


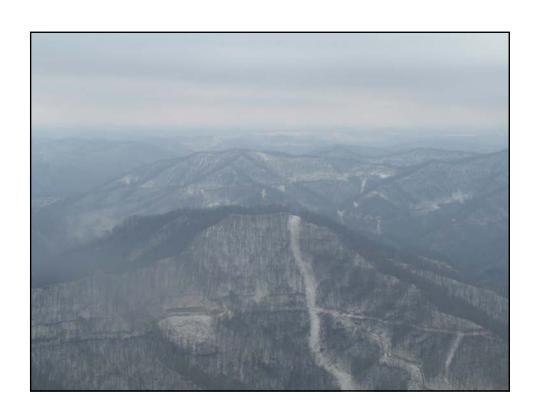




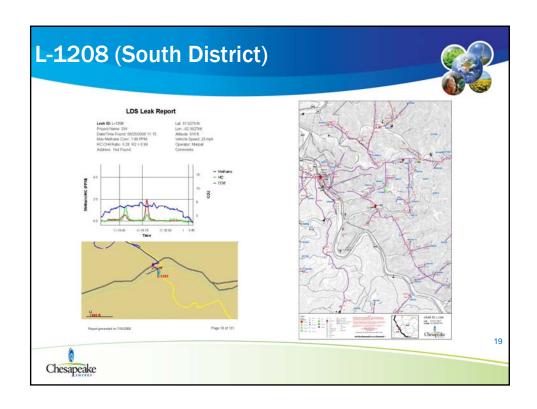












### **Summary of Detections To-Date**



- 1st Demo Flight in December 2007
- 812 Detections (Probable, Possible, Doubtful, & Unknown)
- 324 Verified Leaks So Far (Both CHK & Foreign Sources)(Note: Still awaiting feedback from North District)
- 2,229 Miles Flown on 5 Flight Groups



## **Example of Cost Savings**



- Sept. 2008 Flight in SE District was approx. 616 Miles
- To cover the same area with ground patrol:
  - 2 Crews (4 Total men)
  - 6 Hours / Day
  - Average 6 Miles / Day Total
  - Equals 100 days, 3200 man hours, not including 2 vehicles and fuel for these 5 months of detection
- 299 Tags (CHK, Foreign, Natural (Mine Cracks))
- Flight time was 64 hours
- Savings not only in time, but in recovered gas carried over the time frame saved by not using ground patrols.



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#### **Additional Benefits of Aerial Patrols**

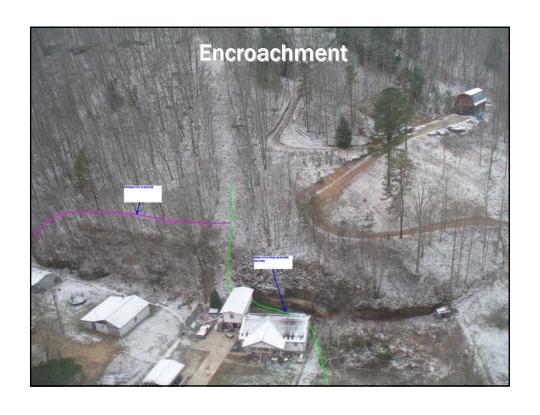




- Manpower Savings
- Time Savings
- Point of Interest Collection (Customizable List)
  - Blasting Near RoW
  - · Buried Line Exposed
  - Construction Near RoW
  - Debris
  - Liquid Spill
  - Missing Line Marker
  - Power Line
  - Recent Excavation
  - RoW Needs Cleared
  - Clin
  - Stream Crossing Exposed
  - Structure on RoW (Encroachment)



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### **Possible Future Project Expansion**







- Using gyro mounted high-def camera and external drive storage for digital record of patrols (with gps time frame stamp)
- FLIR use in conjunction around compressors and dense facility groups like meter manifolds, multiple valve settings, etc.
- Explore possibility of using this as a method of meeting DOT line patrol requirements





