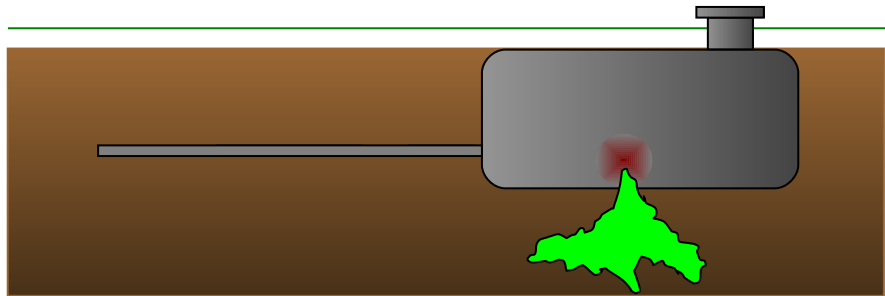
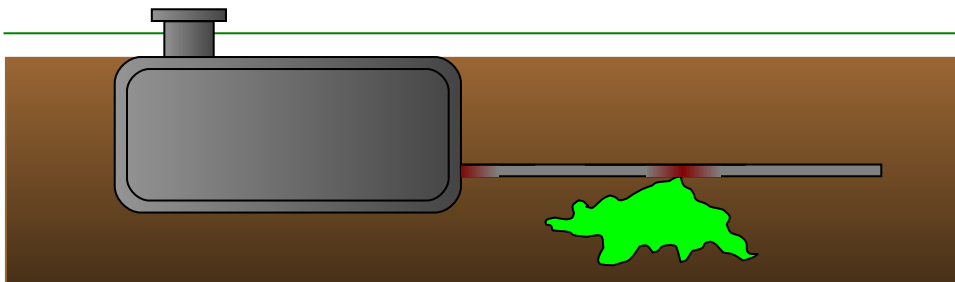


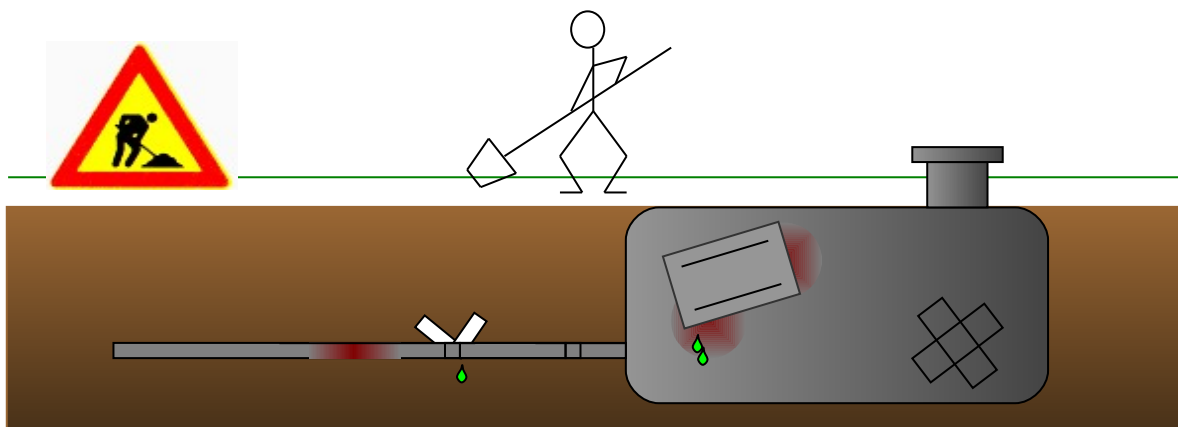
CORROSION OF UNDERGROUND STRUCTURES



The corrosion of underground tanks and pipes that contain hydrocarbons or chemical products can cause leaks and severe environment pollution of soils and water tables.



The use of 'double-shell' tanks does not prevent corrosion of the inlet and outlet pipes. Corrosion normally occurs close to the welded/bended areas.



The continuous and expensive costs, necessary to maintain the structures in service, increases the operational costs at the plant.