Belzona 5871 Insulates Ammonia Pipes

ID: 9426

Industry: Commercial Facilities Customer Location: Carolina
Application: VPF-Valves, Pipes and Fittings Application Date: May 2024

Substrate: Carbon steel
Products: Belzona 5871

Problem

This Distribution Center roof housed between 50 and 60 ammonia pipes. Due to moisture on the pipes, birds were pecking at the original coating and insects where getting stuck. This resulted in the maintenance team having to re apply the coating every year.









Ammonia pipes

Cladding removed

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Application Situation

The ammonia pipes operate between - 20°F (-28°C) and +120°F (53°C).

Application Method

The pipe insulation was removed and the pipes were prepared using an MBX Bristle Blaster. No grinding was required which ensured the pipes could stay online during the repair. One layer of Belzona 5871 was applied directly to the surface using a short bristled brush. The product expanded upon application and produced a lightweight, closed-cell foam, insulating the pipe. This application followed a modified VPF-12 procedure.

Belzona Facts

The Belzona solution was selected for the long-term cost savings the solution could offer, along with the vast temperature range it provides insulation for. This self foaming, insulative material was used to provide a protection against the sub-zero temperatures. Reports from the customer are that the solution has been performing well and they were happy with the insulation values it provided to the pipes.