

# Leak Detection Methods, Technologies, and Gaps

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An aerial photograph showing a winding asphalt road that curves through a dense, lush green forest. To the left of the road, a calm body of water with a light blue-green hue is visible. The scene is captured from a high angle, looking down on the landscape.

The American Gas Association, founded in 1918, represents more than 200 local energy companies that deliver clean natural gas to 180 million Americans throughout the United States.

Nearly 187 million Americans and 5.8 million businesses use natural gas because it is **affordable, reliable, safe and essential** to improving our environment.

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# About Heath

- Formed in 1933 – 90 years in business
- Natural gas leak detection technologies manufacturer/distributor and field service provider
- More than 1,800 employees across the United States
- Global presence through distributor network
- Certified Women's Business Enterprise
- Paul Wehnert – 43 years in the natural gas industry



Today

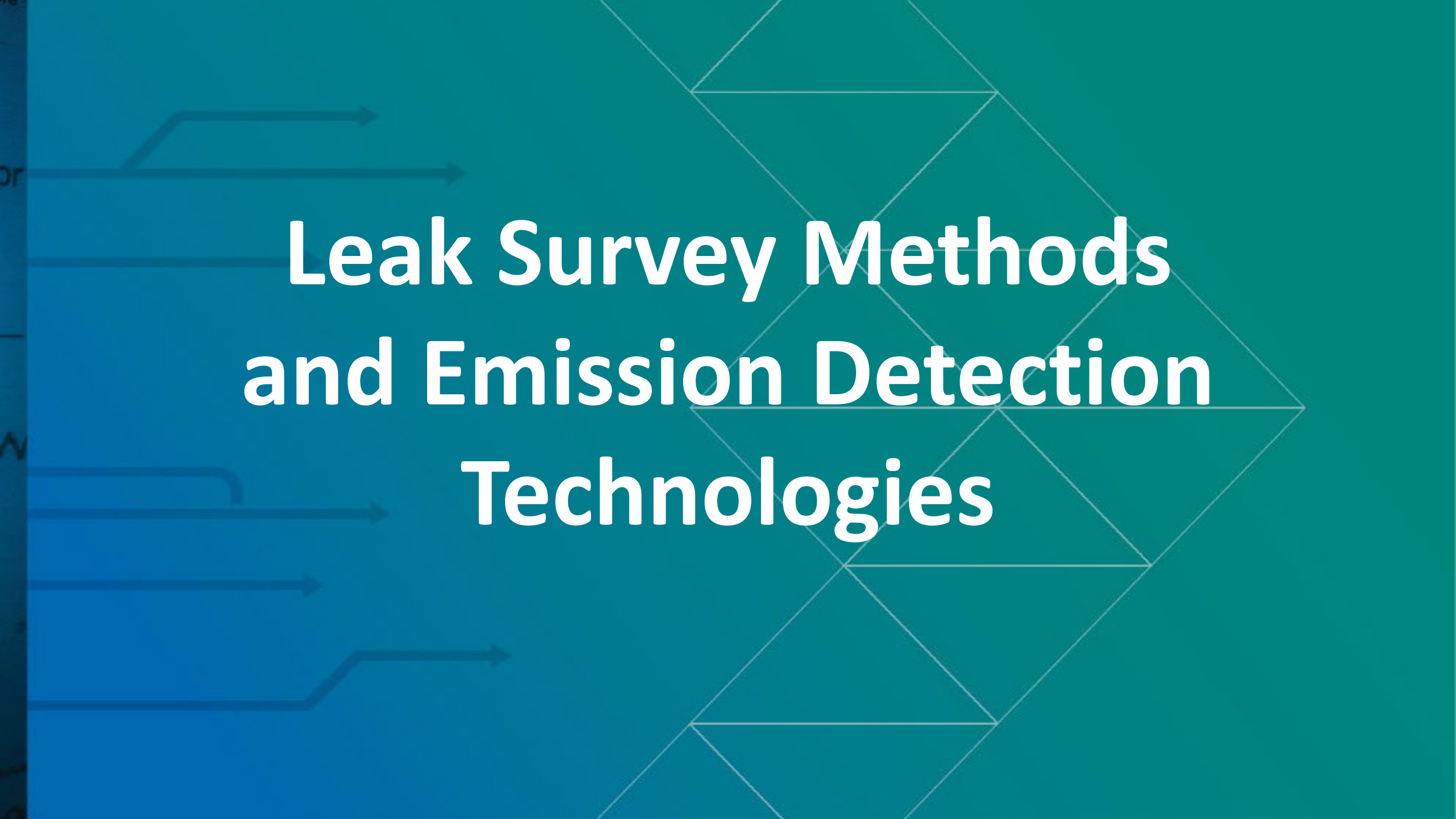
We Will

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Leak Survey Methods

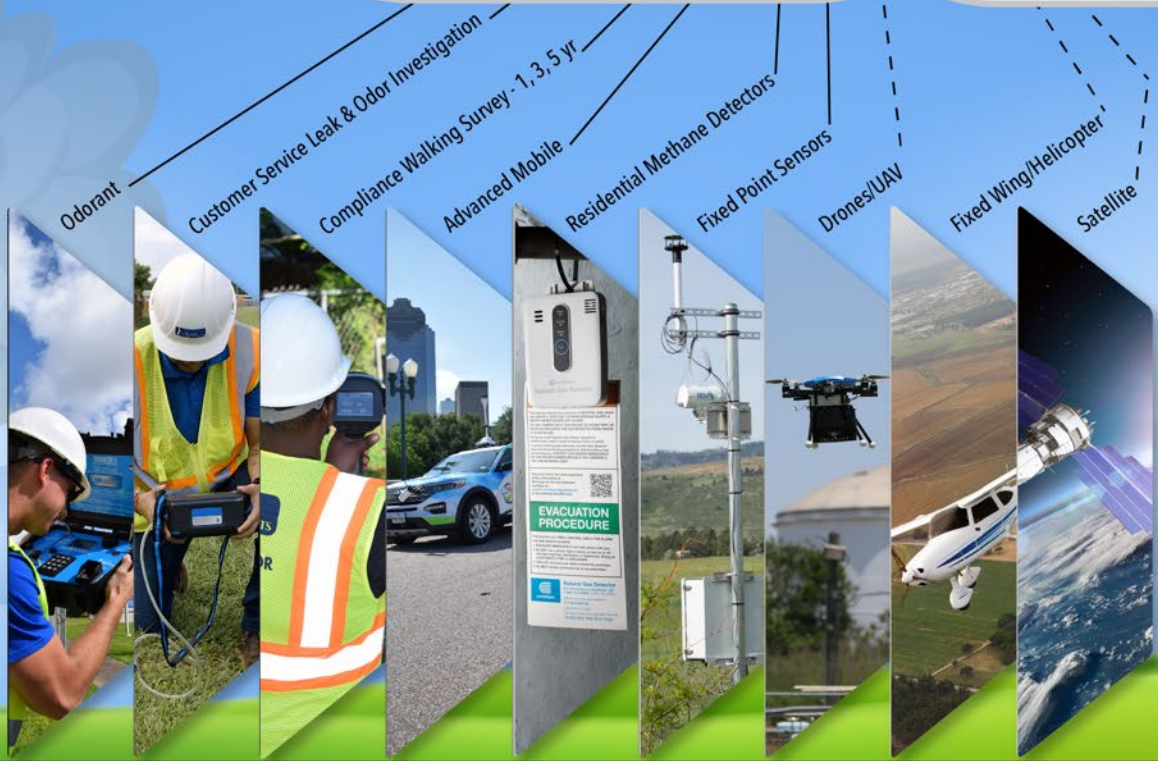
Emissions Detection Technologies

Current Gaps R&D Can Close

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# **Leak Survey Methods and Emission Detection Technologies**

# Layered Approach to Leak Survey



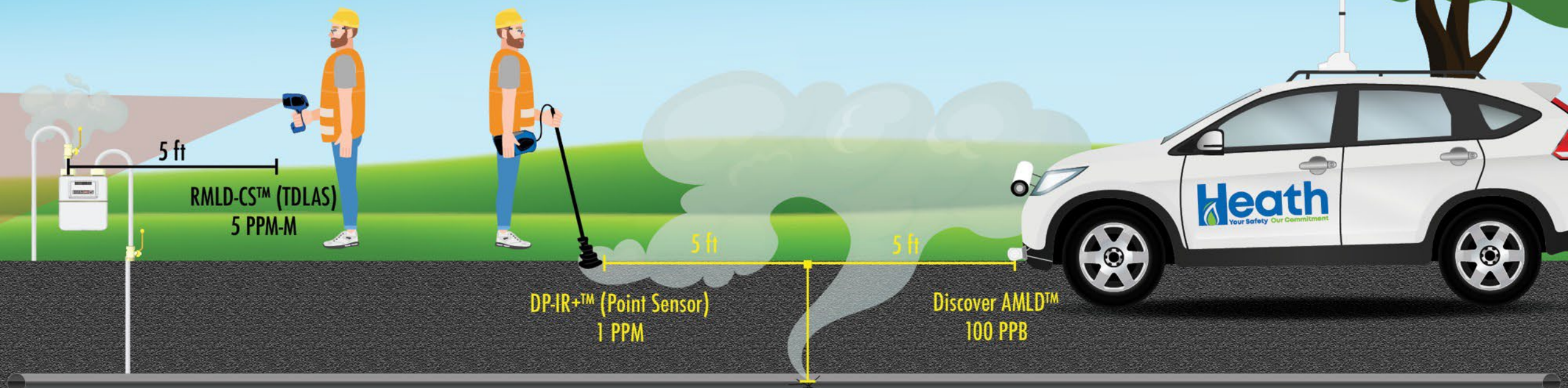
**NATURAL GAS/RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS/HYDROGEN**



# Compliance of Heath Products to PHMSA - NPRM

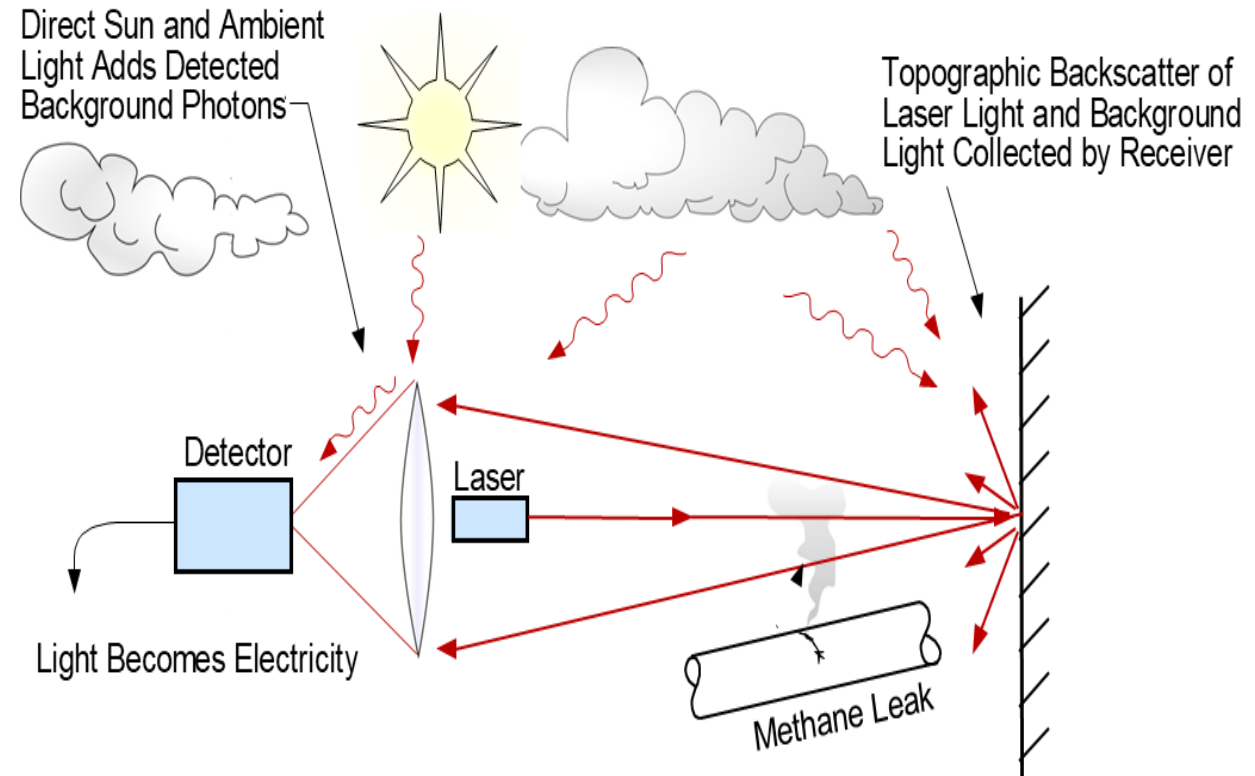


HEATH PRODUCT	PHMSA NPRM	HEATH ACTUAL	STATUS
DP-IR+	5 PPM	1 PPM	✓
RMLD-CS	5 PPM-M	5 PPM-M	✓
Discover AMLD	5 PPM	100 PPB	✓



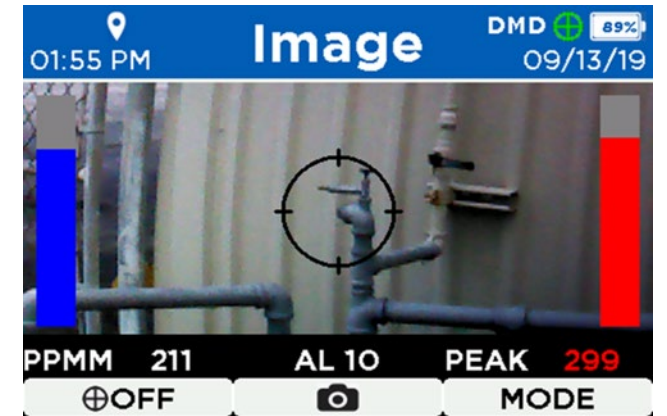
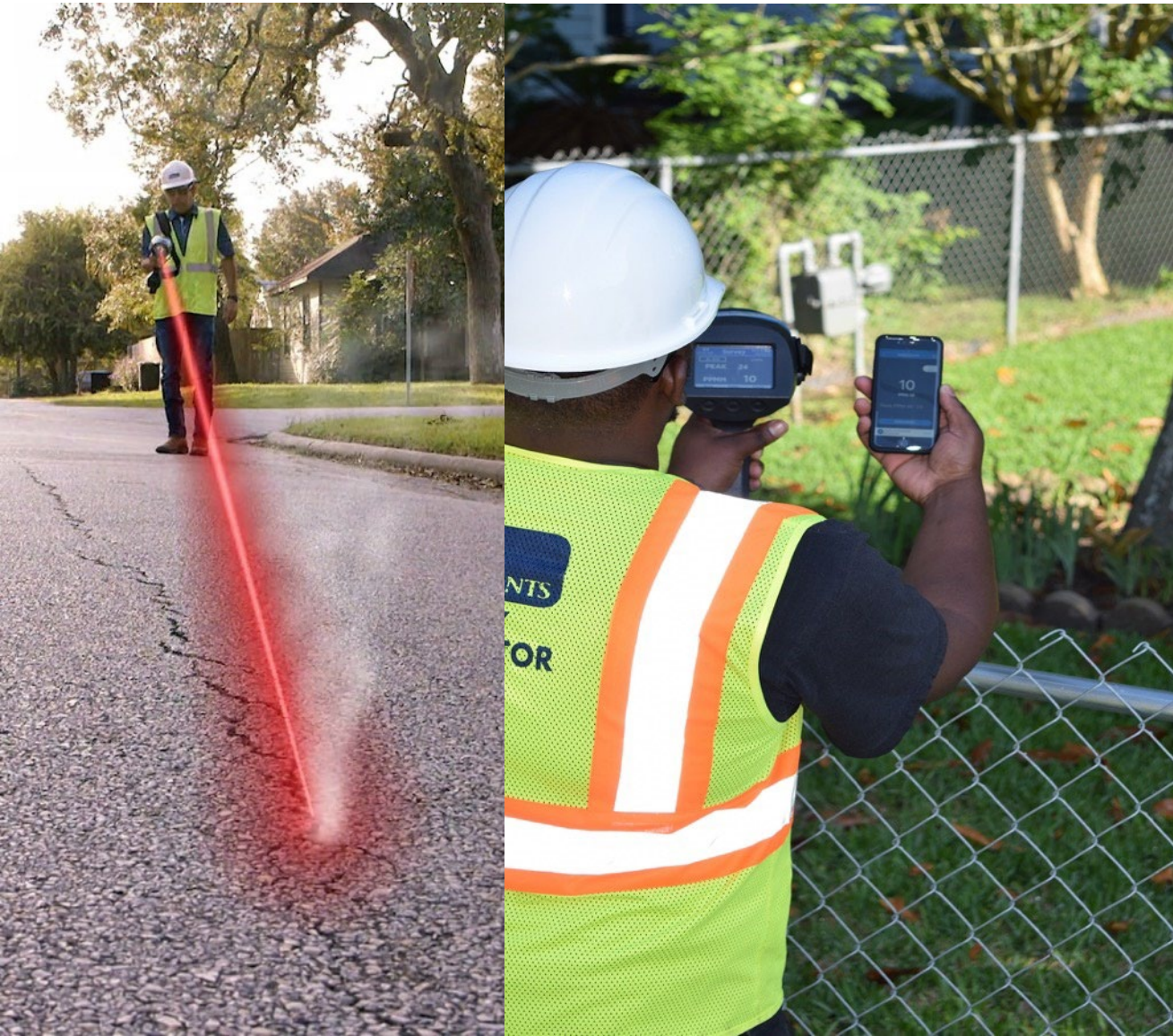
# TDLAS – Open Path Technology

- Technology: (TDLAS) Tunable Diode Laser Absorption Spectroscopy
- As laser passes through the gas plume, the methane absorbs a portion of the light, which the instruments detects.
- In an open path system, a light wave is projected from the transceiver through the open air over a known distance and returned to the transceiver for analysis.
- The results will indicate a total mass of the molecules being monitored – digital reading.

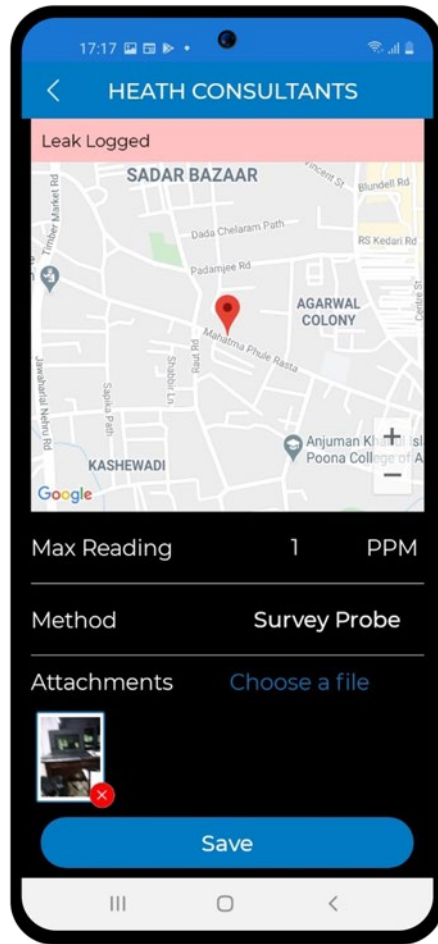
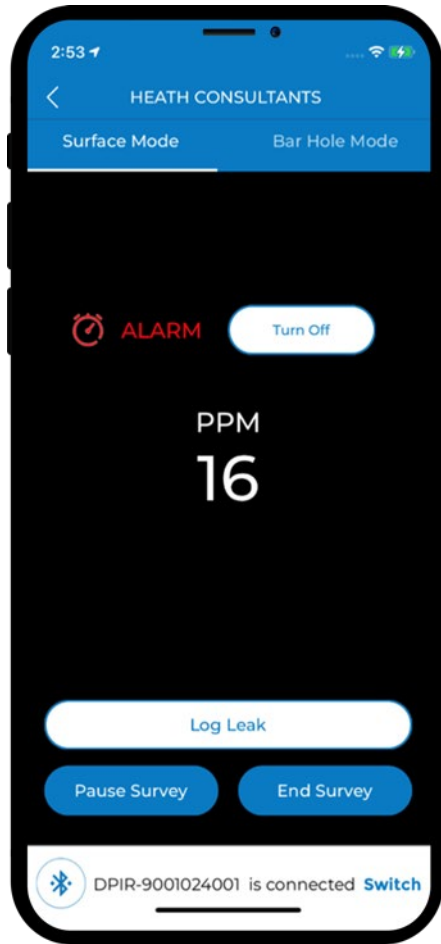




# TDLAS – Hydrogen (Ammonia), CO2, CH4



# Closed Path Pump Drawn (DP-IR+™)





GPS

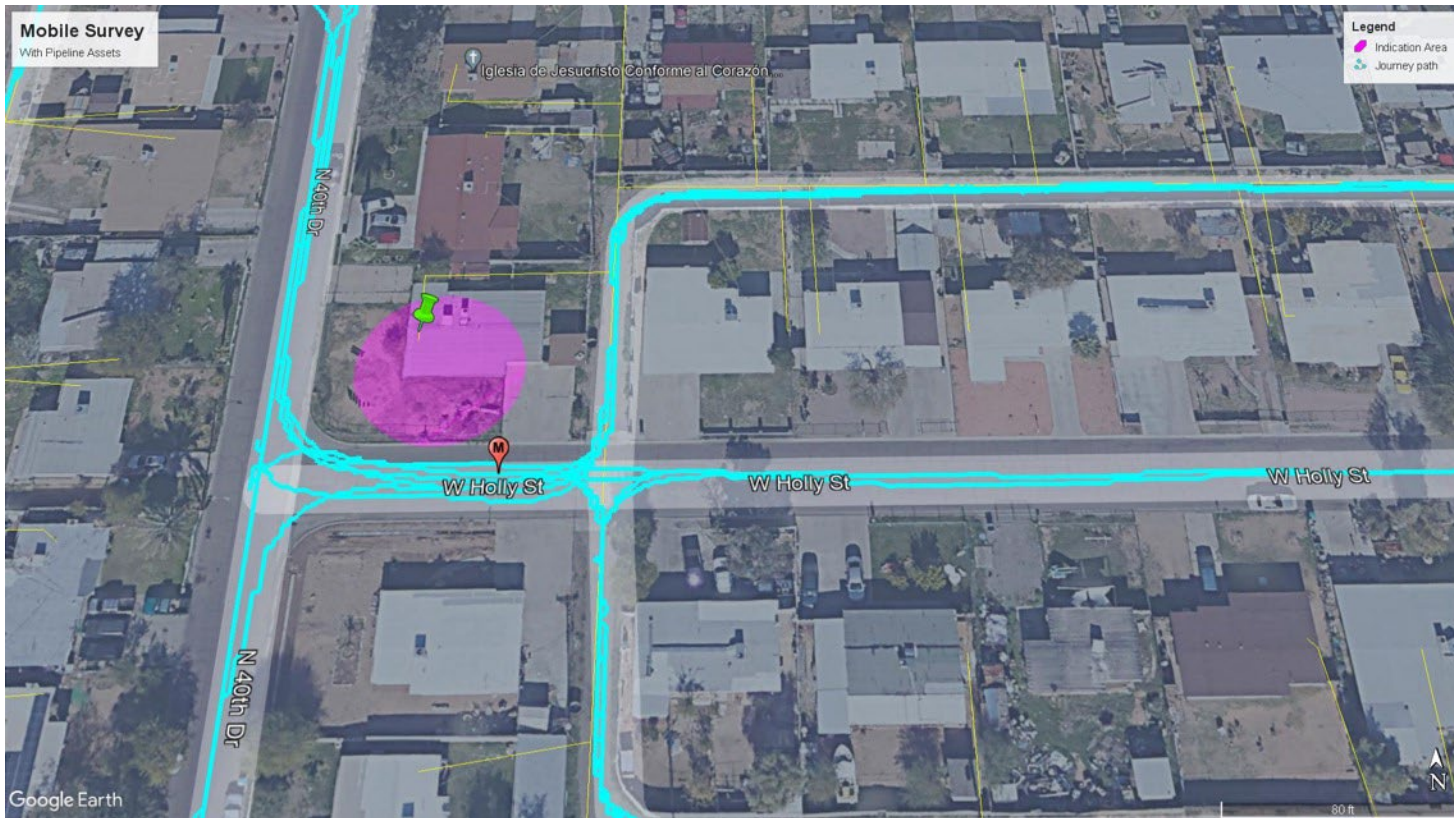
Anemometer

Detection Unit

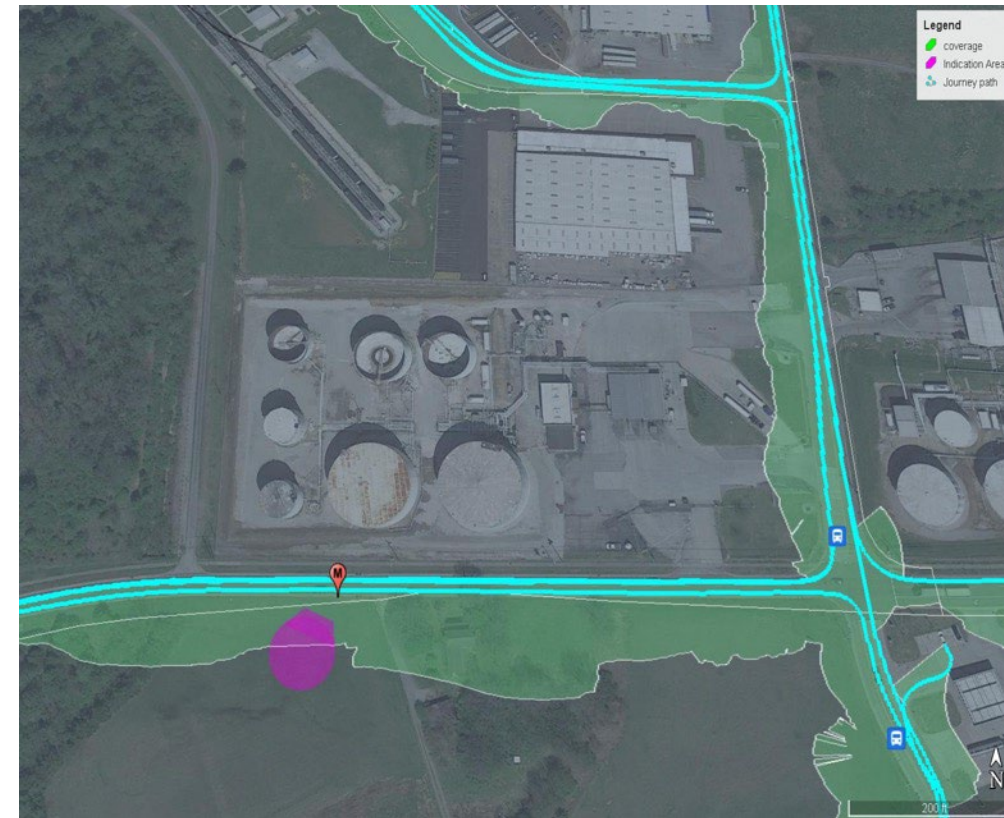
Computer/ Tablet with  
Proprietary Software

# Advanced Mobile Leak Detection

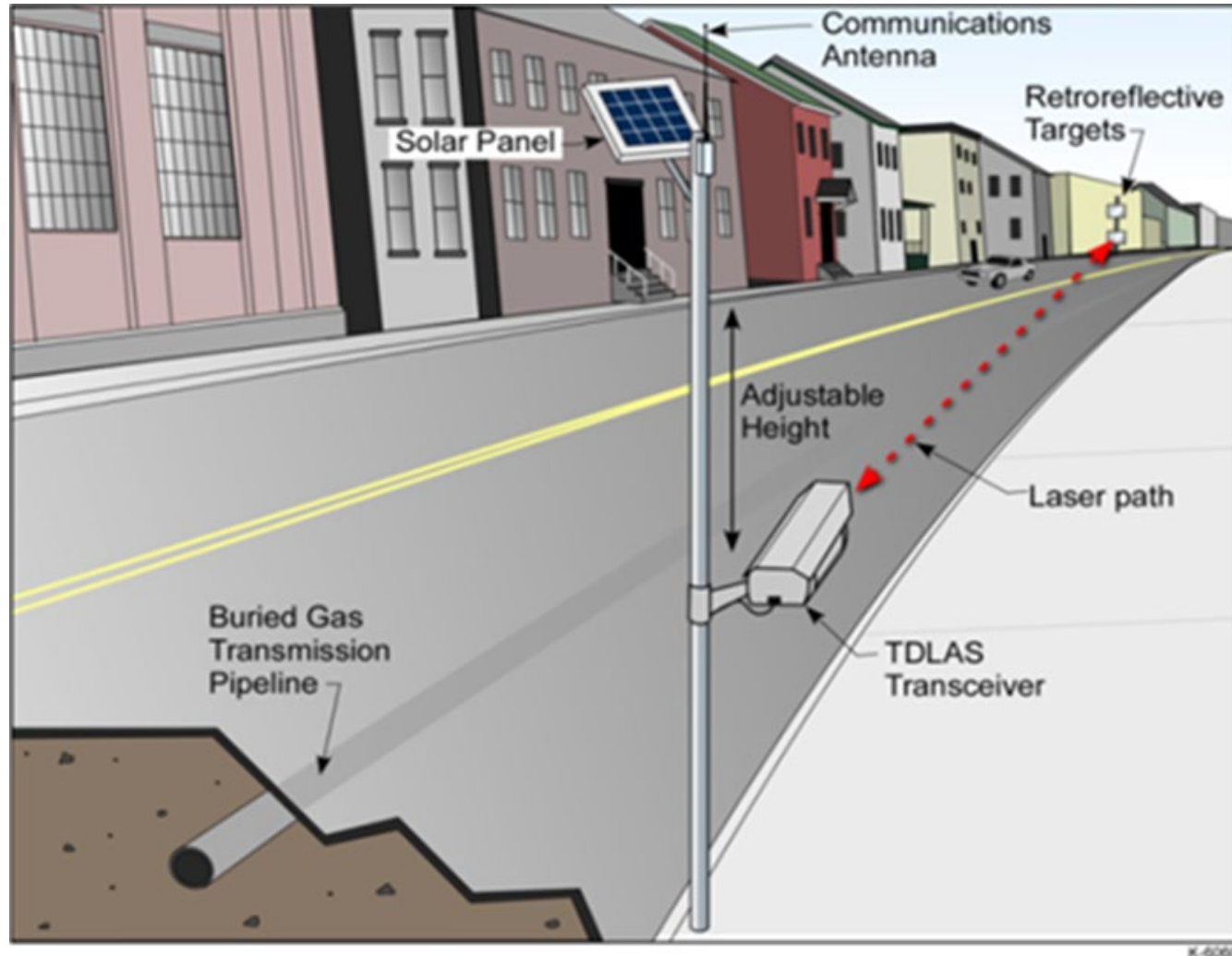
Pipeline Assets



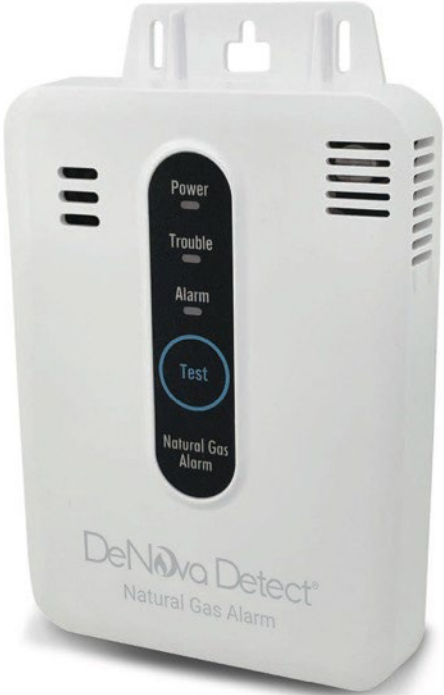
Survey Coverage Area



# Fixed Path Leak Sensor Technologies



# Battery Powered Natural Gas Alarm



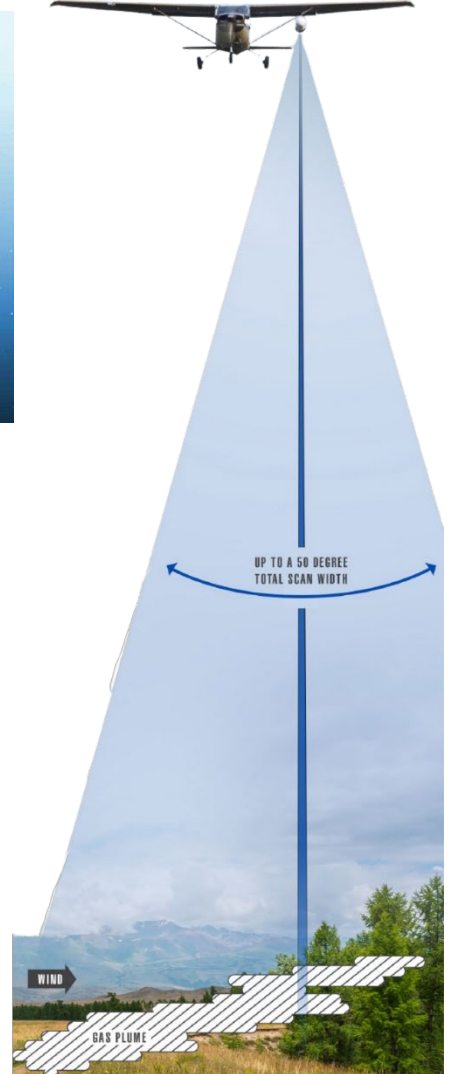
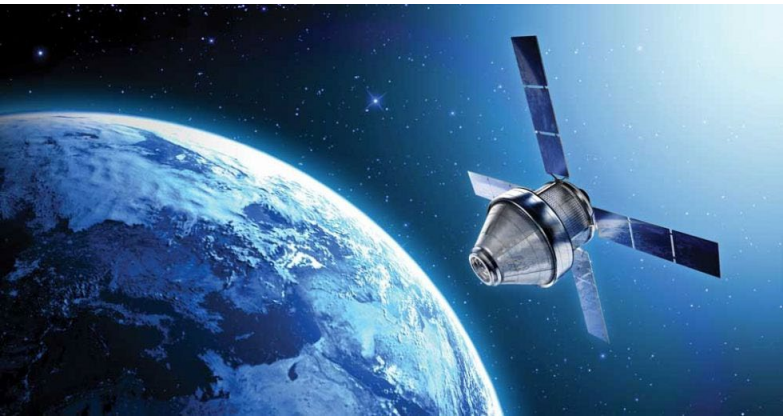
**ML310-ES**  
Non-Connected

**810NLR**  
LoRaWAN

**810NIT**  
Itron Gen 5



# Aerial Technologies Top-Down



# Leak Quantification Devices





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**Current Gaps R&D  
Can Close**

# *R&D Gaps: Leak Survey & Emission Detection Technologies*

Technologies to –

- Detect methane concentrations in structures through glass
- Detect a leak in a building, or migrating into a building, that does not rely on AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) to alert the operator of the potential leak
- Pin point a leak after an indication is detected at the surface and prior to excavation (tools and processes that are more accurate and reduce excavation dry holes, time, money and restoration)

# *R&D Gaps: Leak Survey & Emission Detection Technologies*

Technologies to –

- Locate non-metallic assets that do not have tracer wire/tracer wire has been damaged
- Measure the rate of a leak
- Integrated satellite technology that provides leak detection with other needs (ground movement, soil, encroachment, flooding)