REGULAR SESSION – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met in Regular Session on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM. The following Board Members were present: Thomas Groneman, President; David Haley, Vice President; Stevie A. Wakes Sr., Secretary; Mary Gonzales, Rose Mulvany Henry, and Brett Parker.

Also present: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer; Jeremy Ash, Chief Operating Officer; Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer; Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer; Darrin McNew, Executive Director Electric Operations; Donald Stahl, Executive Director Electric Production; Johnetta Hinson, Executive Director Customer Service; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Jerin Purtee, Executive Director Electric Supply; Ingrid Setzler, Director Environmental Services; Steve Nirschl, Director Water Processing; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Steve Hargis, Supervisor Water Operations; Nicholas Moreno, Communications Coordinator; and Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager.

A video of this meeting is on file at the Board of Public Utilities and can be found on the BPU website, www.bpu.com.

Mr. Groneman called the Board meeting to order at 6:03 PM. He welcomed all that were listening to or viewing the meeting. He informed all that the meeting was being recorded including video and audio. During the visitor comments section, those who attended in person. wishing to speak, should use the sign-up sheet at the entry and provide their name and address. In addition, there would be a public comments section after the General Manager/Staff Reports. During this section, the public could comment on the items presented in the General Manager/Staff Reports section that evening. Both visitor and public comments were limited to three minutes and should be addressed to the Board. Members of the public who wished to speak to the Board using Zoom needed to use the raise hand feature at the bottom of the application or window to signal that they wish to address the board during the public comment section. Members of the public connected by phone only, needed to press *9 to indicate they wished to address the Board in the visitor and public comment sections. No confidential information should be shared, including, account information. Staff would not provide individual account information during an open meeting. As always, the public could also email or call the BPU with any concerns. He informed all participants to act respectfully to each other; personal attacks or accusations would not be tolerated. All concerns would be directed to the Board only, they would then determine staff involvement. If side discussion was necessary, it was to be conducted outside of the Board room to avoid interfering with presenters or other attendees. If any rules are breached during this meeting, the attendee was subject to removal.

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Mr. Groneman introduced himself and the other Board members along with the General Manager, and Legal Counsel.

Roll call was taken and all Board members were present.

Item #3 – Approval of Amended Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Amended Agenda, by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

<u>Item #4– Approval of the Minutes of the Special Session of August 7, 2024:</u>

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Special Session of August 7, 2024, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Item #5- Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of August 7, 2024:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of August 7, 2024, by Ms. Gonzales, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

Item #6- Visitors Comments

Ms. Camile Barber, made inquiries regarding lobby operations and the kiosks inability to provide change.

Ms. Louise Lynch, KCK, stated her thoughts on a Unified Government (UG) budget meeting, the PILOT, and how BPU rates could be impacted.

Ms. CeCe Harlin, Wyandotte County, spoke about legal counsel, expressed her views on the PILOT, and spoke about the equal payment plan.

Ms. Treena Crawford, Verde Drive, asked about employee relations, and expressed her thoughts on communications between the UG Commissioners and the BPU Board.

Ms. Pamela Penn Hicks, Wyandotte County, spoke about the PILOT fee and how rates impact the community.

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Mr. Ty Gorman, 2843 Parkwood Blvd., expressed appreciation about the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) discussion from the Work Session and spoke about community collaboration.

<u>Item #7– General Manager / Staff Reports</u>

- i. Communications Quarterly Update: Nick Moreno, Communications Coordinator, gave an update to the Board on the Communications Department. Topics included; website accessibility to include additional language options, outage communications with the use of social media platforms, community outreach programs, and youth sponsorships. (see attached PowerPoint.)
 - Mr. Moreno responded to comments from the Board.
- ii. Intern Program Presentation/Scholarship Update: Mr. Jeremy Ash, Chief Operating Officer, presented information regarding the BPU Summer Internship Program, their objectives, and recruitment goals. Via a prerecorded video, the four interns gave an update on the knowledge they gained from their time at BPU and how they looked forward to working with BPU in the future. Mr. Ash also provided an update on the Scholarship Program and said that five applicants would receive their award in the coming weeks. (See attached PowerPoint.)
 - Mr. Ash responded to questions and comments from the Board.
- iii. Safe Water Partnership: Mr. Steve Nirschl, presented the Partnership for Safe Water to the Board. He explained that the partnership was a program with a goal to optimize treatment processes to provide safer water. BPU was a recipient of the 15-year Directors Award, one of only four utilities to receive this award status in 2024. (See attached PowerPoint.)
 - Mr. Nirschl responded to questions and comments from the Board.
- iv. *Miscellaneous Comments:* Mr. Johnson wished Ms. Gonzales a Happy Birthday on September 3rd.

Item #8- Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Ty Gorman, 2843 Parkwood Blvd., made comments regarding marketing and community outreach.

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Ms. Fannie Hill, commented on various billing issues.

Item #9- Board Comments

Ms. Mulvany Henry thanked community members for their engagement and had offered her remarks of appreciation during the presentations.

Ms. Gonzales thanked staff for their presentations and spoke about the gratification of watching the progression from intern to employee come full circle.

Mr. Parker echoed previous comments, thanking staff for their presentations and the public for their engagement.

Mr. Wakes thanked staff for their presentations, highlighted the utility as a great thing, and expressed his views on Customer Service.

Mr. Haley echoed thanks to community participants and staff for their presentations. He spoke about the lobby, customer service, and asked for budget information relating to the UG. He wished Ms. Gonzales a Happy Birthday and Mr. Groneman best wishes on his upcoming anniversary.

Mr. Groneman thanked staff for their presentations and community members for their comments.

Item 10 - Adjourn

At 7:57 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

Sécretary

APPROVED:

President



Marketing / Communications Quarterly Update

August 21, 2024



Department Overview

- Website
- Social Media
- Newsletters
- Press Releases
- Internal Communication
- Crisis Communication
- Community Outreach





Website Accessibility



Website Accessibility Tool

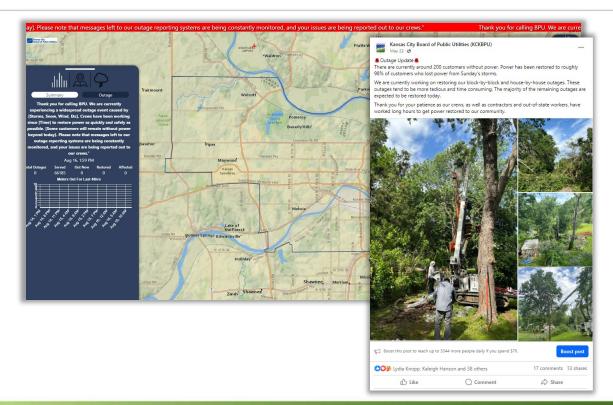
- Additional Languages
 - Swahili
 - Burmese
 - Nepali
 - Hmong





Outage Communication

- New Features
 - IVR Message
 - Outage Map Alert
- Enhanced Social Media
 Communication
 - Expanded Reach





Public Relations



NEWS RELEASE

KANSAS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OFFICE OF MARKETING & CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS 540 Minnesota Avenue

Kansas City, KS 66101

ontact: Nick Moreno Communications Coordinator Date: August 9, 2024

For Immediate Release

Phone: 913-573-9982 E-mail: nmoreno@bpu.com

BPU Warns Customers of Telephone Scams Targeting Customers

(KANSAS CITY, Kan.) — The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) wants customers to be aware of recent telephone scams offering customers assistance paying their utility bills.

In one instance, the caller offered to enroll the customer in a fraudulent utility assistance program. In another instance, the caller offered a gift card and a reduction in their utility bills if the customer made a small initial payment to the caller.

BPU urges customers to never give credit card, debit card, Social Security, or banking information to anyone who comes to your door, calls, texts, and/or sends an email inquiring about your utility bill. Be sure to verify the request by asking to see company identification or calling the BPU Customer Service Department directly at 913-573-9190.

A little knowledge can go a long way in preventing scammers from taking advantage of you. BPU has developed an <u>deducational video</u> and facts to help empower customers to spot, avoid and report fraud. For more information, visit BPU com.

About RDII

BPU's water department was originally created in 1909, and its electric utility was operational in 1912. The purpose of the utility, then and to this day, is to provide the highest quality electric and water services at the lowest possible cost. Today the publicly owned utility serves approximately 67,000 electric and 53,000 water customers, primarily in Wyandotte County, Kansas. The mission of the utility and its employees is "to focus on the needs of our customers, to improve the quality of life in our community while promoting safe, reliable and sustainable utilities." BPU's Web site is www.bpu.com.



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Community Outreach

Continue to Utilize Community Stakeholders



Summer Youth Program





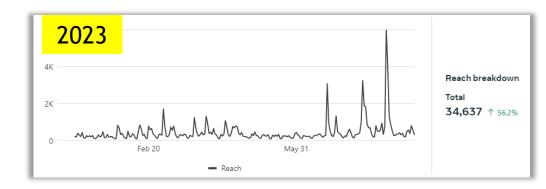


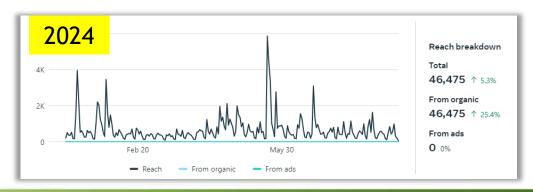


Social Media

- Followers by platform
 - Facebook: 5,035 (↑ 19%*)
 - X (Twitter): ~1,900
 - NextDoor: 33,703(23,251 households)
 - LinkedIn: 3,104 (↑ 58%*)

*Since 1/1/23



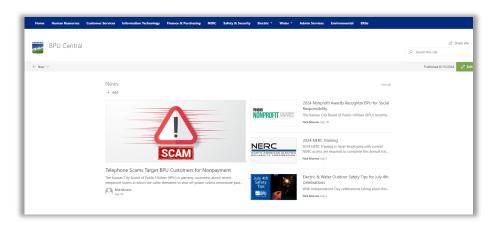




Internal Communications

Watts n Water

BPU Central







QUESTIONS?



Partnership for Safe Water Presentation

August 21, 2024







Partnership for Safe Water Member Organizations

- Established in 1995 to address Cryptosporidium concerns
 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 400,000 people infected and 100 people died.















The Partnership Program

- The Partnership is a voluntary effort between seven drinking water organizations, and more than 250 water treatment utilities and 150 distribution systems.
- The goal of the Partnership is to provide a new measure of public health protection to millions by implementing prevention programs where legislation or regulation does not exist. The preventative measures are based around treatment plant optimizing treatment plant performance and distribution system operation.



The Result of the Partnership Program

 The result is the production and delivery of superior quality water to all users, regulatory requirements for surface water filtration plants and drinking water distribution systems are becoming increasingly stringent. Accordingly, the Partnership program provides operators, field staff, managers and administrators with tools to assess the performance of treatment plants and distribution systems and develop plans to improve performance beyond even proposed regulatory levels.



The Partnership for Safe Water: Treatment Systems

- Roughly 265 drinking water facilities across the country are working at optimizing their treatment processes to provide safer water.
- Treatment Program
 - Four Phases:
 - Phase I Commitment
 - Phase II Baseline Data Collection
 - Phase III Self Assessment (Directors Award)
 - Phase IV Optimized Systems (President's Award)
- BPU is a Recipient of the 15-year Directors Award.
- Only 4 Utilities awarded at this status in 2024.
- 2025 will be the Thirtieth Year of the Program.



Why is Optimization So Important

- Improved water quality leaving the plant.
 - Provides improved public health protection
- Teamwork and communication among plant employees.
 - Treatment Plant operators and Supervisors understand how the treatment plant works.
 - Provides consistent treatment parameters so everyone maintains the same filter operations.
 - It helps keep us ahead of future regulations that may impact the utility.
- Provides positive recognition and good public relations.
- Increased confidence with our regulators during sanitary survey inspections.



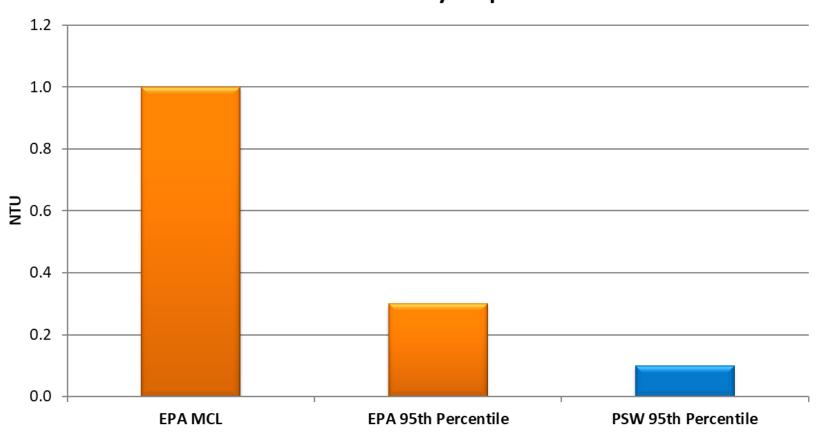


- Focuses primarily on surface water treatment plants or Ground Water Under the Influence with Filtration.
- Applies the multiple barrier approach for turbidity reduction <0.1 NTU.
- Optimize all unit processes for particulate removal.
 - Raw Water Turbidity Management
 - Settled Water Turbidity Management
 - Filtered Water Turbidity Management and Optimization
 - Combined Clearwell Management



Surface Water Treatment Rule - Turbidity Regulations

EPA and PSW Turbidity Requirements





What's Involved for Phase III Once a Utility Joins the Partnership

Commitment

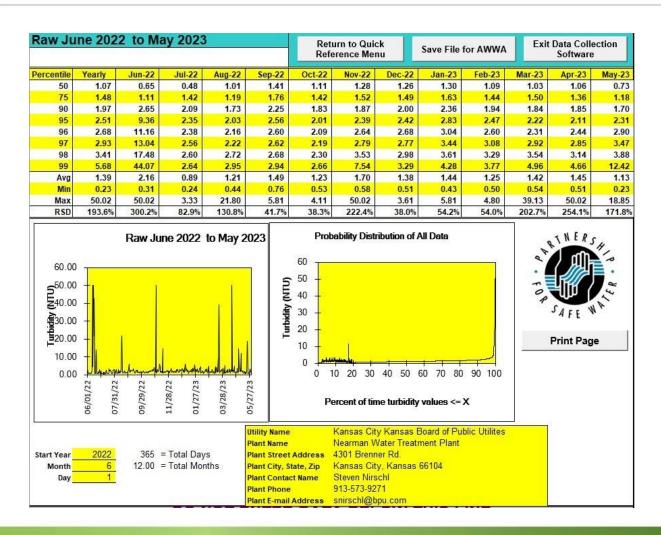
- Utilities plan to participate, apply, and submit fees.
- Baseline Data Collection
 - Utilities provide baseline data, establish current performance goals so future performance goals can be quantified.
- Self Assessment
 - Utilities complete a comprehensive treatment plant system selfassessment and provide a completion report, reviewed by industry experts, to become eligible for the Director's Award.

Optimized

 In this optional phase, utilities achieve Presidents or Excellence level awards upon submission of additional data reports demonstrating optimized performance.

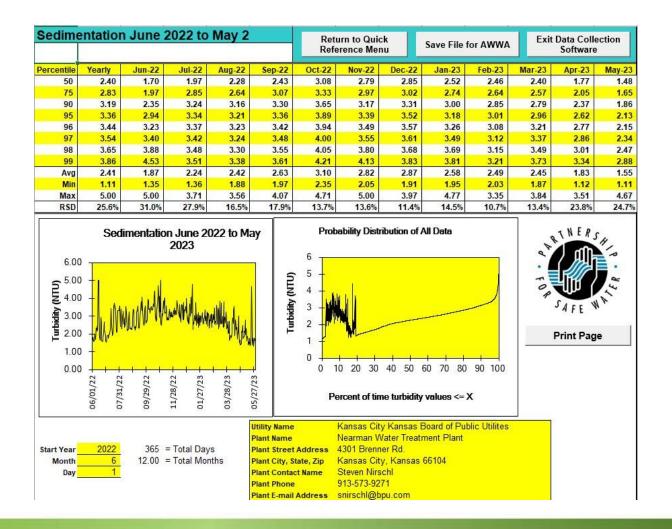


Phase III Data Points for Raw Water Turbidity



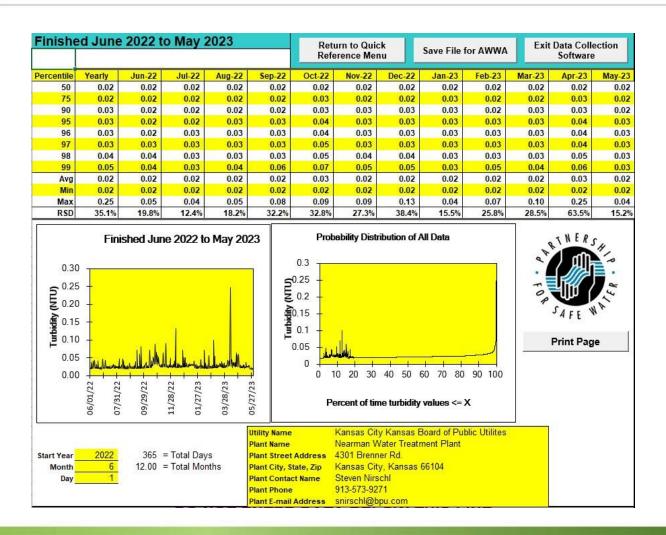


Phase III Data Points for Settled Water Turbidity





Phase III Data Points for Finished Water Turbidity





Phase III Narrative Report for Partnership Year

- Overview of treatment challenges during the past partnership year.
- The Partnership year is June of 22 to May of 23.
- Staffing challenges.
- Treatment Challenges, did you have any violations, did you meet your stated goals, how did treatment do compared to prior year.
- Did you make any new treatment process changes.
- Current Operational Goals.
- New Goals for next year.



Current Partnership Performance Enhancing Goals

- Enhance our training program for incoming operators and develop continued training for operators.
- Implement a new operator's schedule that works towards a two operator per shift that reduces sleep issues due to long term shift work.
- Develop daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly checklists to help operators continue training of infrequent task.
- Ensure plant is operational 24/7 with no interruptions of treatment processes.
- Ensure all plant regulatory requirements are met without any treatment violations.



Operational Goals for Partnership Year

- Achieve individual filter effluent "in service" turbidities at or below
 0.10 NTU for the 99th percentile in each month.
- Achieve average monthly filter influent turbidities at or below 2.0 NTU.
- Achieve annual monthly raw water turbidity at or below 1.75 NTU.
- Achieve average monthly raw water turbidities from November thru April at or below 2.20 NTU.
- Maintain status of no regulatory compliance for treatment violations.
- Continue to evaluate and possibly submit criteria for the Partnership Presidential Award.



ACE 2024 Awardees





Phase III 10 Year Directors Award for Distribution System Operations

California
Metro. Water District of So. Calif.

- Utility Distribution System
- Skinner Distribution Plant
- Central Pool Distribution System
- Mills Plant Distribution System

San Jose Water Company Distribution System Illinois American Water Military Services: Scott Air Force Base Distribution System

Kansas
American Water Military Services:
Fort Leavenworth
Distribution System

Phase III Five Year Directors Award for Distribution System Operations

Welcome to ACE24 & the Partnership's Awards Luncheon

2024 Awardees

Kentucky Paducah Water Paducah Water Works Water Treatment Plant

Ellinois
Central Lake County
Joint Action Water Agency
I M. Neal Water Treatment Facil

North Carolina Town of Cary Cary/Apex Water Treatment Facility

Chio Cleveland Division of Water - Crown Water Treatment Plant - Garrett A. Morgan WTP

Brodhead Creek Regional Authority Brodhead Creek Regional WTP

Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Auth Larry's Creek Filter Plant

Phase IV 20 Year Excellence in Water Treatment Award Central Utah Water Cons. District Don A. Christiansen Regional Water Treatment Plant Phase IV 15 Year Excellence in Water Treatment Award Colorado Aurora Water Wernlinger Water Treatment Plant 10 Year Presidents Award for Water Treatment <u>California</u>

Modesto Regional Water Authority
Modesto Regional WTP Pennsylvania Pennsylvania American Water hilipsburg Water Treatment Plant South Carolina Greenville Water Stovaji Water Treatment Plant Five Year Presidents Award for Water Treatment Colorado Denver Water Marston Water Treatment Plant Colorado City of Westminster Utilities Semper Water Treatment Facility Indiana Citizens Energy Group Fall Creek Water Treatment Facility Michigan Great Lakes Water Authority ake Huron Water Treatment Plant Phase III 25 Year Directors Award for Water Treatment

California
Metro Water District
of Southern California
+ Robert B. Diemer Filtration Plant
Robert A. Skinner Filtration Plant
- Joseph Jensen Filtration Plant

Zone 7 Water Agency Del Vaile Water Treatment Plant

Connecticut Water Company
William Neal MacKenzie WTP
William C Stewart WTP

Phase III 15 Year Directors Award for Water Treatment Phase III 25 Year Directors Award for Water Treatment Kansas Kansas City Board of Public Utilities Nearman Water Treatment Plant Pennsylvania Pennsylvania American Water Huntzville Water Treatment Plant Williamsport Municipal Water Auth. Mosquito Valley Water Filtration Plan South Carolina Greenville Water Ackins Water Treatment Plant Phase III 10 Year Directors Award for Water Treatment Pennsylvania City of Philadelphia -Baxter Water Treatment Plant Que on Lane Water Treatment Plant -Belmont Water Treatment Plant Arkansas Beaver Water District J. M. Steele/H. W. Croxton WTP Arizona Epcor Water - Arizona Anthem Water Campus South Carolina Georgetown County Water & Sewer District Wacc smaw Neck Regional WTP California
City of Fairfield
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Orth Bay Regional WTP (Dickson Hel
Colorado
Aurora Water Department
Peter D. Binney Water
Purification Facility North Carolina City of Rateigh E.M. Johnson Water Treatment Plan Phase III 20 Year Directors Award for Water Treatment Pannsylvania
Pike Township Municipal Authority
Pike Township Ma Treatment Plant Colorado
Ute Water Conservancy District
UWCD Water Treatment Plant
(Rapid Creek WTP)

Colorado

indiana Citizens Energy Group Distribution System Fort Wayne City Utilities Distribution System Phase III First Year Directors Award for Distribution System Operations Phase III Five Year Directors Award for Water Treatment Indiana Citizens Energy Group Fall Creek Water Treatment Facility Michigan Great Lakes Water Authority Water Works Park South Carolina Joint Muni. Water & Sewer Comm. Distribution System New Mexico Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority San Juan-Chama WTP

Partnership for Clean Water Phase III Five-Year Directors Award for Wastewater Treatment Utah etro Water Dist Salt Lake City/San Point of the Mountain WTP Phase III 2024 First Year Directors Award for Water Treatment California Coachella Valley Water District Water Reclamation Plant #10 (Paim Desert) North Carolina
Town of Cary
North Cary
North Cary
Water Reclamation Facility
Western Wake Regional
Water Reclamation Facility Texas City of Denton • Lake Ray Roberts WTP • Lake Lewis ville WTP South Carolina Beaufort Jasper Water Authorit Port Royal Water Reclamation F Cherry Point Reclamation Fac New Mexico Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority Southside Water Reclamation Plant North Texas Municipal Water Wylie Water Treatment Plant #4



Thank You