



CITY OF SAN BENITO PRESS STATEMENT

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PRESS STATEMENT

The City of San Benito has self-reported a surface water treatment technique problem at Water Treatment Plant No. 1 for the month of October 2016 to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The City Commission took proactive corrective action on Nov. 1 by authorizing the purchase a triplex backwash pump system. Additionally, at the plant, the City is working to rehabilitate existing filters with new media and replace the existing chemical storage tank with a larger capacity tank.

Specifically, the plant allowed the turbidity of the filtered water to exceed 0.3 nephelometric turbidity units in more than 5 percent of the measurements made during the month. The City faces no penalties in connection with the matter.

“We have already addressed this issue,” said Public Works Director Adan Gonzalez. “We are continuing to upgrade Water Plant No. 1, which is an older facility, to help us meet the standards set by TCEQ,” he said.