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TCEQ re-use decision expected soon
By John Ingle
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It should be within the next week that the city hears back from the agency reviewing 5,300 pages of documentation from the 45-day full-scale verification test of the direct potable reuse project.

Russell Schreiber, Public Works director for the city, said both parties involved, including the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, want to make sure the water produced from the DPR project is 100-percent safe for water customers, and that it's a successful endeavor.

"TCEQ and the city are working together on this thing," he said. "This is going to be a very positive project when we get this done, and it's going to be a very safe, reliable water supply."

Schreiber added both entities also want to make sure the Wichita Falls model is one that is viable for other parts of the state and country that are experiencing water shortages. To do so, he said, all involved want to make sure "all of the I's are dotted and T's are crossed."

More than 7 million gallons of treated wastewater effluent will flow down the 12-mile pipeline that connects River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant to Cypress Water Treatment Plant if the project is approved by TCEQ. Roughly 5 million gallons will be incorporated to the drinking water supply after the water runs through microfiltration membranes, a reverse osmosis system and a conventional water treatment plant.

Here are some important dates related to the DPR project:

- December 1990-February 2001: The regional experience a significant drought that led city leaders to look for another source of water. Lake Kemp would become the city's third water source including lakes Arrowhead and Kickapoo.

- April 2003: A new microfiltration system goes online at Cypress Water Treatment plant.
- September 2008: The reverse osmosis system goes online making treatment of brackish Lake Kemp water possible.
- 2011-present: Wichita Falls and the surrounding area has and continues to experience the worst drought on record. Since the beginning of 2011, the city has lost more than 30 inches of rain, and lake levels have dropped to historic lows.
- Aug. 20: Wichita Falls City Council approves \$13 million in bonds to be used for the direct potable reuse system.
- Aug. 26: Construction begins of the 12-mile long pipe that connects River Road Wastewater Treatment Plant to Cypress Water Treatment plant.
- Mid-November: Crews complete construction of the emergency reuse pipeline.
- Mid-December: City officials submit a permit to TCEQ, starting the process for the state agency to establish test and water quality requirements for a 45-day full-scale verification test.
- Jan. 29: Full-scale verification test begins.
- Feb. 26: DRP project hits milestone and city conducts a clean-in-place procedure as part of testing procedures required by the state.
- March 10: City completes full-scale verification test.
- March 28: More than 5,300 pages of data contained in seven 5-inch, three-ringed binders are sent to TCEQ.

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