North Texas Municipal Water District

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North Texas Municipal Water District Utilizing Ozone as Disinfectant
Consumers Should Notice Reduced Taste and Odor Events

(Wylie, Texas –July 7, 2014)  The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) began using ozone as the primary disinfectant at its Wylie Water Treatment Plants as of June 26, 2014. As a result, consumers in the NTMWD service area might notice an improvement in the taste and odor of their drinking water.

In recognition of the $123 million ozone project, the NTMWD Board of Directors visited the newly constructed ozonation facilities at the Wylie Water Treatment Plants. The City of Princeton’s representatives on the NTMWD Board of Directors, Patrick Nicklen and Richard Sheehan, raise their water glasses to celebrate the achievement of enhanced water quality produced by the ozonation process.

The NTMWD began using ozone in the treatment process as a result of changes in regulatory requirements set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Act, which were strengthened, and to provide enhanced water quality for public water supplies.

Now operating the nation’s largest water treatment facility using ozone, the NTMWD implemented extensive planning efforts, modifications, construction and project management at the four Wylie Water Treatment Plants. In addition to the Wylie location, the Bonham and Tawakoni Water Treatment Plants also produce ozonated water. Cumulatively, NTMWD has the capability to treat and deliver 806 million gallons per day of high-quality, safe drinking water to the region served.

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