Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant
Secondary Improvements Project

Construction Update – December 2021

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) will be replacing aeration equipment which has aged beyond its useful life. The aeration process is the heart of the wastewater treatment plant where waste is broken down into inert organic material by microorganisms. The 1960s aeration equipment replacements consist of upgrades to the air bubbling diffusers in 16 aeration tanks, aeration controls upgrades, final settling backfill gates, and underdrain /meter pits upgrades. The project will modernize the equipment and improve performance and process efficiency.

**PROGRESS UPDATE - 18% Complete**

**RECENTLY COMPLETED**
- First Aeration Tank equipment installation
- Underdrain and Meter Pit floor leveling

**UPCOMING WORK**
- Commission the new equipment in the second aeration tank
- Underdrain and Meter Pit air circulation upgrades

**PROJECT SCHEDULE**
- Overall duration is 2021-2025 as work is completed with seasonal weather conditions

The wastewater treatment plant remains in full operation during the construction.

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