

Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant

Built in 1979, the Empire Plant plant size has been doubled to meet growth in the service area, and treated wastewater is discharged to the Mississippi River. Biosolids from the plant are processed and spread twice yearly on nearby farm fields, including some owned by MCES and leased to local farmers.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Information

- Location: Empire Township, Minnesota
- Type: Advanced secondary with ultraviolet disinfection
- Capacity: 24 million gallons per day
- Discharges to: Mississippi River
- Communities served: 5
- Population served: 150,000
- Interceptors to plant: 16 miles



Award Winning Plant

The Empire Plant has an excellent environmental record and regularly earns state and national awards for operational excellence.



NACWA Gold Peak Performance award winner for perfect NPDES permit compliance for an entire year.

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