



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR BORDER SANITATION PROJECT

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has awarded a contract for construction of the upgrade of the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant (SBIWTP) in San Diego, California. The contract in the amount of \$88 million was awarded to PCL Construction of Tempe, Arizona.

The SBIWTP currently provides advanced primary treatment of 25 million gallons per day (mgd) of wastewater emanating from Tijuana, Mexico. The contract covers construction of a 25 mgd secondary treatment process at the existing plant. The USIBWC anticipates construction to be completed in approximately two years.

The USIBWC is under court order to upgrade the SBIWTP to provide secondary treatment in compliance with the federal Clean Water Act. SBIWTP effluent is discharged into the Pacific Ocean 3.5 miles offshore through the South Bay Ocean Outfall.

The construction contract includes furnishing, installing, testing, and commissioning all equipment, labor, materials, appurtenances, specialty items, and services for a complete and operable facility. The upgrade is being constructed in accordance with existing agreements with Mexico that call for activated sludge secondary treatment facilities in the United States to treat up to 25 mgd of sewage from Tijuana.

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