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Agreement to upgrade Bernalillo County's wastewater treatment plant to be signed May 1

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. --- A Project Cost Agreement to upgrade Bernalillo County's wastewater treatment plant will be signed May 1, 10 a.m., at a ceremony to be held at the Town of Bernalillo City Offices, located at 829 Camino Del Pueblo. The agreement will be signed by the Mayor of Bernalillo, Charles Aguilar, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Albuquerque District Deputy District Engineer Maj. Gregory Gunter, and Bernalillo County Attorney, George Perez.

The Corps will manage the design and construction of a supplemental aeration basin which will have a 350,000-gallon capacity. The project also includes new aeration equipment, blowers, recirculation pump facilities and related piping and valves. The new plant will operate more efficiently and eliminate foul odors that come from the present plant.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.2 million. The federal government is paying for 75 percent of that, or \$900,000 and the town of Bernalillo will fund 25 percent, or \$300,000. The project is expected to be completed by next summer.