



PRESS ALERT
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NOVEMBER 14 UPDATE: City of Gretna (70053) Saltwater Intrusion Timeline

Gretna, LA — as of November 14, 2023, the City of Gretna has been given an updated timeline for when the saltwater wedge is expected to reach our water treatment intake. The Army Corps of Engineers is now forecasting that the City of Gretna will not experience saltwater impacts for the foreseeable future.

The change in the saltwater intrusion timeline represents current National Weather Service forecasts, surveyed movement of the saltwater toe, and modeled benefits from the augmented underwater sill. The flow of the Mississippi River and the augmented underwater sill have prevented the saltwater wedge from moving upriver as quickly as originally anticipated.

The Army Corps of Engineers will be providing weekly updates on future saltwater intrusion projections. As of now, the residents living in the zip code 70053, who receive water from the City of Gretna water treatment plant, are at no risk of saltwater intrusion. This assessment is subject to change relative to updates that the Army Corps of Engineers will provide.

The City of Gretna wants its residents to be assured that we are still doing all we can to prepare for any potential impacts. We encourage our residents to stay informed about updates regarding the saltwater intrusion on the Mississippi River by visiting www.emergency.la.gov/saltwater. Please stay tuned for further details on the City of Gretna's Facebook-www.facebook.com/CityOfGretna, and website-www.gretnala.com.

