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State-of-the-art water treatment system goes online

March 17, 2009 – A state-of-the-art upgrade to the Freedom District Water Treatment Plant became fully operational on Monday, running 24 hours a day. The plant now uses a dissolved air filtration (DAF)



process as the first step in treating water from Liberty Reservoir. Once the DAF removes larger items, the water travels through a membrane filter system before being sent out to 24,913 customers. With the upgrade, the plant has more than doubled its capacity, to 7 million gallons a day. In addition to the filtration system, 2½ miles of 24-inch main was constructed and the water intake system from the reservoir was

replaced. The project broke ground in May 2007 and cost less than the \$31 million budgeted. Over the past two weeks, the DAF system was tested for several hours a day, with no problems reported. On Monday morning, the switch to the new facility was made.

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