

We have reached a key DEQ milestone!

We achieved the 30% design plan milestone for our secondary treatment facility. These planned improvements will increase the efficiency of the treatment of water and meet the requirements set forth in our DEQ permit.

What does that mean:

- This includes a new 1.5 billion gallon effluent lagoon system consisting of two ponds to increase storage capacity during months when irrigation is restricted.
- We are on schedule to begin construction as early as 2024 for a completely operational system by November 2025.

What comes next:

- Our three large digesters will undergo testing and certification this summer with a planned commissioning date of November 1, 2023.
- We have been invited to apply for a <u>Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation (WIFIA) Act</u> \$450M loan by the EPA. Through WIFIA, the EPA is investing in water infrastructure to ensure safe and secure water resources for communities across the country. This loan would be paid back over 35 years by the Port after the completion of our project, creating <u>new jobs</u> and not affecting taxes.

We at the Port of Morrow standby our commitment to the continuous improvement of our region through economic development, environmental stewardship, and community outreach.

