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Mayor Announces K. R. Harrington Water Treatment Plant is Back in Service

Metro Officials Thank Residents and Businesses for Their Conservation Efforts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – After 27 days of assessment and repair, Mayor Karl Dean today announced that the K.R. Harrington Water Treatment Plant is back in service. Critical repairs to the water treatment plant, which received substantial damage during the May flood, were completed this morning.

The plant is once again providing safe drinking water to the community and will operate at half capacity while final repairs are conducted. The second half of K.R. Harrington is expected to be operational later this summer.

The total cost of repairs to K.R. Harrington is expected to reach approximately \$42 million. The flood water destroyed the electrical systems and computerized monitoring system within the plant, flooded pumps and motors, and contaminated basins and storage wells at the facility – critical portions of which have now been restored.

“This is a major step forward in our city’s recovery process,” Mayor Dean said. “K.R. Harrington was one of the most significant public infrastructure losses our city suffered during the flood, and the need to conserve water has had a real impact on our citizens and businesses. Getting the water plant back online is a sign of our steady progress in getting the city back to normal. I applaud Metro Water Services staff for their tireless effort over the last month. Their hard work is no doubt the No. 1 reason we were able to put the water plant back in service this quickly. And I applaud our citizens and business owners for their conservation efforts and patience during this time.”

After extensive disinfection and sampling, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) gave Metro Water Services written authorization to place K.R. Harrington back in service.

“Metro Water Services has worked tirelessly to get the K.R. Harrington water plant properly disinfected and back online,” said TDEC Commissioner Jim Fyke. “We appreciate their hard work, and the patience of all Metro Water customers who diligently conserved water to ensure an adequate supply of clean water for the city.”

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Customers whose irrigation meters were turned off will be restored irrigation service later this week once the plant has been back in operation long enough to confirm that it's stable. Metro Water Services will notify irrigation customers when their service is restored. Car washes in Davidson County will be allowed to return to normal operating hours starting tomorrow.

"I appreciate the public's support in conservation efforts," Potter said. "And I encourage our customers to continue to use our water supply responsibly as we continue work to bring K.R. Harrington back to full-scale operation."

Potter said he also extends great appreciation to the many contractors whose assistance was invaluable in this process.

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