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GRP SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT TEMPORARY SHUTDOWN

The surface water treatment plant was shut down on Wednesday morning. A turbidimeter malfunction allowed debris to get through the pretreatment process. The debris caused the membrane filters to be fouled. The plant was shut down to prevent further fouling of the membranes. Plant operators immediately began the process of cleaning out the sludge from pretreatment so that clear water could be introduced to the membranes and cleaning of the filters could be started. The faulty meter problem was corrected.

While a plant shut down is not a common occurrence it is sometimes necessary to carry out certain maintenance activities. This precautionary measure was implemented by the plant operators to prevent damage to the membrane filters. The plant was down for approximately 18 hours. During this time, SJRA operations and maintenance staff were able to clean the membranes and verify that all instrumentation was working properly before restarting production.

This event did not cause a disruption of water service to the public. All of the utility companies that receive surface water from the SJRA were notified so that they could plan to meet their water demands using the groundwater supply from their wells.

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