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Arbennie Pritchett Water Reclamation Facility Receives Operating Permit

The Okaloosa County Water and Sewer Department has received its operating permit for the Arbennie Pritchett Water Reclamation Facility, from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. “This is great news for everyone involved – it means we can begin construction,” exclaimed Jeff Littrell, director, Water and Sewer Department.

Camp Dresser & McKee of Orlando is the design-build firm. Environmental Services Group, Inc. of Fort Walton Beach, is the program manager for the project. HDR of Tampa prepared the design criteria package and Polyengineering Inc. of Dothan, Ala., prepared the design for the rapid infiltration basins to which the new facility will discharge. Okaloosa County is self constructing the rapid infiltration basins, which will reduce the overall cost of the project by several million dollars.

The project will be constructed using the design-build process, which will expedite the construction and give the County more control over the cost. The total contract value for the project is \$49,389.098 and is expected to be complete by September 2009.

The new facility, named posthumously for Okaloosa Water and Sewer employee Arbennie Pritchett, will replace the existing Garniers Wastewater Treatment Facility. The new facility is located on Eglin Air Force Base property. For more information and updates, visit our web site at www.co.okaloosa.fl.us.

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