

# CITY OF EDMONDS

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#### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

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## January 2024

**Subject: Carbon Recovery Project; Update #15** 

### The Project

The Project's scope is to replace the City's existing solids handling system (incineration) with a new gasification system, upgrade ancillary components such as pumps and motors, and install odor control equipment. This phase of the project is complete.

Currently there has been little substantial progress towards steady state running of the new equipment. The Design/Builder decided to halt commissioning during the Christmas Holiday season and will return the week of January 22, 2024. Although a few small issues have been corrected during this down time, a major issue involves the inability of the air scrubber system to function properly. This equipment is required to ensure that emissions from the gasification process are properly cleaned prior to discharge to the atmosphere. The Design/Builder continues to search for solutions that will allow the system to function as needed to meet air quality requirements. City staff continue to work closely with the commissioning team to learn from the commissioning process and to help in resolving issues quickly and efficiently.

The continuous collaboration of staff and contractor teams during the commissioning process will allow staff to become more familiar with the new system prior to formal training and eventually assuming full operation of the system. Hauling is on-going throughout this time. The Design-Builder is hoping that by the end of March 2024 all issues are resolved and the City can begin operating the system.

#### **Odor & Hauling**

Now that winter is here, odors from the WWTP have subsided though they are not completely eliminated. As mentioned above, hauling will need to continue until successful commissioning of the new gasification system is achieved.

#### Other Projects at the WWTP

From time to time there are other projects occurring here at the WWTP. Some involve large equipment; other projects do not. As the plant ages (it is now over 30 years old) more and more projects will occur here at the WWTP. They are all part of keeping the WWTP fully operational and protecting Puget Sound.

### **Anticipated Schedule**

2022				2023				2024			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Construction											
Commissioning											
									Measure & Verification		

Please feel free to contact me or Kylie Hatch here at the treatment plant if you have other questions. We will be happy to discuss the project with you.

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Yours truly, Ross Hahn

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