



Diemer Treatment Plant Shutdown January 25th – January 31st 2010 Fact Sheet

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Overview

- ◆ In Orange County, the Robert F. Diemer Water Treatment Plant is a key Metropolitan facility that treats about half of the county's drinking water supply.
- ◆ When a Diemer Plant shutdown is planned, MWDOC staff analyzes potable water supplies in relation to demand for every local water agency in the county, and all client agencies engage in the coordination and planning efforts.
- ◆ The Diemer Plant has been undergoing extensive upgrades recently and this will continue during 2010 as Metropolitan implements its Oxidation Retrofit Program (ORP) at the facility.
- ◆ Construction of ORP facilities will require three, week-long shutdowns during the next two years.
- ◆ Once completed, the facility's treatment system will have been fully upgraded to use ozone gas (rather than chloramines) to disinfect Orange County's imported drinking water supply.
- ◆ The first of the shutdowns is scheduled for January 25th through January 31st 2010.
- ◆ Updates regarding this and future planned shutdowns will be posted on MWDOC's website.

Impact to Orange County and the Municipal Water District of Orange County

- ◆ Orange County residents and business throughout Orange County are being asked to aggressively reduce their water use during the week-long shutdown beginning January 25th through January 31st, 2010.
- ◆ Although some water agencies in south Orange County will institute mandatory restrictions during this shutdown, most agencies in north Orange County will have groundwater supplies to call upon to meet retail demands.
- ◆ As a precaution, all consumers in the region should voluntarily conserve water whenever and wherever possible.
- ◆ To minimize impacts on consumers, Metropolitan routinely schedules operational shutdowns of its water-treatment facilities during the winter months, when temperatures are typically cooler and demands are lower.
- ◆ All Orange County water providers have prepared for months to ensure their customers have sufficient supplies during this planned shutdown

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