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## **McComb Water Treatment Plant Gets Green License to Operate**

**BOWLING GREEN, Ohio**, - The Northwestern Water and Sewer District (the District) announces that the McComb Water Treatment plant is now approved for a green License To operate (LTO) by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Although the water has been safe to drink, the plant has been operating under a yellow license since 2014. A yellow license is issued to a public water system with conditions that require correction of violations of safe drinking water and additional water quality monitoring.

“This license is a demonstration of our commitment to provide safe, clean drinking water to our customers in McComb,” said Dan Wickard, District Operations Superintendent. “Our employees have worked hard and we have invested a lot of time and materials to turn the license around in an efficient manner.”

### Background

In 2014, EPA classified the McComb Water Treatment Plant with a yellow license to operate due to clarity concerns and high manganese content.

2015, EPA declared the water safe to drink based upon improvements made by the Village of McComb.

In August 2016, the Village of McComb requested Northwestern Water and Sewer District to oversee the operations of both the McComb water and sewer treatment plants.

In January 2017, following Northwestern Water and Sewer District receives green license to operate the McComb water treatment plant

The District continues to upgrade the plant with \$500,000 in planned improvements in 2017.

The Northwestern Water and Sewer District serves approximately 19,000 customers in Wood, Sandusky and Hancock counties. Our membership includes 20 townships and 13 municipalities in Northwest Ohio.

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*Our goal is to be the premier water and wastewater provider in Northwestern Ohio. We are committed to sound financial management, responsible environmental stewardship, responsive public service, superior customer service, and responsible economic growth. We strive to field a skilled, respectful, and cooperative workforce dedicated to the highest professional and ethical standards; we support them with appropriate training and technology.*

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