

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua,
March 18, 1964.

MINUTE NO. 216

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLANT FOR TREATMENT OF
AGUA PRIETA, SONORA AND DOUGLAS, ARIZONA SEWAGE

The Commission met in the offices of the Mexican Section in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua on March 18, 1964 at 10:00 a.m. to consider the operation and maintenance of the international plant for treatment of Agua Prieta, Sonora and Douglas, Arizona sewage, which was constructed in 1947 and enlarged in 1961 pursuant to appropriate international agreements.

The Commission reviewed the "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers on Operation and Maintenance of the Douglas, Arizona-Agua Prieta, Sonora International Sewage Plant," submitted by Principal Engineers Norberto Sánchez G. and W. E. Walker, under date of February 13, 1964. The English and Spanish texts of that report are attached hereto and form a part hereof.

The Commission approved the report under reference and both Commissioners stated their particular approval of the portion of the report which deals with the advisability that the Commission undertake the operation and maintenance of the plant, since they consider that this will provide the greatest assurance that the international problem which was resolved by its construction will not reappear.

The Commission thereupon adopted the following Resolution subject to the approval of the two Governments:

1. That the Commission undertake the operation and maintenance of the international plant for treatment of Agua Prieta, Sonora and Douglas, Arizona sewage, as described in the Joint Report of the Principal Engineers, each Section operating and maintaining, at the expense of its respective Government, the part of the plant located in its own territory, and employing, if necessary, for such purpose, competent public or private agencies, in accordance with the laws of their respective countries under the joint supervision of the Commission.
2. The Commission considers that the distribution between the two countries of the work of operation and maintenance of the plant, as described in the preceding paragraph, is equitable at present, in as much as the cost of the work assigned to each country is in approximately the same proportion as the volumes of sewage they contribute; the Commission, however, will determine the adjustments that may be necessary in the future in order to preserve the

equitable division of operating and maintenance costs between the two countries.

3. That the two Sections of the Commission periodically exchange all necessary data relating to operation and maintenance of the international plant.
4. That the Commission formulate and adopt regulations for operation and maintenance of the plant.

The meeting then adjourned.

(Signed) J. F. Friedkin

Commissioner of the United States

(Signed) D. Herrera J.

Commissioner of México

(Signed) Louis F. Blanchard

Secretary of the United States Section

(Signed) Fernando Rivas S.

Secretary of the Mexican Section