



**INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO**

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**SOCIAL MEDIA POST: NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE SOUTH BAY
INTERNATIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

*****Updated:*** *Repairs to the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant's (SBIWTP) advanced primary chemical treatment system have been completed, and the plant is ready to resume treating up to 35 million gallons per day (MGD).*

USIBWC has notified CILA. The Tijuana State Public Services Commission is expected to begin gradually increasing flows to the SBIWTP. [XPOST](#)

USIBWC will monitor operations throughout the increase and provide additional updates as needed.

Due to needed repairs to the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant's advanced primary chemical treatment system, the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission has requested the Mexican Section, International Boundary and Water Commission and the Tijuana State Public Services Commission to temporarily reduce flow to the plant from 35 million gallons a day (MGD) to 25 MGD.

The repairs are expected to be completed by the weekend. The plant will treat up to 25 MGD and continue to operate as normally.

Without the advanced primary chemical treatment system operating properly, the plant cannot treat 35 MGD and still meet permit requirements.

In the meantime, San Diego residents may notice increased flows in the Tijuana River.

The USIBWC is expediting the repairs to minimize the impact on the public and will send a notification when the work is complete and treatment of up to 35 MGD resumes.

The USIBWC X account is a good place to check for updates: <https://x.com/usibwc>

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