

Catahoula Well Begins Production!

Your MUD 18 Board is pleased to report that Water Plant #2 began production from the Catahoula Aquifer on Thursday, July 12. The water has been tested extensively and approved by the TCEQ. The Catahoula water is being blended with water produced from the Jasper Aquifer at Water Plant # 1. The blending of the water from the two plants is being done in the pipeline distribution network to Bentwater homes. The hardness levels of the water from these two aquifers is dramatically different; the Catahoula water is much, much softer than the Jasper water as shown by the following measures of total hardness as CaCO₃:

Jasper/Plant 1 ==> 156

Catahoula/Plant 2 ==> 004

Because of the blending, it is problematic to give exact numbers to individual homeowners. However, the closer you are located to the new plant (behind the fire station on FM 1097), the softer your water will be. Individual homeowners who have a water softener may want to adjust their softeners to account for the softer water - many will be able to cut their water softener operation by 50% or more. In other districts that have begun delivering water from the Catahoula, some homeowners actually turned their water softeners off as an adjustment to the softer water.

Homeowners in the Meadows and the west end of Bentwater will notice a nice increase in water pressure.

The Board will continue to provide updates in our newsletters and E-Blasts.