



# WORKING WITH PARALLEL GOVERNMENTS



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# HISTORY/BACKGROUND



- Texarkana was founded in 1873
- First water plants
  - 1886 – Texarkana, Texas
  - 1887 – Texarkana, Arkansas
- Water system was privately owned
- 1948 - Cities of Texarkana, Arkansas and Texarkana, Texas purchase water and sewer system
- 1950's – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructs Lake Texarkana
- 1960's – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructs Millwood Lake



# WATER TREATMENT PLANTS



- Wright Patman Water Treatment Plant
  - 18 MGD
  - Constructed in 1957 and expanded in 1971
- Millwood Water Treatment Plant
  - 15 MGD
  - Constructed in 1985



# WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS



- South Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - 18 MGD
  - Constructed in 1988
  - Wastewater from Texarkana, Texas and Texarkana, Arkansas
- Wagner Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - 2 MGD
  - Constructed in 1986
  - Wastewater from Texarkana, Texas, Wake Village, Texas and Nash, Texas
- North Texarkana Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - 1 MGD
  - Constructed in 1998
  - Wastewater from Texarkana, Arkansas and Texarkana, Texas



# INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS



- Original
  - 1948 – When Cities Purchased the water distribution and sewer collection system
  - Mid-1960's – Modifies to City Manager control
  - Additional agreements in 1962, 1982, and 1985



# WATER TREATMENT



- Lake Texarkana Water Supply Corporation
  - 1953 – Cities contract with USA for water from Lake Texarkana
  - 1968 – Texarkana, Texas expanded Lake Texarkana contract amount
- 1978 – Texarkana, Arkansas contracted with Southwest Arkansas Water District for water from Millwood
  - 1982 & 1985 – Millwood Water Treatment Plant



# WASTEWATER TREATMENT



- 1983 – South Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 1997 – North Texarkana Wastewater Treatment Plant



# DAILY OPERATIONS



- Combined Water Distribution System
  - Water mains cross the state line between Texas and Arkansas approximately 36 times
- Combined Sewer Collection System
  - Sanitary sewer mains cross the state line between Texas and Arkansas 20 times
- Compost
  - Compost facility constructed in 1993-1994
  - Constructed with grants from TNRCC and Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology





# LOCAL GOVERNMENT



- 2 Mayors
- 2 Elected Bodies
  - Texas – City Council
  - Arkansas – Board of Directors
- 2 City Managers
- 2 Public Works Departments
- 2 Fire Departments



# GOVERNMENT



- State Government
  - Multiple Regulatory Agencies
    - TCEQ
    - TWDB
    - ADEQ
    - ADH
    - ANRC
- Federal Government
  - EPA Region 6
  - Corps of Engineers