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NEW ODOR CONTROL UNIT INSTALLED AT LIFT STATION

Kenner, LA. – A new odor control unit for the sewer lift station at 39th Street and Arkansas Avenue has been installed and will be activated Friday evening, eventually putting an end to odor issues in the neighborhood, Kenner officials said.

However, Joanne Massony, Wastewater Director in Kenner for Veolia North America, explained that the odor is controlled by bacterial media in the odor control unit. That media requires a 30-day growth period before it can operate at peak efficiency.

“During this growth period, there may be intermittent odors,” Massony said.

Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said Massony and city officials have been working with residents as well as school officials in the neighborhood.

“It’s a quality of life issue and we have taken this very, very seriously,” he said. “I am pleased we are so close to a resolution of this odor issue.”

The lift station at 39th and Arkansas was completed in August, 2011, but as additional upgrades at upstream lift stations in 2014 went online, occasionally odor complaints were received. An odor study, which included a year of odor testing, came up with the best way to solve the odor issues, Massony said.

“We hope that residents will be understanding and recognize that this brief period with some potential odor issues is necessary in order to control the problem once and for all,” she said.

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