

# Potomac WFP Pre-Filter Chlorination & Air Scour Improvements

A. Identification and Coding Information		
Agency Number	Project Number	Update Code
W - 000073.22	143803	Change

PDF Date	October 1, 2020
Date Revised	

Pressure Zones	
Drainage Basins	
Planning Areas	Bi-County

### B. Expenditure Schedule (000's)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY'20	Estimate FY'21	Total 6 Years	Year 1 FY'22	Year 2 FY'23	Year 3 FY'24	Year 4 FY'25	Year 5 FY'26	Year 6 FY'27	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design & Supervision	1,457	927	500	30	30						
Land											
Construction	18,476	13,576	4,800	100	100						
Other	543		530	13	13						
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,476</b>	<b>14,503</b>	<b>5,830</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>143</b>						

### C. Funding Schedule (000's)

WSSC Bonds	20,476	14,503	5,830	143	143						
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### D. Description & Justification

**DESCRIPTION**  
 This project provides for the planning, design, and construction of a pre-filter chlorination system and filter air scour system for the Potomac Water Filtration Plant. It also includes the replacement of all 32 filter underdrains.

**JUSTIFICATION**  
 Due to numerous separate incidents of catastrophic filter underdrain failures since October 2006, an investigation was conducted by WSSC Water and ITT Leopold, suppliers of the failed underdrain systems. The investigation revealed that the ITT Leopold underdrain system with an Integral Media Support (IMS) cap is not compatible with the biologically active filters at the Potomac WFP. Engineering Standard - I. M. S. Cap Monitoring Operation, and Maintenance Instructions, ITT Water & Wastewater, Leopold, Inc., (April 2009). Memo from John Geibel, P.E., Sr. Product Engineer @ ITT Water & Wastewater, Leopold, Inc. - Potomac Filtration Plant Visit April 2009 - to Joseph Johnson, Potomac Plant Superintendent, (May 2010).

**COST CHANGE**  
 Total cost for the project was reduced based on actual bid.

**OTHER**  
 The project scope has remained the same. The Potomac Water Filtration Plant experienced fourteen separate incidents of catastrophic filter underdrain failure from October 2006 through FY '17, including three filters that failed twice. The failure rate accelerated with six of the fourteen filter failures taking place during the spring and summer of 2016. The construction for Pre-Filter Chlorination and Underdrain Replacement have been completed. Expenditure and schedule projections shown in Block B above include actual bid price for Air Scour. The original plan was to design and construct both pre-filter chlorination and air scour systems as one deliverable at the same time. However, due to the more critical need to implement pre-filter chlorination at the Potomac plant, this portion of the project was placed on an accelerated schedule for design and construction, separate from that of the air scour system. WSSC Water Green Bonds issued in December 2019 will be utilized to fund a portion of this project. The elimination of filter underdrain failures will address the following International Capital Market Association (ICMA) Green Bond Principles 2016 category: Sustainable water management.

**COORDINATION**  
 Coordinating Agencies: Montgomery County Government; Prince George's County Government  
 Coordinating Projects: Not Applicable

E. Annual Operating Budget Impact (000's)		FY of Impact
Staff & Other		
Maintenance		
Debt Service	\$1,332	22
Total Cost	\$1,332	22
Impact on Water and Sewer Rate		

### F. Approval and Expenditure Data (000's)

Date First in Program	FY 14
Date First Approved	FY 14
Initial Cost Estimate	5,602
Cost Estimate Last FY	24,404
Present Cost Estimate	20,476
Approved Request Last FY	2,991
Total Expense & Encumbrances	14,503
Approval Request Year 1	143

### G. Status Information

Land Status	Public/Agency owned land
Project Phase	Construction
Percent Complete	30 %
Estimated Completion Date	June 2021

Growth	
System Improvement	100%
Environmental Regulation	
Population Served	
Capacity	

### H. Map

