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- The treatment plant has an odor control program.
- When notified of an odor concern, we respond in order to determine the source.
- On a monthly basis we measure odor levels throughout the city and at the treatment plant boundary.
- If you are experiencing a hydrogen sulfide smell; Please note the wind direction and check the tide level before contacting our Odor Response Team. This will enable a faster response.



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**Have any questions?  
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