



## New Mechanical Treatment Plant to Service Atkinson Residents

Atkinson's original wastewater treatment plant was constructed in 1967. The disinfection system did not comply with the regulations set forth by Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality in April, 2012.

USDA Rural Development provided a \$2,650,000 loan and a \$1,000,000 grant to the City of Atkinson to build a new wastewater mechanical plant at an interest rate of 2.125 percent.

After extensive research looking at options of lagoon system versus a mechanical plant, soil testing and environmental studies, it was determined that a lagoon system was not feasible. Therefore, building a new mechanical treatment plant was the best option for the community. The community took part in the decision making of not only how to re-pay the loan, but how to keep the environment safe for all.

Completed in August 2014, the City of Atkinson now has a whole new facility which will meet the current and future needs of this community.



*The new treatment plant is ready to provide a vital service to the community of Atkinson.*

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**Obligation Amount:** \$2,650,000 loan and \$952,642 grant

**Date of Obligation:** October 31, 2012

**Congressional District:** Representative Smith, NE-3rd District; Senators Fischer and Sasse

**Partners:** City of Atkinson; Gilmore & Associates, Inc.

**Demographics:** Public facility

**Impact:** Clean water; environmental safety; community involvement.