



**NORTH AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
FACT SHEET
ALTON, TEXAS**

- Project:** Wastewater Collection and Treatment Project
- Cost:** US\$14,466,865
- Sponsor** City of Alton, Texas
- Location:** The city of Alton is a small residential community adjacent to the city of McAllen in Hidalgo County in south Texas.
- Background:** Over half of the population of Alton falls below the poverty line. Moreover, 80 percent of residents make use of septic tanks while the remaining 20 percent use illegal pit privies. Surfacing of raw sewage compounds the poor public health situation.
- Description:** This project involves construction of a wastewater collection system and connections to the McAllen, Texas wastewater treatment plant. Wastewater flows will be transmitted to the city of McAllen North Wastewater Treatment Plant and treated to meet state and federal permit limits and standards.
- In order to serve Alton as well as meet the future growth of the McAllen community, the city of McAllen will construct – in two phases – additional plant treatment capacity in the amount of 4 millions gallons per day (mgd). Alton will purchase 2 mgd of the total treatment capacity. This capacity is sufficient to serve approximately 85 percent of the existing colonia subdivisions in the Alton service area.
- BECC Certification:** June 18, 1997
- NADB Funding:** Border Environment Infrastructure Fund (BEIF)
Transition Grant Assistance: US\$231,004
- These funds will assist the city in meeting its debt service obligations and will increase system capitalization in the start-up period of the project in order to ensure the stability of the new system.
- Institutional Cooperation Development Program (IDP)
The NADB is providing grant funding for training on the city’s new billing software. A needs assessment and an accounting software and information systems study may also be developed.

Other Funding Sources:

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provided both a grant and loan for this project. In addition, the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development (USDA-RD) also provided a grant.

Benefits:

This project will eliminate on-site disposal systems which are failing because of inadequate soil conditions, thus having a direct impact on the health and well-being of Alton's residents.

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