### **DyVar Thermal Cyclone Desalination A Very Small Town Leads Innovation**

## Loving County Mentone, Texas

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According to the Census Bureau, Loving County is the LEAST populated County in the United States.

# LOVING COUNTY

POPULATION 82



### As of Sept. 2015, Loving County Has

925 Active Oil Wells294 Active Gas Wells116 Injection Wells

...and had 396 drilling permits for new wells issued through Nov 2015.



### They may have Oil, but Drinking Water is in short supply





#### **The Groundwater in Mentone**

837	Chlorides
679	Calcium
<u>2,270</u>	Sulfate
589	Sodium
<u>4,020</u>	TDS
1,810	Hardness



In the early 2000s the County considered R.O.

At the time R.O. had drawbacks including:

Large Regulatory and Permitting hurdles Difficulties with High Sulfate Water Limited Operator Staff (People wear many hats)

Though there have been improvements in R.O. regulation and technology, a chance meeting with a Dutch company set Loving County on a path to implement a new take on desalination technology.

### What is Thermal Cyclone Technology?



#### **Conceptual Designs**











Loving County wanted to Proceed with the Project, but needed Grant Assistance

Burgess and Niple made applications on behalf of the County for the following:

Drinking Water SRF Program Texas Windpower Desalination Grant Program 2011 Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART

We received one of four \$600,000 matching grants from the Bureau of Reclamation. Los Angeles got two and Glendale California got the other.













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FT-001	23:57:03 09.02.2015 189.6 °F
2T-001 TDS 2	24479 ppm
TT-002	89.5 °F
QT-003 TDS	1 ppm
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### Installation of Solar Power Plant to Offset Power Consumption









With any new commercial process there have been issues:

Poor Rural Power Quality Calcium Sulfate Water Ancillary Equipment Issues Low Velocity Plumbing Areas







BURGESS & NIPLE Engineers ■ Planners



BURGESS & NIPLE Engineers ■ Planners Calcium Sulfate (Gypsum) deposition in the main heat exchanger.

Implemented injection of treated water as a mist to cool vapor stream just prior to the heat exchanger to control temperatures on the brine side. Our project challenges have translated into refinements of the process and expanded its potential uses.

This past November DyVar was the Aquatech Amsterdam category winner for Oil & Gas waste water treatment and the show's overall Innovation Award Winner.



**OVERALL WINNER** 

AQUATECH

AWARD

AMSTERDAM

INNOVATION

#### **Next Steps:**

#### Improve "low contact operation"

#### **Power Reliability**

### **Complete 90 Day Pilot for TCEQ**



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