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Okatie, SC—Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority, in conjunction with area military bases, has completed a multi-year project to eliminate the wastewater treatment facilities on the Marine Corps Recruit Depot – Parris Island and the Marine Corps Air Station - Beaufort. Because of the change, wastewater discharges from the two military facilities into the Beaufort River system have ceased. Instead, that wastewater is now being pumped to BJWSA’s state-of-the-art Port Royal Island Water Reclamation Facility (PRIWRF) to be treated to much higher levels prior to being discharged or reused to irrigate a local golf course. Planning for this consolidation of wastewater treatment on Port Royal Island was initiated by BJWSA, Beaufort County, the City of Beaufort, the Town of Port Royal and the Navy/Marine Corps in 1995.

This project is part of of the larger Military “Privatization” Project, whereby BJWSA and the military installations collaborated to transfer ownership and operations of all water and wastewater functions on the four installations to BJWSA. This transfer occurred in September 2008.

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