



October 15, 2026

Mayor and City Council

City of Mount Pleasant
Mount Pleasant, Texas

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

On behalf of Pilgrim's, I would like to provide an update on the progress of our wastewater treatment improvements and the construction of our new Biological Nutrient Reduction (BNR) system.

We appreciate the partnership and engagement of the City throughout this process. We recognize the importance of reliable wastewater treatment operations to our facility, the community, and the environment, and we remain fully committed to delivering a long-term solution that will significantly enhance our treatment capabilities.

Over the past several months, our team has worked diligently to manage operational challenges associated with the existing wastewater treatment system while simultaneously advancing construction of the new treatment infrastructure. During the summer, unusually high temperatures contributed to issues within one of our treatment basins that affected aeration performance and created additional operational complexity. In response, we engaged specialized contractors, implemented corrective measures, expanded biosolids handling capacity, and increased monitoring and management efforts across the system.

These actions have resulted in meaningful improvements, and we have seen increasing stability in treatment performance in recent weeks. Our team continues to closely monitor operations and make adjustments as necessary while construction of the new treatment facility progresses.

We are pleased to report substantial progress on the new BNR wastewater treatment system. Since July, several major milestones have been achieved, including:

- Completion of all anaerobic lagoon excavation and earthwork activities.
- Installation of the majority of wastewater distribution and utility infrastructure connecting the new and existing systems.



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- Completion of concrete construction for key treatment components, including nitrification tanks, the anoxic tank, clarifiers, blower facilities, and flocculation systems.
- Installation of the maintenance building and supporting plant infrastructure.
- Initiation of lagoon filling and preparation activities necessary for startup.

The project has seen significant activity throughout the summer, with multiple contractors and technical specialists working on-site to accelerate completion.

Over the coming months, work will focus on installation of mechanical equipment, electrical systems, instrumentation and controls, chemical feed systems, clarifier components, HVAC systems, and final testing and leak detection activities. We also expect to complete the installation of the remaining anaerobic lagoon cover.

Based on current project schedules, we anticipate beginning the process of establishing biological activity within the anaerobic treatment system in November. Commissioning and startup activities for the new BNR system are expected to begin in December, with full-scale operation targeted for **January 1, 2027**.

This project represents a significant investment in the future of our Mount Pleasant operation and reflects our commitment to environmental stewardship, regulatory compliance, and being a responsible member of the community. We appreciate the City's continued support and engagement as we move through the final phases of construction and startup.

We will continue to provide updates as key milestones are achieved and remain committed to maintaining open communication throughout the remainder of the project.

Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,

Joshua Griffin
Pilgrims Mount Pleasant Complex Manager