

Agreement on JPL Water Treatment Finalized

The City of Pasadena and Caltech, as the contractor that manages NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory finalized an agreement this week to provide NASA funding of a major new water treatment plant in Pasadena.

"This agreement is a win-win situation for everyone," said Steve Slaten, NASA's Remedial Project Manager at JPL.

Volatile organic compounds and perchlorate that originated from waste disposal practices on the JPL site many decades ago have been found in the groundwater beneath JPL.

When detected levels of perchlorate in the nearby Pasadena wells rose above California's action level for perchlorate, the city closed them, and they have remained closed since.

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