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Re-using waste water

Narrator:

There's plenty of water nearby. But it's across the border in the city of El Paso.

The water that makes this golf course green is recycled in a facility that is just part of the budgeted costs of \$211M paid for by the city of El Paso.

Hector Gonzalez, El Paso Water Service Board:

The water that comes here is all wastewater. This is not a water treatment plant but rather a waste water treatment plant and the waste water that comes here; it comes from throughout the North West part of El Paso as far as ten, fifteen miles away or so. All the wastewater from all the various residences and commercial establishments ultimately ends up at this facility.

In other places at least it's known as 'Toilet to Tap Water'.

Some of it is also sent back in the form of what we call the 'Return Flows' back into the river. And the plant is located right next to the river here, the Rio Grande. And so some of that water ultimately goes back into the river and then sent on down stream.