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## **Commissioner to Tour New Piece of Sewage Treatment Plant**

**Fort Walton Beach** – Okaloosa County Commissioner Nathan Boyles will tour the County's main water treatment plant to view more than \$15 million worth of upgrades to the facility.

The upgrades include new retention tanks for wastewater and a brand new Septage FOG station.

The Septage FOG station, which received funding from the county with support from Boyles will reduce the amount of raw sewage dumped in the environment.

Several years ago, the Florida State Legislature passed an unfunded mandate which compelled contractors and septage haulers to bring FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease) waste to a plant for treatment. In the past, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection allowed them to dump their waste in the northern part of the county and cover it with lime.

This new station allows this refuse to be hauled into the treatment plant -- separated in Fats, Oils and Greases and other forms of solid waste and waste water and allows all three to be treated in the most environmentally sustainable way possible.

With this \$1.5 million investment in the Septage FOG station, Okaloosa County will be a cleaner, more environmentally responsible area to live in.

Commissioner Boyles tour will start at 1:00 pm at the wastewater treatment plant located at 250 Roberts Blvd. in Fort Walton Beach.



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