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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS FORT HANCOCK WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT \$978,140

FORT HANCOCK, TEXAS, June 2, 2005 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that the Fort Hancock Water Control and Improvement District was awarded \$978,140 through the agency's Community Programs Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. To highlight this event, a ceremonial check will be presented to James Irby, President of Fort Hancock Water Control & Improvement District. The funds will be used to install a new lift station and force main, construct new aeration lagoons, discharge monitoring devices and refurbish the existing facultative lagoon. 250 households will be served by this project.

“The funds we are awarding to the Fort Hancock Water Control and Improvement District will assist 250 customers in Hudspeth County and improve their existing wastewater treatment plant,” said Daniel. “USDA Rural Development strives to provide rural Texans with the resources needed to satisfy their health and safety needs and enhance their quality of life.”

USDA Rural Development's water and wastewater program is designed to bring fresh, clean drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents. Loans and grants are available to rural communities with fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, corporations operating on a non-profit basis and Indian tribes that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms, are eligible for assistance.

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