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## ***Kadhamiyah repairing large sewage lift station***

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*Baghdad, Iraq*— One of Kadamiyah's largest sewage lift stations is being rebuilt.

The station's four high-capacity, vertical pumps are being overhauled, as well as four submersible pumps, explained Joseph Nolin with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, whose staff is overseeing the work. "We're installing new valves, new fittings, new electrical control panels, a new 350kva generator, and repairing/painting the exterior walls. If you can imagine what it's like without a functioning sewer, this project will have a very positive impact on this neighborhood," Nolin said. "It was operating at only about 50 percent capacity. Through a lot of effort, we're getting it back to being fully functional."

The Iraqi manager at that lift station says the work was needed. "This provides an important service to this community," he noted. "I'm very pleased with what they're doing."

Lt. Col. Glen Masset, Commander of the 9th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, tracks ongoing community improvements in northwest Baghdad and says this definitely is a key project for that area. "When sewage is no longer standing in their streets, when it's disposed of in accordance with Western standards, it will be a



Repairs are nearly finished at one of Kadamiyah's largest sewage lift stations. (USACE photo by Norris Jones)

much healthier place. The infrastructure throughout Baghdad was in absolute terrible condition when Coalition forces arrived. It had been neglected for years. We're taking steps to correct those deficiencies."

Masset pointed out that the project demonstrates to local residents that their government is working and things are getting better. He notes that the Iraqi contractor dealt directly with Baghdad's Di-

rector General for Sewers along with the Amanat to secure a permit for every proposed improvement. "The D.G. and the Amanat are the ones who will be signing off that the finished project meets their specifications."

The work got underway in December and should be finished in April. Throughout Iraq, 480 water treatment and sewage projects have been completed and another 163 are on-going.

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