



## **International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section**

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### **CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN OCTOBER 9 ON SEWER MANHOLE 89 IN RIO RICO, ARIZONA**

KE&G Construction, Inc. of Tucson, Arizona, under the contract to the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC), is scheduled to begin emergency repairs on a manhole that pertains to the International Outfall Interceptor (IOI) on Monday, October 9, 2017.

The IOI conveys wastewater from the cities of Nogales and Rio Rico, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora to the Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant.

On July 25, 2017, the City of Nogales notified USIBWC Manhole 89 became dislodged due to heavy rainfall and stormwaters in Potrero Creek. A temporary bypass system has been in place since August 2 and will remain operational until the repairs are complete.

The \$1.65 million contract includes building a diversion of the Nogales Wash around the repair area, installing shoring along the bank for bank protection, and replacing the damaged manhole and IOI pipeline. Construction is expected to be completed within three weeks.

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the two countries. The USIBWC operates and maintains the Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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