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Manitowoc Refuel Renewable Project

Manitowoc Public Utilities (MPU) is celebrating one year of success on our power plant boiler refueling project. This project began in 2021 and entails refueling our two primarily fossil fuel-fired boilers to run exclusively on Wisconsin-recognized 100% renewable densified fuel pellets. These pellets are made from local non-economically-recyclable industrial paper and plastic waste that would otherwise be landfill-bound.

Boiler 8 ran successfully on 100% renewable densified fuel pellets this past year. Our second boiler, Boiler 9, is burning up to 40% pellets and that percentage is expected to rise. While we've been making this shift in our boilers, we've been concurrently working on increasing the supply of densified fuel pellets that MPU is able to secure.

Why is this project important? Refueling to burn 100% renewable densified fuel pellets is beneficial to our community for several reasons. Primarily, this refueling is an effort to mitigate risk in an extremely volatile fuel market, but we also recognize efficiencies and benefits in other areas including: cost control, sustainability, local control, and grid resiliency. To find out more about these benefits, or the project itself, please visit the front page of our website at www.mpu.org.

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