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## Baylor University working to help improve the taste and smell of Waco's drinking water



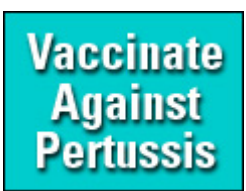
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 The taste and smell of Waco's drinking water has been a problem for years.

A new research partnership between Waco and Baylor University could help change that.

The Baylor Experimental Aquatic Research Facility (B.E.A.R.) at the Waco wetlands will allow Baylor scientists to conduct complex water quality experiments. Researchers can put in different levels of nutrients in 12 miniature "real life" streams, made to look and act like streams found in Central Texas, to study the effects.

Baylor University Lead Researcher Ryan King said, "It comes in here, these tanks allow us to add contaminants in very particular amounts to create concentrations to test whether a contaminant is indeed harmful to the stream." This facility is the only one in the United States at an academic institution. Research studies begin in January.



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