

MAGNESIUM PLANT PIPE LINE WILL BE OPERATING MONDAY

Water will start flowing into the giant reservoirs serving Basic Magnesium's big plant, sometime Monday, officials announced today.

The 40 inch line, leading from the lake to the reservoirs, has been completed and is now ready for test. From a temporary intake, first water will be pumped into the pipe-line at midnight tonight, and some twenty-six hours later, if all goes well, the first trickle will start flowing from the other end of the system 90,000 feet away.

It's primarily a test of the big line, but it is expected it will be in permanent service some time Monday.

The reservoirs hold 30,000,000 gallons of water, a day's supply for the plant when it gets into operation, and the pipe-line slightly more than that, requiring 26 hours to fill.

The permanent pumping plant is not yet in service, due to delays in delivery of the necessary equipment, but a pumping system has been borrowed to get the operation under way as soon as the line is completed.

A twelve inch line, which parallels the 40 all the way, has already been completed, was tested yesterday and found ready to go.

When the water system was started December 8, it was expected to be in service by the middle of April, and has been completed by Engineers Limited two weeks ahead of schedule.

Jack Lindsay, superintendent for the construction firm, commenting on the record completion of the line said: "We have kept a promise on a defense job in spite of construction difficulties and difficulties in obtaining materials."

Completion of the north unit of the electric power line will be realized early in April, two months ahead of the original schedule, insuring all the power capacity necessary as needed. The south unit will be finished some time later.