

Summarize Current Events regarding Middle Eastern Water

Article #1 - Desalination in Saudi Arabia

Who? The Saudi government. ("state-run Saudi Saline Water Conservation Corporation), SWCC

What? They plan to invest \$80 billion dollars (by 2017) in desalination technology.

When? New solar-powered desalination plant to be completed by 2017.

Where? Al Khafji City, Saudi Arabia

Why? Saudi Arabia needs to produce (make) more potable (clean/usable) water

As you write your summary, consider... (use evidence from the article)

- What is desalination? Why would you need the process?
Desalination is the process of removing (extracting) salt from seawater. To create more fresh water (potable)
- How expensive is the process of desalination?
Very Expensive. Many countries cannot afford desalination plants. Millions of dollars.
- Does Saudi Arabia appear wealthy (because they can afford this process)?
- Would all countries be able to afford this process?