

Desalination of Sea Water

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Picking up a recent *Economist* magazine, an article discusses how desalination of the oceans for usable water is becoming less expensive these days. San Diego has built a large plant, as have a few Australian cities. What does this have to do with Jefferson? It is science related, thus there's a good chance there is a connection. Jefferson worked on Jacob Isaac's patent on a desalination process back in the early 1790s. Take a look at the entry in our Jefferson Encyclopedia for [Desalination of Sea Water](https://www.monticello.org/research-education/thomas-jefferson-encyclopedia/desalination-sea-water/). (<https://www.monticello.org/research-education/thomas-jefferson-encyclopedia/desalination-sea-water/>)

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