

June 30, 2017

The Honorable Frank Kuntz
Mayor of Wenatchee
PO Box 519
Wenatchee, WA 98807

Dear Mayor Kuntz:

Congratulations! The City of Wenatchee Wastewater Treatment Plant is receiving the 2016 “Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance” award. Of approximately 300 wastewater treatment plants statewide, yours is one of 108 that achieved full compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in 2016.

My staff evaluated wastewater treatment plants in Washington for compliance with the effluent limits, monitoring and reporting requirements, spill prevention planning, pretreatment, and overall operational demands of the NPDES permit.

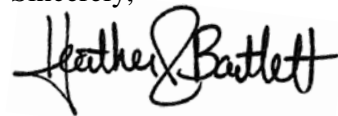
It takes diligent operators and a strong management team, working effectively together, to achieve this high level of compliance. It is not easy to operate a wastewater treatment plant 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, without violations. Ecology appreciates the extraordinary level of effort your plant operators demonstrated throughout 2016. Talented and proficient operators are critical to successful plant operations and protecting the health of Washington’s waters. This is the second consecutive year the City of Wenatchee Wastewater Treatment Plant received this award. Your excellent record is a credit to the dedicated operators who are responsible for running this award-winning plant.

We will announce the 2016 award recipients, including the City of Wenatchee Wastewater Treatment Plant, in a news release in the coming weeks.

Please call Donna Smith at 509-575-2612 if you have any questions or comments about your award.

Thank you for the excellent service your operators provide to your community and the waters of Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather R. Bartlett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Heather" and last name "Bartlett" clearly distinguishable.

Heather R. Bartlett
Water Quality Program Manager

bcc: David Bowen
Dan Ferguson
Donna Smith