

September 21, 2020

The Honorable Alex Ybarra
469 John L. O'Brien Building
PO Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: 2019 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Awards

Dear Representative Ybarra:

Each year, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviews annual compliance history for the state's approximately 300 wastewater treatment plants. We recognize the plants that achieve full compliance for the year by awarding them the "Outstanding Performance Award."

We select the top performing treatment plants by reviewing each plant's compliance with its effluent limits, monitoring and reporting requirements, spill prevention planning, pretreatment, and overall operational demands of their permit. We are recognizing 125 wastewater treatment plants that were in full compliance with their permit in 2019.

Wastewater plants in your district that earned this award include:

- Upper Kittitas County Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility - 12th consecutive year
- Ellensburg Wastewater Treatment Plant - 6th consecutive year
- Snoqualmie Pass Utility District Wastewater Treatment Plant - 4th consecutive year
- Crescent Bar Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Moses Lake Larson Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Quincy Water Reclamation Facility
- Vantage Wastewater Treatment Plant
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Congratulations!

It is not easy to operate a wastewater treatment plant 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, without violations. Turning wastewater into water clean enough to discharge to waterways takes efficient process control, skill, teamwork, and good judgement. Diligent operators and a strong management team must work effectively together to achieve this high level of compliance.

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I commend the award-winning, dedicated operators in your district for this achievement and the commitment of everyone in your community to protect water quality. Ecology appreciates the extraordinary level of effort demonstrated throughout 2019.

If you have questions or comments about this award, please contact Donna Smith at 509-575-2612, or email donna.smith@ecy.wa.gov.

Congratulations again, to you and to the people in your district for excellence in preventing pollution and protecting water quality in Washington State!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vincent McGowan", is positioned above the printed name.

Vincent McGowan, P.E.
Water Quality Program Manager