

June 2, 2022

The Honorable Janet Conklin
Mayor of Bridgeport
PO Box 640
Bridgeport, WA 98813

RE: 2021 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Awards

Dear Mayor Conklin:

Congratulations! The Bridgeport Wastewater Treatment Facility is receiving the 2021 “Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance” award. Of approximately 300 wastewater treatment plants statewide, yours is one of 124 that achieved top performance of its wastewater treatment plant operations in 2021.

Ecology evaluates specific domestic wastewater treatment plant information for compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Your plant is one of the top performers for regularly meeting numeric effluent limits and permit criteria, for conducting monitoring, and for reporting data as required.

It takes diligent operators and a strong management team, working effectively together, to achieve this high level of performance. 2021 started as the rainiest year on record, followed by extreme snowfall. It continued with a record setting heat wave, tornado warnings, and ended with flooding and more snowfall. Turning wastewater into water clean enough to discharge to waterways takes efficient process control, skill, teamwork, and good judgement. Ecology appreciates the extraordinary level of effort your plant operators demonstrated throughout 2021.

Talented and proficient operators are critical to successful plant operations and protecting the health of Washington’s waters. Your excellent record is a credit to the dedicated operators who are responsible for running the award-winning Bridgeport Wastewater Treatment Facility.

We will announce the full list of 2021 award recipients, including the Bridgeport Wastewater Treatment Facility, in the coming weeks.

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Please contact Lindsay Hunsperger at 509-571-0934 or lindsay.hunsperger@ecy.wa.gov 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Vincent McGowan".

Vincent McGowan, P.E.
Water Quality Program Manager

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