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July 17, 2024

The Honorable Kelly Hook
Mayor of Pateros
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Pateros, WA 98846

RE: 2023 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Awards

Dear Mayor Hook:

Congratulations! The Pateros Wastewater Treatment Plant is receiving the 2023 “Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance” award. Of approximately 300 wastewater treatment plants statewide, yours is one of 118 that achieved top performance of its wastewater treatment plant operations in 2023.

Ecology evaluates specific domestic wastewater treatment plant information for individual permit compliance. 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.

Turning wastewater into water clean enough to discharge takes efficient process control, skill, teamwork, and good judgement. This truly is a 24/7 responsibility. Ecology appreciates the extraordinary level of effort your plant’s operator’s make to protect water quality and provide a critical service to the community.

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 Pateros Wastewater Treatment Plant.

We will announce the full list of 2023 award recipients, including the Pateros Wastewater Treatment Plant, in the coming weeks.

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Please contact Lindsay Hunsperger at 509-208-1285 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,



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Water Quality Program Manager



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