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City of Edmonds Wastewater Treatment Plant Protects Water Quality

(Edmonds - WA) The Washington State Department of Ecology has once again recognized the City of Edmonds Wastewater Treatment Plant with its "Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant" award for 2013. The Department of Ecology recognized 107 wastewater treatment plants out of approximately 300 in the state for being in 100% compliance with their discharge permits in 2012. Wastewater treatment plants are evaluated for compliance through not surpassing effluent limits, fulfilling monitoring and reporting requirements, spill prevention and planning work, sewage pretreatment programs, and several other regulatory activities.

"It takes diligent operators and an effective management team working together and supporting each other, to achieve this high level of compliance. It's not easy to operate a wastewater treatment plant 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, without violations," said Kelley Susewind, Ecology's Water Quality Program manager.

"The operators have come to expect a high level of expertise from laboratory, pre-treatment, and maintenance staff, which is necessary for achieving this high level of compliance. With such a relatively small staff it is wonderful that we can rely on their professionalism, diligence, and dedication to the core mission of protecting the health of our community," said Pamela Randolph, Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager.

"Ecology appreciates the extraordinary level of effort the City's plant operators demonstrated throughout 2012," said Ms. Susewind.

The award will be displayed at the Edmonds Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 200 2nd Ave S.

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