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DWSD WINS SILVER PEAK PERFORMANCE AWARD

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's (DWSD) Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) achieved another environmental milestone as the recipient of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Silver Peak Performance Award.

This prestigious award is given to facilities that have five or fewer National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit violations during a calendar year. Specifically, DWSD has demonstrated that it effectively regulates the amount of pollutants in its treated wastewater that is discharged into local water sources.

DWSD Director Sue F. McCormick received the Silver Award certificate. "Our Wastewater Treatment Plant continues to operate more efficiently," said McCormick. "We've focused on raising the bar on our performance. We're making exceptional progress. So with this milestone achieved, let's go for the Gold!"

Gold Awards are presented by NACWA to member agency facilities that have had no NPDES permit violations during a calendar year. The Detroit WWTP last achieved Gold award status in 1989. The last Silver Peak Performance Award status was in 1996.

This award reinforces the March 2013 ruling by Federal Judge Sean Cox which released DWSD from nearly 35 years of federal oversight. The judge concluded DWSD had achieved substantial compliance with its NPDES permit and the Clean Water Act.

DWSD supplies high-quality drinking water to Detroit and 127 other communities in southeast Michigan. The Department provides wastewater services to Detroit and 76 other southeast Michigan communities.