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Clark Regional Wastewater District Receives Recognition from Ecology for Wastewater Treatment Operations

Clark Regional Wastewater District (District) is a recipient of the 2024 Outstanding Performance Award from the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology). The annual award recognizes operators of wastewater treatment facilities for achieving excellent compliance with their water quality permits and was issued for the Salmon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The facility is owned by the Discovery Clean Water Alliance (Alliance) and is operated by the District. The Alliance is a partnership consisting of Clark County, the Clark Regional Wastewater District, and the cities of Battle Ground and Ridgefield.

"I am proud of the commitment to professionalism and excellence demonstrated by the District team managing the operation of this key regional facility. Our staff are on the front lines of environmental protection and our community benefits from their diligent work to meet all the relevant permit requirements every day," said General Manager John Peterson.

The Salmon Creek facility operates under an individual permit from Ecology, which is commonly referred to as an NPDES permit (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System). Ecology issues wastewater discharge permits to regulate direct discharges to surface water from wastewater treatment facilities and manage how wastewater enters the environment. The permit is issued under state surface water quality standards and the federal Clean Water Act.

The Salmon Creek treatment plant was one out of 121 plants across Washington state that received this recognition. To qualify for the award, the wastewater treatment plants had to satisfy Ecology's permit conditions, such as regularly meeting numeric effluent limits, conducting monitoring, and reporting data in a timely manner.

"Despite the constant demands of construction and regulatory requirements, staff have continued to perform their duties with dedication, precision, and professionalism. Their success in maintaining high standards of operation and compliance under challenging conditions has been truly impressive. It has been an honor to work with such passionate and talented wastewater professionals," said Matt Jenkins, Wastewater Operations Manager.

The Salmon Creek Treatment Plant has served the community for more than 40 years. In 2024, the plant safely received and treated 8 to 12 million gallons per day of wastewater. The plant serves more than 125,000 residents and businesses throughout unincorporated Clark County, the City of Battle Ground, and a portion of the City of Ridgefield. The Salmon Creek facility has received this award more than 20 times.

To see a complete list of the facilities receiving recognition, visit the Ecology website at <https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/news/2025/aug-20-wastewater-treatment-plants-awarded-for-top-performance>.

If you have further questions or are interested in a tour, please contact Maria Swinger-Inskeep, Business Services Director, at 360-360-5396 or mswinger@crwwd.com.

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Clark Regional Wastewater District Staff with Bolun Wang, Department of Ecology