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Wastewater Treatment Plants Honored For Quality

I would like to welcome the Dallesport Sewer System customers to Klickitat PUD. The Dallesport Wastewater Treatment Plant joins five other wastewater treatment plants operated and maintained by Klickitat PUD.

KPUD's plant operators perform at a high level of competency, and will now be operating and maintaining eight water systems and six wastewater systems. They are looking forward to serving their new customers.

We also have good news regarding our Lyle and Wishram wastewater treatment plants. We received notice from the Washington State Department of Ecology that both plants have been selected to receive an "Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant" award.

Out of about 300 wastewater treatment facilities statewide, these two plants were ranked in the top 78 in 2007. Ecology's staff evaluated each treatment plant for compliance with its effluent limits, monitoring and reporting requirements, spill prevention planning, pretreatment and other regulatory activities.

The Lyle plant was acquired by Klickitat PUD in February 1972 and the Wishram plant in 1978. Both facilities have gone through major reconstruction to meet stringent Ecology guidelines.

Ecology's award announcement includes a statement of the agency's appreciation for the extraordinary level of effort KPUD's team demonstrated throughout 2007, ensuring outstanding compliance and protection of our state's water quality.

These awards reflect KPUD's ongoing efforts to fulfill its own mission statement, which is to adequately collect and treat wastewater to ensure public health and reasonably protect the environment, which will result in maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction.

Congratulations to the towns of Lyle and Wishram for this recognition from Ecology, and to our water/wastewater operators for a job well done!

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