

Jim Yates of the Washington State Department of Ecology presents KPUD with one of the plaques for Outstanding Performance of a Wastewater Plant. From left are Water/Wastewater Superintendent Tim Furlong, Yates, and KPUD Board of Commissioners President Randy Knowles.



Awards Recognize Plants' Outstanding Performance

Four communities—and KPUD operators—are honored for their work to maintain compliance

The Washington State Department of Ecology recently recognized the Dallesport, Wishram, Lyle and Klickitat wastewater treatment plants as recipients of the 2011 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance awards.

Each plant was evaluated for compliance with its effluent limits, monitoring and reporting requirements, spill-prevention planning, pretreatment and other regulatory activities to stay in full compliance with their discharge permits. These important obligations must be met

to protect Washington's water quality.

"The crew uses their training and skills to accomplish compliance with the permit conditions," said Water/Wastewater Superintendent Tim Furlong. "We can be proud of their efforts when receiving this award for operating these beautiful, modern plants. My sincere thanks to each crew member."

"It takes diligent operators and a strong management team, working effectively together, to achieve this high level of compliance," wrote Water Quality

Program Manager Kelly Susewind.

"Ecology appreciates the extraordinary level of effort your plant operators demonstrated throughout 2011. Talented and proficient operators are critical to successful plant operations and protecting the health of Washington's waters."

The communities of Dallesport, Wishram, Lyle and Klickitat, and the dedicated KPUD operators, are congratulated for their efforts. They worked hard to maintain compliance 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. ■