

Attention, All Water Customers

Please use resources wisely in the event of a fire

During fire season, KPUD asks that all customers be prepared to adjust their outdoor watering if there is an unexpected power outage or fire reported in the area.

When there is a power outage, pumps for wells still need power to fill the reservoirs. Thus, backup generators must be used. We ask that customers' outdoor watering be rationed until power is restored.

When fire is reported in the area, everyone tends to go into emergency mode and saturate everything outside.

This is a natural response. However, when everyone has the same reaction and emergency fire personnel are tapping into the water system, there can be a huge impact on the level of water within the reservoir. Everyone must be aware and considerate of this situation, as we want everyone within the water system to have adequate water for fire protection.

Please be considerate of everyone within the system and use water wisely during the unlikely event of fire.

Thank you for your cooperation. ■



Jim Yates of the Washington State Department of Ecology, left, presents a plaque for outstanding performance to KPUD Board of Commissioners President Randy Knowles.

Outstanding Performance Recognized

The Washington State Department of Ecology recently recognized the Wishram, Lyle and Klickitat wastewater treatment plants as recipients for the 2012 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance awards. This is Klickitat's fifth, Wishram's fourth, and Lyle's seventh consecutive year of receiving this award.

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.

"It takes diligent operators and a strong management team, working effectively together, to achieve this high level of compliance," says Water Quality Program Manager Kelly Susewind. "Ecology appreciates the extraordinary level of effort your plant operators demonstrated throughout 2012. Talented and proficient operators are critical to successful plant operations and protecting the health of Washington's waters."

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