



Klickitat PUD Wastewater staff Sharon Blodgett, Marcia Porter, Noah Halm, Greg Watson, Michael Krause, Zain Gasparovich, and Brandon Walter received awards from the Department of Ecology in November.

Recognizing Success

Department of Ecology recognizes outstanding performance of KPUD wastewater operators

In November, Marcia Porter of Washington state's Department of Ecology presented Klickitat PUD wastewater operators with outstanding achievement awards for 2021 and 2022.

The Department of Ecology evaluates domestic wastewater treatment plant information for individual compliance. KPUD wastewater operators consistently achieve recognition for their efforts in operating and maintaining wastewater systems throughout Klickitat County.

KPUD's Glenwood, Klickitat, Lyle and

Wishram wastewater treatment plants—in addition to Klickitat County's Dallesport wastewater treatment plant, which KPUD operates—are some of the top performers.

Each of these wastewater treatment plants regularly meets effluent limits and individual permit criteria for conducting monitoring and for reporting data as required. DOE recognizes it takes diligent operators and a strong management team working together to achieve this high level of performance.

Klickitat PUD wastewater operators take pride in the work they do and the positive effects they have on the communities they serve. Each employee dedicates many hours to training to achieve the required certifications to operate these systems effectively and efficiently. They are always looking to implement processes that

increase the plants' efficiency.

This level of dedication and achievement is noted by receiving recognition of outstanding achievement for the operation of the Dallesport Wastewater Treatment plant in 2021; the Glenwood WWTP for two consecutive years, 2021 and 2022; the Klickitat WWTP for 15 consecutive years, from 2008-2022; the Lyle WWTP for 17 consecutive years, from 2006-2022; and the Wishram WWTP for 14 consecutive years, from 2009-2022.

The Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the entire Water/Wastewater Department for their continued diligence and excellence in supporting our customers. ■