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**District Receives Peak Performance Awards**

Chicago, IL - Continuing its tradition of consistent excellence in compliance with environmental standards, all seven of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) treatment plants recently received achievement awards from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). The awards honor outstanding compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit limits set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Calumet Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) received the esteemed Platinum 19 Award, which recognizes 100 percent compliance with NPDES limits continuously over a nineteen-year period. The Lemont WRP and Stickney WRP each received Platinum 14 Awards, which honor complete and continuous compliance over a fourteen-year period. The Gold Award, which represents complete compliance for one calendar year, was presented to the Hanover Park WRP. This is the third consecutive year the Hanover Park WRP has achieved this award. The North Side WRP has achieved Platinum Peak Performance this year, which signifies five consecutive years with no violations. The James C. Kirie and John E. Egan WRPs were both awarded Platinum Peak Performance for the sixth consecutive year.

Ken Kirk, Executive Director of NACWA, presented the awards to the MWRD. He commended the MWRD staff and its Board of Commissioners on the achievement, saying, "Congratulations to each of you for your clear commitment to water quality excellence and the exceptional performance of your facilities."

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