



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District treatment facilities achieve perfection

The Olympics are underway in London and athletes from all over the world are striving for perfection to earn gold, silver and bronze medals. When it comes to providing wastewater treatment services, hundreds of monitoring and testing samples can be collected and evaluated on any given day, and a flaw in any one could affect a perfect score.

For more than two decades the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) has received perfect scores on annual reports submitted to the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). Five of seven MWRD treatment facilities have received the Platinum Peak Performance awards, the highest NACWA honor.

These awards recognize exceptional performance under National Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements and federal Clean Water Act standards. The MWRD has received platinum peak performance honors for as many as 20 consecutive years of 100 percent compliance.

“Congratulations on this extraordinary accomplishment,” said Kelly A. Brocato, NACWA Director of Membership Development. “Your commitment to excellence in environmental protection is outstanding.”

“This is a great honor for our District, our facilities, our certified operators, and all employees who work hard every day to protect the area waterways,” said Board President Terrence J. O’Brien. “All Cook County residents can be proud of these achievements.”

Awards were presented during a July 16 ceremony at NACWA’s 2012 Summer Conference and 42nd annual meeting in Philadelphia. As a multi-year platinum honoree, the five facilities were highlighted in a video presentation.

Platinum awards were granted to the following water reclamation plants:

- **Calumet Water Reclamation Plant**
20 years of 100 percent compliance
- **Lemont Water Reclamation Plant**
15 years of 100 percent compliance
- **Stickney Water Reclamation Plant**
15 years of 100 percent compliance
- **James C. Kirie Water Reclamation Plant**
Seven years of 100 percent
- **North Side Water Reclamation Plant**
Six years of 100 percent compliance

Our water environment, take it personally

Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwr.org) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.