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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards: Presentation of Awards at the Water Environment Federation's Technical Exposition and Conference (WEFTEC), and Announcement of 2004 National Awards Winners

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency will recognize municipalities and industries for outstanding and innovative technological achievements in wastewater treatment and pollution abatement programs at the annual Clean Water Act Recognition Awards ceremony during the Water Environment Federation's Technical Exposition and Conference (WEFTEC) in New Orleans, Louisiana. An inscribed plaque will be presented to first and second place winners for

projects and programs in operations and maintenance at wastewater treatment plants, biosolids management, pretreatment, storm water management and combined sewer overflow controls. This action also announces the 2004 national awards winners.

DATES: Monday, October 4, 2004, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The national awards presentation ceremony will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria E. Campbell, Telephone: (202) 564-0628. Facsimile Number: (202) 501-2396. E-Mail: campbell.maria@epa.gov. Also visit the Office of Wastewater Management's webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/owm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Clean Water Act Recognition Awards are authorized by section 501(a) and (e) of the Clean Water Act, and 33 U.S.C. 1361(a) and (e). Applications and nominations for the national award must be recommended by EPA regions. State agencies can also provide recommendations to EPA regional offices. A regulation establishes a framework for the annual recognition awards program at 40 CFR part 105. EPA announced the availability of

application and nomination information for this year's awards (69 FR 13826, March 24, 2004). The awards program provides national recognition and encourages public support of programs aimed at protecting the public's health and safety and the nation's water quality. Programs and projects being recognized are in compliance with applicable water quality requirements and have a satisfactory record with respect to environmental quality. Municipalities and industries are recognized for their demonstrated achievements in five awards categories as follows:

- (1) Outstanding operations and maintenance practices at wastewater treatment facilities;
- (2) Exemplary biosolids management projects, technology/innovation or development activities, research and public acceptance efforts;
- (3) Outstanding municipal implementation and enforcement of local pretreatment programs;
- (4) Implementing outstanding, innovative, and cost-effective storm water control; and,
- (5) Outstanding combined sewer overflow control programs.

The winners of the EPA's 2004 National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards are listed below by category.

Sub-category	
Operations and Maintenance Awards Category	
First place:	
Dos Rios Water Reclamation Center, San Antonio Water Systems, San Antonio, Texas.	Large Advanced Plant.
City of Dunbar Sanitary Board, Dunbar, West Virginia	Medium Advanced Plant.
Florence Regional Sewage District, Florence, Indiana	Small Advanced Plant.
Oceanside Treatment Plant, Southwest Ocean, Outfall and Westside Wet Weather Facility, San Francisco, California.	Large Secondary Plant.
Central Davis Sewer District, Kaysville, Utah	Medium Secondary Plant.
Old Forge Sewer District, Old Forge, New York	Small Secondary Plant.
Second place:	
James C. Kirie Water Reclamation Plant, Des Plaines, Illinois	Large Advanced Plant.
Iowa Hill Water Reclamation Facility, Breckenridge Sanitation District, Breckenridge, Colorado.	Medium Advanced Plant.
Beaver Estates Water Pollution Control Plant, Douglasville-Douglas County Water & Sewer Authority, Douglasville, Georgia.	Small Advanced Plant.
Gautier Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, Pascagoula, Mississippi.	Medium Secondary Plant.
Henniker, New Hampshire Wastewater Treatment Facility, Henniker, New Hampshire.	Small Secondary Plant.
Biosolids Management Awards Category	
First place:	
Metro Denver—Metrogro Farm, Denver, Colorado	Large Operating Projects (tie).
Parker Ag Services-NYC Program, Lamar, Colorado	Large Operating Projects (tie).
Central Davis Sewer District, Kaysville, Utah	Small Operating Projects.
Dr. Sally Brown, College of Forest Research, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.	Research Activities.
City of Tacoma Wastewater Management, Tacoma, Washington	Technology/Innovation or Development Activities.
Second place:	
Clean Water Services of Washington County, Hillsboro, Oregon	Large Operating Projects.

	Sub-category
Rockingham WWTP & Composting Facility, Rockingham, North Carolina. Special award: Orange County Sanitation District, Fountain Valley, California	Small Operating Projects. Continued commitment to effective program planning, management, public outreach and stakeholder involvement, and pioneer efforts in developing and implementing their Biosolids Environmental Management Systems (EMS).
Pretreatment Awards Category	
First place: Borough of Catasauqua, Catasauqua, Pennsylvania Warwick Sewer Authority, Warwick, Rhode Island East Bay Municipal Utility District, Oakland, California	0 to 5 Significant Industrial Users (SIUs). 6–20 SIUs. 21 & Greater SIUs.
Second place: Kent County Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, Dover, Delaware. Columbus Water Works, Columbus, Georgia Hampton Roads Sanitation District, Virginia Beach, Virginia	6–20 SIUs. 21 & Greater SIUs (tie). 21 & Greater SIUs (tie).
Stormwater Management Awards Category	
First place: Sanitation District No. 1 of Northern Kentucky, Fort Wright, Kentucky. Second place: City of Sacramento Stormwater Quality Improvement Program, Sacramento, California.	Municipal. Municipal.
Combined Sewer Overflow Controls	
First place: City of Mount Clemens, Mount Clemens, Michigan Second place: City of Port Huron, Port Huron, Michigan	Municipal. Municipal.

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force

AGENCY: Council of Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Council on Environmental Quality (“CEQ”) has formed an Interagency Ocean Policy Group (“IOPG”) to develop the President’s response to the recommendations in the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy’s Final Report that was released on September 20, 2004. In the process of developing the Administration response, the IOPG is accepting public comments on the Commission’s Final Report. Because the IOPG has access to the public comments submitted to the commission on its

Preliminary Report, which was released on April 20, 2004, the IOPG is seeking specific comments on the changes introduced in the Final Report.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted beginning on Friday, October 1, 2004. CEQ requests that comments be delivered to CEQ no later than the close of business (5:30 p.m. EST) on Monday, November 1, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send electronic comments to: finalreportcomments@noaa.gov. Comments may be sent by facsimile to: (202) 456–9728. Comments may also be mailed to Council on Environmental Quality, 722 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503 Attention: Interagency Ocean Policy Group.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The “Oceans Act Of 2000” (Pub. L. 106–256) established the U.S. commission on Ocean Policy to make recommendations for a coordinated and comprehensive national ocean policy that will promote: (1) Protection of life & property, (2) stewardship of ocean & coastal resources, (3) protection of marine environment and prevention of marine pollution, (4) enhancement of maritime commerce, (5) expansion of human

knowledge of the marine environment, (6) investments in technologies to promote energy and food security, (7) close cooperation among government agencies, and (8) U.S. leadership in ocean & coastal activities. The law required the Commission to develop, in coordination with the States, a scientific advisory panel, and the public, a National Oceans Report. This Report makes recommendations to the President and Congress on ocean and coastal issues. The U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy’s Final Report was released on September 20, 2004, and may be found at <http://oceancommission.gov>. Section 4 of the Oceans Act provides for the President to submit to Congress, within ninety (90) days of the receipt of this Report, a statement of proposals to implement or respond to the U.S. Ocean Commission’s recommendations for a coordinated, comprehensive and long-range national policy for the responsible use and stewardship of ocean and coastal resources for the benefit of the United States. The IOPG will assist in the development of the Administration’s response to the final recommendations. As Chair of the IOPG, and pursuant to