

Two Wastewater Treatment Facilities Win Top National Awards

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The Commerce Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Walled Lake-Novu Wastewater Treatment Plant won top performance awards from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA).

Both facilities were awarded the prestigious Gold Peak Performance Award, which was given in recognition of their “complete and consistent National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit compliance.

“These top awards puts us in some very elite company,” said Drain Commissioner John P. McCulloch. “It goes without saying that I’m extremely pleased with the level of conscientious professionalism displayed by the crews working at these two facilities. It is a remarkable achievement.”

McCulloch said the awards represent national recognition of “our level of service and commitment to the citizens of Oakland County. This marks the second year in a row that these two facilities have been cited for top honors. Last year the Commerce facility was awarded the prestigious Gold Peak Performance Award, while the silver went to the Walled Lake-Novu facility. This year, both came home with the gold.”

NACWA Executive Director Ken Kirk said that winning two gold awards was “an outstanding example of environmental efforts.”

“NACWA is honored to showcase the achievements of the Oakland County Drain Commissioner’s office and our nation’s public wastewater utilities through the Peak Performance Awards Program,” Kirk said.

The award recognizes public wastewater treatment facilities for uncompromising compliance with clean water standards. The gold award is given to those facilities that have achieved 100 percent compliance with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit for a calendar year.

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