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## Clark Regional Wastewater District Recognized for Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations

Vancouver, WA—Clark Regional Wastewater District (District) was recently recognized for outstanding performance at the Ridgefield and Salmon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plants. The District received recognition from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) for the performance of both facilities during the 2025 calendar year. The annual awards recognize wastewater treatment facilities for excellence in operations, compliance, and protecting public health and the environment on behalf of the communities they serve.

> *"These awards reflect the professionalism and dedication of our District team in operating these critical facilities safely and reliably, every day. Their work is fundamental to protecting public health and the environment and providing an essential service to our community." Said Kristen Thomas, Government Affairs Administrator.*

Together, the Salmon Creek and Ridgefield treatment facilities received and treated approximately 3.5 billion gallons of wastewater in 2025, safely returning approximately 8 to 10 million gallons of treated wastewater to the environment every day. Wastewater is treated to adhere to strict state and federal standards before it is returned to the Columbia River. The facilities serve more than 150,000 residents and businesses throughout unincorporated Clark County, the City of Battle Ground, and the City of Ridgefield. To qualify for recognition, the wastewater treatment plants had to satisfy operating permit conditions, such as regularly meeting numeric effluent limits, monitoring water quality, and timely reporting. The professionals that operate these vital, often invisible, facilities do so every day to help protect public health, prevent disease, and safeguard the environment.

> *"These compliance awards are a reflection of the commitment to excellence of our staff. It may often go unseen, but its impact is felt every day in the communities we serve."*
> *Said Matt Jenkins, Wastewater Operations Manager*

The District operates the wastewater treatment plants in Salmon Creek and Ridgefield on behalf of the Discovery Clean Water Alliance (Alliance). The Alliance is a partnership between the Cities of Battle Ground and Ridgefield, Clark County, and Clark Regional Wastewater District that centralizes wastewater transmission and treatment. This collaboration allows for more efficient and cost-effective operations, which means lower costs for customers.

For more information about the performance award programs from Ecology and NACWA, visit:

- Ecology - https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/news/2026/sept-22-wastewater-treatment-awards
- NACWA - https://www.nacwa.org/about-us/awards/peak

If you have further questions or are interested in a tour, please contact Kristen Thomas, Government Affairs Administrator at (360) 993-8833 or kthomas@crwwd.com.

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Clark Regional Wastewater District is one of the largest sewer districts in the state of Washington. The District operates and maintains an extensive collection system and the Salmon Creek and Ridgefield wastewater treatment plants. The District is the managing agency for the Discovery Clean Water Alliance and is committed to preserving and protecting the health of the Columbia River.