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## 17 ORGANIZATIONS PRAISED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

### Two companies penalized for noncompliance

DENVER, April 7 — The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District has named 17 metro area organizations Platinum and Gold Award winners for their perfect record of compliance with their industrial wastewater discharge permits during 2007. It will present awards to them at 8 a.m. Wednesday at the Metro District's offices at 6450 York Street.

All 17 organizations discharge wastewater under discharge permits issued by the Metro District. Metro issues the discharge permits under the Clean Water Act.

All 17 not only had perfect industrial wastewater discharge compliance records for 2007 but were also good all-around environmental citizens. One company, Colorado Serum Company of Denver, won a Platinum Award, which means five consecutive years with a perfect compliance record.

Metro District Board Chairman Charlie Long noted that the National Pretreatment Program has been highly successful in reducing the levels of various contaminants in biosolids, and the Metro District's program has been particularly successful.

"The pretreatment program is a cooperative effort of federal, state, and local regulatory environmental agencies established to protect water quality," he said.

"The program reduces the level of pollutants discharged by industry and other non-domestic wastewater sources into municipal sewer systems, and it reduces the amount of pollutants released into the environment through wastewater."

"Just two companies were in significant non-compliance for 2007. The number of metro Denver companies in significant non-compliance has shrunk to fewer than five in the past eight years," he said.

The non-compliant companies were Koppers Inc. and Metron, Inc. Both are Denver companies. Both violated their effluent limits, and Metron also failed to accurately report its noncompliance.

"We are extremely happy with the performance of our 17 award-winning companies and hope everyone congratulates them on a job well done," Long said. "Performance like theirs deserves to be rewarded."

Here are the 16 Gold Award-winning companies and the Metro District connector where they are located:

1. Advanced Circuits, Inc. (Aurora)
2. Ball Metal Beverage Container Corp. (North Table Mountain)
3. Complete Powder Coating & Paint (North Washington)

4. CW Elaborations (Crestview)
5. Denver International Airport (Denver)
6. Denver Metal Finishing (Denver)
7. Goldberg Brothers (Denver)
8. Industrialex Manufacturing Corporation (Arvada)
9. K.B.P. Coil Coaters, Inc. (Denver)
10. Majestic Metals (North Washington)
11. New Mexico Resources, LLC (North Table Mountain)
12. Pepsi Bottling Group (Denver)
13. RJR Circuits, Inc. (Denver)
14. United States Mint (Denver)
15. U.S. Geological Survey, National Water Quality Laboratory (Lakewood)
16. Wanco, Inc. (Arvada)

The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District serves most of the metro Denver region. It is the largest wastewater treatment agency in the Rocky Mountain West. Last year Metro treated almost 140 million gallons of wastewater a day for about 1.6 million metro Denver residents.

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