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14 ORGANIZATIONS PRAISED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

One Company Fined for Noncompliance

DENVER, April 10 — The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District has named 14 metro area organizations Gold Award winners for their perfect record of compliance with their industrial wastewater discharge permits during 2006.

All 14 organizations discharge wastewater under discharge permits issued by the Metro District. Metro issues the discharge permits under the Clean Water Act.

All 14 not only had perfect industrial wastewater discharge compliance records for 2006 but were also good all-around environmental citizens, said Lori Maag, an industrial waste supervisor for Metro.

Metro District Board Chairman Tony Ferraro noted that, in 1990, 37 companies were in significant non-compliance, which generally means they consistently and seriously violated pretreatment standards. Depending upon the timing of a violation, however, one discharge violation or one late report can place a company in significant non-compliance

“The number of companies in significant non-compliance has shrunk to fewer than five in the past eight years. Just one company was in significant non-compliance for 2006,” he said.

The non-compliant company was Alert Polishing & Plating, located at 345 Santa Fe Drive in Denver. It had both reporting and discharge (metals, cyanide, and pH) violations of its wastewater discharge permit and has been assessed approximately \$360,000 in administrative penalties.

“We are extremely happy with the performance of our 14 award-winning companies and hope everyone congratulates them on a job well done,” Maag said. “Performance like theirs deserves to be rewarded.”

Here are the 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. Buckley Air Force Base (Aurora)
4. Colorado Serum Company (Denver)
5. Complete Powder Coating & Paint (North Washington)
6. Denver Metal Finishing (Denver)

7. K.B.P. Coil Coaters, Inc. (Denver)
8. Majestic Metals (North Washington)
9. Marquis Dental Mfg. Co., Inc. (Aurora)
10. RJR Circuits, Inc. (Denver)
11. Structural Coatings, LLC (Denver)
12. Upsher-Smith Laboratories, Inc. dba USL Pharma (Denver)
13. U.S. Geological Survey-National Water Quality Laboratory (Lakewood)
14. Wanco, Inc. (Arvada)

The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District serves most of the metro Denver region and is the largest wastewater treatment agency in the Rocky Mountain West. Last year Metro treated almost 47.5 billion gallons of wastewater for 1.5 million metro Denver residents. April 2007 marks 13 years since the Metro District had a numerical violation of its discharge permit.

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