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### **15 ORGANIZATIONS PRAISED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

#### Two Companies Penalized for Noncompliance

DENVER, April 25 — The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District (Metro) has named 15 metro area organizations Gold Award winners for their perfect record of compliance with their industrial wastewater discharge permits during 2005.

All 15 organizations discharge wastewater under discharge permits issued by the Metro District under the Clean Water Act. Not only did they all have perfect industrial wastewater discharge compliance records for 2005, but they were also good all-around environmental citizens, said Rue Eich, who heads Metro's industrial waste pretreatment unit.

Metro District Board Chairman Tony Ferraro noted that before the Metro District began giving its Gold Awards 15 years ago, 37 companies were in Significant Non-Compliance.

"That number has shrunk to just two companies in significant non-compliance last year," he said. Both companies erred by discharging metals in amounts not allowed by the effluent limits in their discharge permits.

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

Here are the award-winning companies:

1. Advanced Circuits, Inc. (Aurora)
2. Affiliated Wastewater & Environmental Services (Crestview)
3. Airvac Services, Inc. – Madison Street (Denver)

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**1<sup>st</sup> ADD — ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS — ... Airvac Services, Inc.**

4. Ajax Custom Plating (Denver)
5. Ball Metal Beverage Container Corp. (North Table Mountain)
6. Colorado Serum Company (Denver)
7. Eaton Aviation Corporation (formerly Stanley Aviation Corp.) (Aurora)
8. KBP Coil Coaters, Inc. (Denver)
9. Marquis Dental Mfg. Co., Inc. (Aurora)
10. Mid-America Plating, LLC (Denver)
11. National By-Products, Inc. (North Washington)
12. Quality Metal Products, Inc. (Daniels)
13. RJR Circuits., Inc. (Denver)
14. Specialty Plating, Inc. (Denver)
15. U.S. Geological Survey—National Water Quality Laboratory (Lakewood)

The two companies that did not comply with their discharge permits are CoorsTek, Inc. in Golden, which was penalized \$8,100, and Industrialex Manufacturing Corp. in Arvada, which was penalized \$13,400.

The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District is the largest wastewater treatment agency in the Rocky Mountain West and serves most of the metro Denver region. Last year Metro treated almost 47.5 billion gallons of wastewater for 1.5 million metro Denver residents. In 2005, the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District tied for first place in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's annual Operations and Maintenance awards competition for large, advanced plants.

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