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Nine Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District water treatment facilities recognized for outstanding compliance

SPARTANBURG – The Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District (SSSD) is celebrating another year as the recipient of nine National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Peak Performance Awards for its wastewater treatment facilities.

The awards are based on 2023 performance, and reflect ongoing compliance with permits related to the discharge and disposal of pollutants.

Platinum Awards are given to facilities that meet full compliance with permits over a consecutive five-year period. When 100 percent compliance is maintained beyond the initial award, Platinum Award status continues, noted by the number of years. The following Spartanburg Water-owned facilities have earned Platinum status:

- Fingerville WWTF (Platinum-12)
- Clifton-Converse WWTF (Platinum-11)
- Page Creek WWTF (Platinum-11)
- Cowpens WWTF (Platinum-10)
- Pacolet Mills WWTF (Platinum-8)
- South Tyger River WWTF (Platinum-5): Special honors were received as a first time platinum award winner as a Platinum 5 Facility.

Gold Awards recognize facilities that have achieved 100 percent permit compliance for an entire calendar year. The following Spartanburg Water-owned facilities have achieved Gold status for 2021:

- Chesnee WWTF
- A. Manning Lynch WWTF

Silver Awards recognize facilities with no more than five violations per calendar year. Those facilities are:

- Lower North Tyger River WWTF

NACWA's Peak Performance Awards recognize the commitment, innovation, and achievements of individuals and public agencies in the clean water community.



Spartanburg Water CEO, Guy Boyle, and Director of Wastewater Services, Lance Johnson, accepted the awards at the annual NACWA Utility Leadership Conference held this year in Buffalo, N.Y.

“Our sanitary sewer treatment team, led by Lance Johnson strives every day to not only meet the guidelines outlined in regulatory permits – but to exceed them. The team takes great pride and ownership to ensure that our mission of providing quality wastewater services to our region is done in a responsible, reliable manner, with our customers and the environment driving every decision,” said Mr. Boyle. “For our treatment plants to receive Peak Performance recognition, it is evident just how committed every member of the Spartanburg Water team is to protecting the public health of our community by maintaining the highest standard of wastewater treatment.”

NACWA is the nation’s recognized leader in legislative, regulatory and legal clean water advocacy. Together with its partners, their mission is to help ensure a strong, sustainable clean water future.

ABOUT SPARTANBURG WATER: Spartanburg Water, an industry leading utility, is comprised of Spartanburg Water System and Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District. It serves a population of nearly 200,000 within Spartanburg County, as well as others in parts of Greenville, Union and Cherokee counties. With the help of its dedicated team of nearly 300 employees, each day it produces an average of 25 million gallons of drinking water and cleans 14 million gallons of wastewater for its customers and community.

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