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RE: Department of Ecology Award's Mason County's Rustlewood Wastewater Treatment Plant the 2014 Outstanding Performance Award

Mason County's Rustlewood Wastewater Treatment Plant has received the 2014 Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance award from the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE). There are approximately 300 wastewater treatment plants in Washington State. This year, 127 plants received this award that marks full compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

According to Heather R. Bartlett, Water Quality Program Manager for the DOE:

"It takes diligent operators and a strong management team working effectively together to achieve this high level of compliance. Talented and proficient operators are critical to successful plant operations and protecting the health of Washington's waters. (Mason County's) excellent record is a credit to the dedicated operators who are responsible for operating this award-winning plant."

This is the second year in a row that the Rustlewood Wastewater Treatment Plant has received this award. The plant's primary operator is Marty Grabill. Marty represents the high quality of individuals employed by the Mason County Utilities Department.

The Rustlewood Wastewater Treatment Plant is located in central Mason County, east of State Route 3. The facility is located along side Oyster Cove on Pickering Passage. The facility serves 165 connections and operates 365 days a year, 24 hours per day. Mason County Utilities Department has operated the facility since the early 1970's.

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