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City of Gainesville, Texas Receives National Award for Outstanding Compliance with Water Quality Requirements

The City of Gainesville Wastewater Treatment Plant was honored by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) at the Gold level, awarded only to facilities that have no permit violations. The utility was recognized at a July 24 ceremony during NACWA's 2024 Utility Leadership Conference in Buffalo, N.Y.

Peak Performance Awards

This year NACWA recognized 510 treatment facilities for outstanding levels of compliance and performance related to their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. A NPDES permit is required for facilities to discharge into waters of the United States. It outlines requirements that ensure discharges do not harm water quality or human health. The 2024 Peak Performance Awards reflect permit compliance for calendar year 2023.

"We are very proud of this achievement. This award becomes more difficult to earn year to year and everyone on staff works very hard to maintain it," says Eric Hook, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor. "Each person goes above and beyond to make sure we keep improving and excel against industry standards."

NACWA CEO Adam Krantz commended the recipients, noting:

"NACWA is proud to present this year's Peak Performance Awards to the extraordinary member utilities whose unyielding dedication to providing reliable clean water services has enhanced the environment and quality of life for millions across the country," he said. "This esteemed recognition underscores their commitment to providing outstanding



service, and the vital role clean water utilities play in serving their respective communities.”

A full list of NACWA’s 2024 Peak Performance Awards can be found [here](#).

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ABOUT THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE

Nestled in the heart of North Texas, the City of Gainesville was founded in 1850 and is located in Cooke County. The City has a rich history and is sprinkled with landmarks, charming downtown streets, and a vibrant community that honors the past while embracing the future.

ABOUT NACWA

For over 50 years, the **National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)** has been the nation’s recognized leader in legislative, regulatory, legal, and communications advocacy on the full spectrum of clean water issues. NACWA represents public wastewater and stormwater agencies of all sizes nationwide. Our unique and growing network strengthens the advocacy voice for the public clean water sector and helps advance policies to provide affordable and sustainable clean water for all. Our vision is to advance sustainable and responsible policy initiatives that help to shape a strong and sustainable clean water future. For more information, visit us at www.nacwa.org.

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