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Platinum Standard: Gainesville Wastewater Treatment Team Recognized for Five Years of Perfect Compliance

Gainesville, Texas—Five years. Zero violations. One national award for Gainesville’s Wastewater Treatment Division. From protecting public health to preserving local waterways, Gainesville’s WWTD has proven that perfection is possible. The group was honored with the Platinum 5 Peak Performance award, presented by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for five consecutive years of 100% compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. This demonstrates operational excellence and unwavering commitment to the common good.

The Platinum Award from NACWA is among the most prestigious acknowledgement available to public water utilities. The award is bestowed only upon facilities that achieve Gold-level compliance annually and consistently for five years in a row, according to NACWA. NACWA serves as the leading national voice advocating for clean water and sustainable water resources, representing public clean water agencies across the United States.

“This award is a reflection of the dedication and teamwork in our group,” said Eric Hook, Wastewater Treatment Plan Supervisor for the City of Gainesville. “Achieving five consecutive years of perfect compliance reflects our dedication to safeguarding water quality and protecting public health. I could not be prouder of our team’s performance.”

“This award is a tremendous achievement for our Wastewater Treatment team and reflects the high standards we set for ourselves,” said Allen McDonald, Public Works Director for the City of Gainesville. “Five years of perfect compliance doesn’t happen by accident. It takes a team that is hard-working, deeply invested, and forward thinking. This national-level recognition is well-deserved for their outstanding work.”

This honor highlights City of Gainesville’s focus on delivering reliable service while meeting high economic standards. Only agencies that strictly adhere to NPDES permit terms are eligible for this recognition. These terms focus on ensuring that treated effluent poses no harm to waterways or community health.



For more information about the National Association of Clean Water Agencies and the Peak Performance Awards program, please visit NACWA's Peak Performance Awards page at nacwa.org/about-us/awards/peak

Key Highlights:

- Award: NACWA Peak Performance Platinum Award
- Achievement: Five consecutive years of 100% NPDES permit compliance
- Significance: Recognizes the highest standard of operational excellence and environmental stewardship
- Awarding Organization: NACWA—the preeminent national organization representing public clean water utilities

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About NACWA

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) is the leading advocate for responsible national policies that advance clean and sustainable water. Representing public clean water utilities of all sizes across the country, NACWA provides a strong voice in Washington, D.C., and nationwide for safe, affordable, and environmentally responsible water management. Through its Peak Performance Awards Program, NACWA recognizes utilities that achieve outstanding compliance and operational excellence, setting the standard for clean water service across the United States. Learn more at www.nacwa.org

About Gainesville, TX

The City of Gainesville serves as the county seat of Cooke County in North Texas. Known for its rich history, vibrant community, and welcoming spirit, Gainesville offers the charm of a small town with the amenities of a growing city. The city is committed to providing high-quality public services, supporting economic development, and preserving the natural resources that make Gainesville a great place to live, work, and visit. Learn more at www.gainesville.tx.us