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### **City of Mount Vernon Wastewater Treatment Plant receives Outstanding Performance Award**

MOUNT VERNON – The City of Mount Vernon Wastewater Treatment Plant has been recognized by the State of Washington Department of Ecology for outstanding performance at its facility during the 2013 calendar year.

Of approximately 300 wastewater treatment plants statewide, the City of Mount Vernon's plant was one of 125 that achieved full compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in 2013. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> time that the City of Mount Vernon has received this award, and the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

In a letter from Water Quality Program Manager Heather Bartlett, she states "It takes diligent operators and a strong management team, working effectively together, to achieve this high level of compliance. It is not easy to operate a wastewater treatment plant 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, without violations. The Washington State Department of Ecology appreciates the extraordinary level of effort your plant operators demonstrated throughout 2013."

Mount Vernon Mayor Jill Boudreau applauds the efforts and commitment of Public Works Director Esco Bell, Wastewater Division Manager Gary Duranceau, and all of the outstanding operations staff at the treatment plant and commends them for a job well done.

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