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MOUNT VERNON—The City of Mount Vernon’s Waste Water Treatment Plant has once again been placed among the top 8% of nearly 500 businesses in Skagit, Whatcom and Island Counties, who are in perfect compliance with air quality regulations.

The treatment plant, which processes between four to ten million gallons of waste water each day, was recognized last week with a *Silver Award* by Northwest Clean Air Agency.

The award is added to a growing list of accolades for which the Mount Vernon plant has been recognized, including the Washington State Department of Ecology’s Outstanding Performance Award (9 consecutive years); as well as top overall national project for a Green Infrastructure Award in 2019.

“Residents of Mount Vernon can be incredibly proud of their \$75 million investment in this City’s ability to move and treat a massive amount of storm and waste water,” Plant Manager Gary Duranceau said, referring to the waste water treatment plant (built in 2009), and the 19 associated pump stations around the city. “We’re going to continue to strive to find ways to improve our efficiency and performance.”

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