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KPUD Water Wastewater operator Tim McMurrin, right, accepted an Outstanding Performance Award from Washington State Department of Ecology on behalf of Wishram Wastewater Treatment Plant in 2003.

In Remembrance of Tim McMurrin

Klickitat PUD lost one of our employees in December, just before Christmas. Tim McMurrin was a Water Wastewater operator, and was about a year away from retirement. He was a Klickitat County native. Many of you knew him.

Tim started at Klickitat PUD in April 2001 after many years at the Champion Mill and Goldendale Aluminum Co. He was our senior, highest-certified operator. He brought a great work ethic to the job and helped us learn to operate our systems more efficiently. Tim's strength was understanding how the wastewater systems and processes worked. He trained our current wastewater plant operators. He was also a good friend.

Tim was one of those people who had no issues walking into my office and telling me exactly what was on his mind. Not everyone will do that with the general manager. He was respectful, but he was clear and he was helpful. I respected him a great deal for that, and for his dedication to his team and our customers.

We are going to miss him a lot. On behalf of the team here at the PUD, our heartfelt sympathies go out to his family.

Jim Smith
General Manager