

Dedicated Staff Recognized by State DOE

Each year, the Washington Department of Ecology recognizes wastewater treatment plants that remain 100 percent compliant with their wastewater discharge permits.

At the March 27 Klickitat PUD Commissioners' meeting, Erik Van Doren from the Department of Ecology recognized three of the district's wastewater treatment plants for their outstanding performance in 2016.

These plants serve the communities of Wishram, Klickitat and Lyle.

KPUD operators responsible for these plants are Brandon Walter, Rod Kiser, Tim McMurrin, Greg Watson and Noah Halm.

Proper operation of a wastewater treatment plant ensures wastewater is properly treated prior to discharge, which is vital to protecting public health and the environment.

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination permits for these plants require



KPUD staff members were recognized by the Washington Department of Ecology for their efforts and compliance rate in 2016. From left are Water/Wastewater Coordinator Sharon Blodgett; Operators Greg Watson, Rod Kiser and Noah Halm; Lead Operator Brandon Walter; Operator Tim McMurrin; and DOE Representative Erik Van Doren.

meeting end-of-pipe effluent limits for numerous parameters, including biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, pH and fecal coliform bacteria.

Permits also require completing water quality sampling, proper operation and

maintenance of the plant, and numerous studies and reports.

These important obligations must be met to protect Washington's water quality.

The KPUD team has achieved this at the Wishram plant for eight consecutive years; at the Klickitat plant for

nine consecutive years; and at the Lyle plant for 11 consecutive years.

Klickitat PUD is proud of its operators and congratulates them for their efforts and dedication to maintain compliance 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. ■

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May

- 5**—A Kentucky Derby celebration, 6 p.m., Mt. Hood Town Hall
- 5**—Ye Olde Car Club Swap Meet and Car Display, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Benton County Fairgrounds, Kennewick
- 5-6**—Mom & Baby Expo, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., TRAC Center, Pasco
- 6**—Cinco de Mayo Half Marathon, 7 a.m., The Fields Park, Portland
- 8**—KPUD Commissioners' meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 10**—Klickitat PUD Open House celebrating Drinking Water Week and Electrical Safety Month, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Goldendale
- 11-12**—Klickitat Valley Fire Victims Fund

- Auction & Yard Sale, Friday, 4 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m., Rural 7 Fire Hall, Goldendale
- 12**—Second Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum, Hood River
- 12**—Inland Empire Century Bike Ride, 6:30 a.m., Kiwanis Building at Columbia Park, Kennewick, www.inlandempirecentury.org
- 12**—Asparagus Fest & Brews, 5 to 10 p.m., Middleton Six Farms, Pasco, www.pascochamber.org
- 13**—Mother's Day at Maryhill, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Maryhill Museum of Art, Goldendale
- 18-20**—The Blind Princess, Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m., Columbia Center for the Arts, Hood River

- 19**—Members' Appreciation Day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Maryhill Museum of Art, Goldendale
- 19**—Something Old, New, Borrowed & Blue, Mid-Columbia Symphony, 7:30 p.m., Richland High School Auditorium, Richland
- 19-20**—Dog Days Weekend, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Maryhill Winery, Goldendale
- 19-20**—Kidz Dig Rigz, Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Columbia Park, Kennewick
- 22**—KPUD Commissioners' meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 26**—Family Fun Day, campjonah.com, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Camp Jonah, Trout Lake
- 26-28**—Memorial Day Celebration, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Maryhill Winery, Goldendale
- 28**—Memorial Day, KPUD offices closed