

## Dedicated Efforts Recognized by State DOE

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

At the Klickitat PUD Commissioners' meeting September 11, Erik Van Doren from DOE attended and recognized three of the district's wastewater treatment plants for their outstanding performance in 2017. 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 meeting end-of-pipe effluent limits for numerous parameters, including biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, pH and fecal coliform bacteria.



KPUD staff was recognized by the Washington Department of Ecology for their efforts and compliance rate in 2017. From left are Water/Wastewater Coordinator Sharon Blodgett, Operator Rod Kiser, Lead Operator Brandon Walter, Operators Greg Watson, Noah Halm and Tim McMurrin.

Permits also require completing water quality sampling; proper operation and maintenance of the plant; and numerous studies and reporting requirements.

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

The KPUD team has achieved these objectives at the Wishram plant for nine

consecutive years; at the Lyle plant for 12 consecutive years; and received a special plaque for the Klickitat Wastewater Plant's 10-year milestone.

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

### KPUD Low-Income Elderly Discount

Are you at least 62 years old, have an annual income of less than \$23,500 and want to receive a utility bill discount?

If you answered yes to all of the above, contact Klickitat County Senior Services at (509) 773-3757 or (509) 493-3068, or see them at one of the meal sites listed below from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Goldendale Senior Center: November 8 and 15.
- White Salmon Pioneer Center: November 14 and 16.
- Lyle Lion's Club: November 13.

Discounts are effective for billings issued December 2018 to May 2019. ■

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

##### November

- 2**—An Evening with Darryl Lloyd, 7 p.m., Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, The Dalles
- 2-3**—Lyle Christmas Craft Bazaar, Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Lyle Activity Center
- 2-4**—SkiFever & Snowboard Show, Friday, 1 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Portland Expo Center
- 4**—"Finding Neverland," 7 p.m., Broadway Theatre in the Toyota Center, Kennewick
- 8-11**—Portland RV Show, Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Portland Expo Center
- 10**—Columbia River Indian Autumn Gathering, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, The Dalles
- 10**—Second Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum, Hood River

- 11**—100th Anniversary Armistice Day Celebration, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Stonehenge Memorial & Maryhill Museum of Art, Goldendale
- 11**—Veterans Day parade, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 13**—KPUD Commission meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 17**—St. Peter's Altar Society annual Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Mary's Academy, The Dalles
- 17**—Holiday bazaar, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mid-Columbia Senior Center, The Dalles
- 22**—Turkey Trot Fun Run, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mark Hatfield West Visitor Center, Hood River
- 24-25**—Disney in Concert, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.; Oregon Symphony, Portland
- 27**—KPUD Commission meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 28**—The Original Harlem Globetrotters, 7 to 9 p.m., Toyota Center, Kennewick