

Dedicated Efforts Recognized by State DOE

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

At the Klickitat PUD Commissioners' meeting on October 8, Erik Van Doren from DOE attended and recognized three district-owned and one district-managed wastewater treatment plants for their outstanding performance in 2018.

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

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



The Washington Department of Ecology recognized KPUD's staff for their efforts and compliance rate in 2018. From left are Water/Wastewater Coordinator Sharon Blodgett, Operator Tim McMurrin, Lead Operator Brandon Walter, Operators Greg Watson and Noah Halm, and Erik Van Doren from DOE.

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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 Klickitat plant for 11 consecutive years, at the Lyle plant for 13 consecutive years and received a special plaque for the Wishram Wastewater Plant's 10-year milestone.

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

November

- 1—Lyle Craft Bazaar, Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Lyle Activity Center
- 1-3—Holiday Food & Gift Festival, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Oregon Convention Center, Portland
- 1-3—Ski Fever & Snowboard Show, Friday, 1 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Portland Expo Center
- 2—Dia de Muertos, 1 to 5 p.m., Maryhill Museum of Art, Goldendale
- 2—Columbia River Indian Autumn, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, The Dalles
- 7-9—Desert Fiber Arts Show & Sale, Thursday, 5 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Badger Mountain Yarn, Kennewick
- 7-10—Portland Metro RV Dealers Fall RV Show, Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 a.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Portland Expo Center
- 8-10—Custer's Christmas Arts & Crafts Show, Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., HAPO Center, Pasco
- 9—Richland Seniors Association Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Richland Community Center

- 9—Northwest Food & Wine Festival, 5 to 8 p.m., Oregon Convention Center, Portland
- 9—Second Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum, Hood River
- 9—Second Saturday Contra Dance, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Rockford Grange, Hood River
- 9-10—Closing Celebration, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Maryhill Museum of Art, Goldendale
- 11—Veterans Day, Klickitat PUD offices closed
- 11—Veterans Day, no entrance fee at more than 400 national parks
- 11—Veterans Day Ringing of the Bells, 11 a.m., Maryhill Museum of Art, Goldendale
- 12—KPUD Commission Meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 23—St. Peter's Holiday Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Mary's Academy, The Dalles
- 26—KPUD Commission Meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 28—Thanksgiving Day, Klickitat PUD offices closed
- 29-30—Christmas Bazaar, Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Portland Expo Center
- 30—Holiday Open House & Community Appreciation Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, The Dalles