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Terry Newgent of Simpsonville Accepts National Awards for Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority

Simpsonville, S.C. (November 12, 2007) - Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority is proud to announce that ten of its wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) received Peak Performance Awards from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) at the Association's 37th Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio.

Terry Newgent, Operator 1, of the Taylors WWTP, accepted the award on behalf of his plant.

"Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority is an outstanding example of environmental efforts. NACWA is honored to showcase the efforts of WCRSA and our nation's public wastewater utilities through the *Peak Performance Awards Program*," says Ken Kirk, NACWA's Executive Director.

NACWA presented the prestigious Gold Peak Performance Award to the Georges Creek, Gilder Creek, Grove Creek, Mauldin Road, Pelham, Slater Marietta, and Taylors WWTP's to recognize their 100% compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements in 2006.

NACWA's Silver Peak Performance Awards were presented to the Durbin Creek, Lower Reedy and Piedmont WWTP's for their outstanding compliance records in 2006. The Silver Peak Performance Awards recognize the achievement of member agencies in having no more than five NPDES permit violations within the year.

NACWA has presented the Peak Performance Awards annually since 1987 to recognize achievement by member agencies in meeting NPDES permit requirements. Western Carolina achieved extraordinary compliance in 2006.

Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority celebrates 75 years of environmental stewardship. The organization provides wastewater treatment services to over 400,000 industrial, commercial and residential customers in Greenville County and parts of Anderson, Spartanburg and Laurens Counties. Western Carolina operates and maintains 300 miles of major sewer trunk lines and 10 major wastewater treatment facilities.

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