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CompX National Recognized for Pollution Prevention Efforts

Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority recognizes CompX National Cabinet Lock, of Mauldin, for demonstrating excellent pollution prevention efforts throughout 2005. CompX National was chosen by Western Carolina's selection committee for investing in an environmentally friendly state of the art metal plating line, reducing amounts of hazardous waste generation while increasing production, accomplishing a 23% reduction in water use and reducing chemical usage, thereby reducing chemical cost. Western Carolina applauds this good neighbor for its outstanding efforts in helping to achieve a cleaner environment in the Upstate.

Western Carolina created this award in hopes to encourage the abatement of pollution through prevention. The Best Pollution Prevention Program Award is presented to a local industry that has pursued innovative ways of preventing pollution through waste minimization, water conservation, recycling, product reformation, and toxic materials substitution, among others.

This award was presented to Bob Edwards of CompX at the Greenville Chamber of Commerce's Environmental Briefing at the Poinsett Club in Greenville. The Greenville Chamber of Commerce and the Spartanburg Development Association presented this program, which included Environmental Updates, the Air Update for the Upstate, DHEC Appeals Process, and Changing Regulatory Landscape. The program also included the National and Region 4 Overview by Beverly Banister, director of the EPA Air Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, as well as the DHEC Overview by Bob King.

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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Photo Caption: CompX National, represented by Chemist, Nicholas Patel and Technical Services Manager, Bob Edwards, receives the Pollution Prevention award from Western Carolina's Operations Manager, William Armes.

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