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Western Carolina Awards 9 Local Industries for Environmental Stewardship Efforts

Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority will recognize 9 Golden Strip industries for demonstrating excellent compliance with environmental regulations throughout 2005. The Compliance Excellency Awards are presented annually to local industries that are in complete compliance with the Sewer Use and Pretreatment Regulation. Western Carolina applauds these good neighbors for their outstanding efforts in helping to achieve a cleaner environment in the Upstate.

The following industries will receive the 2005 Compliance Excellency Award:

Caterpillar, Inc – Fountain Inn Engine Facility
Kemet Electronics Corporation – Fountain Inn Plant
Kemet Electronics Corporation - Simpsonville Plant
KS Bearings, Inc.
National Electrical Carbon Products, Inc.
Nicca USA, Inc.
Para Chemical Solutions., Inc.
Roy Metal Fishing Co., Inc.
Vopak Logistics Services, LLC

One industry will receive special recognition for its longstanding compliance efforts:

11 Consecutive Years

Kemet Electronics - Simpsonville Plant

Western Carolina will hold the 14th Annual Compliance Excellency Awards Presentation on Tuesday May 9, at the Greenville Marriot. This will give Western Carolina the opportunity to recognize and thank local industries for their

environmental stewardship efforts. The night will consist of the awards presentation as well as a dinner and a guest speaker.

Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority celebrates 75 years of environmental stewardship. The organization serves over 400,000 residential and commercial customers in Greenville County and portions of Anderson, Spartanburg and Laurens Counties by operating and maintaining 300 miles of major sewer trunk lines and 11 major wastewater treatment facilities.

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