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**WAIANAЕ, WAHIAWA WWTPS HEAD LIST OF NACWA AWARDS**

KAPOLEI, HI – Four City and County of Honolulu wastewater treatment plants were recognized as Peak Performance Award Winners at the 2013 National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Summer Conference held July 16 in Cincinnati.

Waianae and Wahiawa WWTPs earned gold awards with 100 percent compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the 2012 calendar year, while Kailua Regional and Honouliuli WWTPs garnered silver status. The *Clean Water Advocate* will recognize the facilities in its August/September issue.

The NACWA recognition program consists of three categories – Platinum, Gold and Silver. **Platinum** Awards recognize facilities with 100 percent compliance with its NPDES permit for five or more consecutive years. **Gold** Awards honor treatment plants that achieved 100 percent compliance during the calendar year, while **Silver** Awards identify facilities that received no more than five permit violations during that same time.

The NPDES permit program, mandated by the Clean Water Act, controls water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge into U.S. waters. Point sources are discrete conveyances such as pipes or manmade ditches. Individual homes that are connected to a municipal system, use a septic system, or do not have a surface discharge do not need an NPDES permit; however, industrial, municipal and other facilities must obtain permits if their discharges go directly to surface waters.

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