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**NACWA Peak Performance Awards go to eight wastewater treatment plants**

KAPOLEI, HI – Eight City and County of Honolulu wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) were recognized as Peak Performance Award winners at the July 2016 National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Summer Conference in Denver.

The Laie Water Reclamation Facility, along with the Kahuku, Paalaa Kai, Waianae and Wahiawa WWTPs earned gold awards with 100 percent compliance with their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) or other permits for the 2015 calendar year. Honouliuli, Kailua Regional and Waimanalo WWTPs garnered silver status. The *Clean Water Advocate* will recognize the facilities in its fall 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. Underground Injection Control permits and recycled water facility permits regulate facilities that do not discharge into U.S. waters.

For eligibility, facilities must operate under a federal or state equivalent NPDES permit, an underground injection control permit, or a state control mechanism that regulates effluent quality and reuse of reclaimed flows.

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