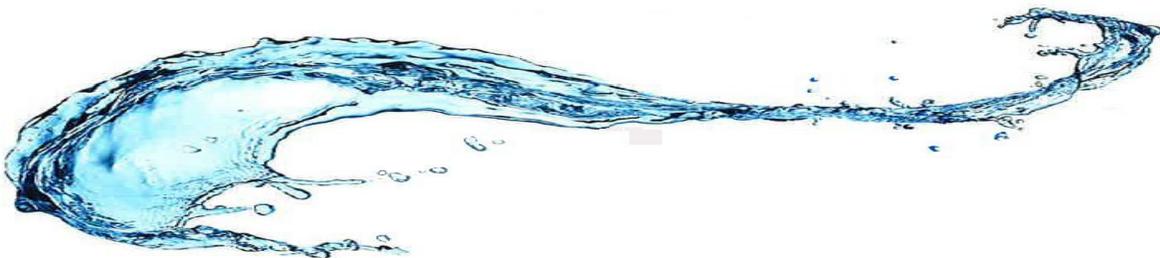


# WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NATIONAL COMPLIANCE AWARD

Pueblo's Wastewater Department has received the prestigious Peak Performance Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies for five years of continuous compliance with all effluent limits, terms and conditions of its discharge permit. This is the second Platinum Award that Pueblo has received

Pueblo's Water Reclamation Facility operates under a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit that sets specific numeric limits for certain chemicals and measurable parameters, requires monitoring for many more specific chemicals, and establishes administrative requirements for emergency actions, special and routine reporting, deadlines for completion of construction programs and studies, and a number of other conditions, such as limiting sanitary sewer overflows.

The Water Reclamation Facility treats an average of 3,650,000,000 gallons (3.65 Billion) of sewage each year. The Wastewater Department maintains 467 miles of sanitary sewer main. Over 75 percent of the City's sanitary sewer mains are past their design life. The basic parts of the Water Reclamation Facility have also passed their design life. Effective maintenance is critical in maintaining compliance. Proper collection and treatment of wastewater



protects public health and enhances the quality of life for residents of the City and the region.