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City water reclamation facility earns top national honor four years in a row

CANTON, Ohio – Mayor William Healy announced Wednesday that the City of Canton's Water Reclamation Facility recently earned the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Gold Peak Performance Award for the fourth straight year. The Gold Peak Performance Award was presented to the Water Reclamation Facility for its achievement of 100% compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for 2008, which control the discharge of harmful materials into natural water sources and ecosystems.

"We have been working extremely hard to provide Canton with the cleanest fresh water possible," said Tracy Mills, superintendent of the Canton Water Reclamation Facility. "To continually win the Gold Peak Performance Award assures residents that we are doing all we can to help keep Canton's lakes, rivers, and streams safe from the byproducts of our sewer system."

The Peak Performance Awards program presented by NACWA recognizes public wastewater treatment facilities for their outstanding compliance records in the 2008 calendar year. NACWA recognized over 400 Peak Performance Award facilities during the Association's 2009 Summer Conference and 39th Annual Meeting, which was held July 14-17, 2009 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies is a nationally recognized leader in environmental policy and a sought-after technical resource on water quality and ecosystem protection issues. Founded in 1970, NACWA was formed to help secure federal funding for municipal wastewater treatment and discuss emerging national interest in improving the quality of the nation's waters.

The City of Canton Water Reclamation strives to ensure only clean water is released into the environment to guarantee the safety of Canton residents and surrounding wildlife. For more information about the Water Reclamation Facility, contact Tracy Mills at (330) 489-3080.