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Edmonds WWTP Employees Awarded

EDMONDS,WA - The City is proud to announce that two members of the Wastewater Treatment Plant team have been recognized by the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association (PNWCA) for their exceptional service, leadership, and commitment to protecting the environment.

Jeanne McKenzie has been named **Laboratory Analyst of the Year** and **Jon Clay** has been named **Operator of the Year** by PNWCA. The awards recognize professionals who demonstrate outstanding technical expertise, dedication, and contributions to the wastewater industry.

The selection process is highly competitive, with nominations submitted from across the region and reviewed by a panel of wastewater treatment professionals. Jeanne and Jon are now eligible to compete for additional recognition at the state and multi-state levels.

"The commonality of wastewater operators is the dedication to their job, which is to protect the environment by cleaning up wastewater before it enters the environment. The world without plant operators would be a very unpleasant place. These two employees have stepped up, gone above and beyond countless times, and I'm pleased their peers throughout the region recognized them for what they've done and what they continue to do daily." - Andy Rheaume, Public Works Director

Jon has been with the City for 33 years and Jeanne 14.5 years. Wastewater operators play a vital role in protecting public health and the environment by treating wastewater before it is returned safely to the environment. Their work is essential infrastructure that often goes unseen but has a direct impact on the quality of life for the entire community.

About the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association

The Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association is a professional organization dedicated to advancing the wastewater industry through education, training, and recognition of professionals who protect public health and the environment.

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