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Date: CONTACT: (your name and

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(Your Organization Name) Honored with NACWA

National Environmental Achievement Award

(Your Organization’s Full Name) has been selected to receive a National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) *National Environmental Achievement Award* for its excellence in (choose one from the following):

* Water Resources Utility of the Future. NACWA’s Water Resources Utility of the Future Award is given to member agencies that demonstrate bold, transformational community leadership in managing valuable resources, partnering in local economic development, and engaging stakeholders in their watershed resulting in environmental, economic, and social benefits.
* Research & Technology. NACWA’s Research and Technology Award is given to member agencies for their contributions to the field of wastewater treatment or biosolids utilization and disposal.
* Operations & Environmental Performance. NACWA’s Operations Award is presented to member agencies for outstanding projects, systems, or methods relating to wastewater treatment operations and/or environmental enhancement.
* Public Service. NACWA’s Public Service Award is presented to member agencies for significant contribution during the past year in local, state or national public service related to wastewater treatment, public utility operation, or environmental protection.
* Public Information & Education. NACWA’s Public Information and Education Award is presented for outstanding programs in the following categories: video, printed publication, educational program, or e-media.

(Your Organization’s Name) was selected for this honor for (see paragraph from your award letter for a succinct description of winning program – embellish as you see fit).

(Your Organization’s Name) will be recognized at an evening awards ceremony and reception on Monday, February 6, 2017, during NACWA’s Winter Conference, [*Next Generation Compliance …Where Affordability & Innovation Intersect*](http://www.nacwa.org/17winter), held February 4-7, 2017 at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel in Florida.

For more information on (Your Organization’s Name) award-winning contributions to the environment, economy, and quality of life in (city), contact (spokesperson’s name and phone number), or visit us at (Your Organization’s website).

The *National Environmental Achievement Awards* are sponsored by theNational Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) – the leading advocate for responsible national policies that advance clean water. NACWA represents the collective interests of America's clean water utilities nationwide – and their clear commitment to America’s waters.

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