July 21, 2015

The Honorable Frank Cox
Mayor of Stevenson
PO Box 371
Stevenson, WA 98648

Dear Mayor Cox:

Congratulations! The City of Stevenson Wastewater Treatment Plant is receiving the 2014 “Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance” award. Of approximately 300 wastewater treatment plants statewide, yours is one of 127 that achieved full compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in 2014.

My staff evaluated wastewater treatment plants in Washington for compliance with the effluent limits, monitoring and reporting requirements, spill prevention planning, pretreatment, and overall operational demands of the NPDES permit.

It takes diligent operators and a strong management team, working effectively together, to achieve this high level of compliance. It is not easy to operate a wastewater treatment plant 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, without violations. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) appreciates the extraordinary level of effort your plant operators demonstrated throughout 2014. Talented and proficient operators are critical to successful plant operations and protecting the health of Washington’s waters. Your excellent record is a credit to the dedicated operators who are responsible for operating the award-winning City of Stevenson Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Ecology will issue a news release recognizing the 2014 award recipients including the City of Stevenson Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Please call Pat Bailey at 360-407-6281 if you have any questions or comments about your award.

Thank you for the excellent service you provide. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Heather R. Bartlett
Water Quality Program Manager