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Eight BJWSA wastewater facilities recognized for excellent performance and compliance

Okatie, SC – (July 31, 2025) – All of Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority's (BJWSA) eight wastewater plants have received a Peak Performance Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). This annual award is presented to honorees that have achieved excellence in operational performance and permit compliance.

The awards are based on 2024 performance associated with treating and discharging wastewater.

BJWSA's facilities earned Platinum Peak status: Hardeeville Water Reclamation Facility, Laurel Bay, Palmetto Bluff, Palm Key, Point South and St. Helena. Platinum recognizes a facility's 100 percent compliance with permits over a consecutive five-year period.

Cherry Point Water Reclamation Facility earned Gold Peak status, and Port Royal Water Reclamation Facility earned Silver Peak status. Gold Peak status is awarded to facilities with no permit violations for the entire calendar year, and Silver Peak is awarded to facilities with no more than five violations per calendar year.

"As an organization, we're committed to providing high-level water and wastewater services to our customers while protecting the beautiful Lowcountry environment," said BJWSA Wastewater Operations Manager Earl Sheppard. "This recognition is a testament to the hard work, professionalism and dedication of our talented workforce in meeting that commitment."

About Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority

BJWSA is the Southern Lowcountry's largest water and wastewater utility, serving approximately 200,000 Carolinians through 69,000 connections. The public, non-profit organization is led by a board of directors recommended by the Beaufort and Jasper County Legislative Delegations and appointed by the Governor of South Carolina. The mission of the utility is to deliver quality water and wastewater services to current and future residents of the utility's 750 square mile service area.

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