

# Congratulations, 2017 TOP Performers!

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**RESULTS FOR 2017 ARE IN!**  
Four platinum-award winning systems continue their run of excellence with 17 consecutive years of optimization! We also award bronze, silver, and gold certificates to systems the first time they meet the turbidity goals for 3, 5, and 10 consecutive years, respectively.

This year, the following systems earned awards.

## PLATINUM AWARD (15 or more years)

- ◆ Arlington Water Department (2001-2017)
- ◆ Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District—South Shore Water System (2001-2017)
- ◆ Pasco Water Department (2001-2017)
- ◆ Skagit County PUD #1—Judy Reservoir System (2001-2017)

## GOLD AWARD (10 to 14 years of continuously optimized performance)

- ◆ City of Kelso (2006-2017)
- ◆ Lummi Island Scenic Estates Community Club (2008-2017)\*
- ◆ Ryderwood Improvement & Service Association (2008-2017)

## SILVER AWARD (5 to 9 years of continuously optimized performance)

- ◆ City of Bellingham (2011-2017)
- ◆ Castle Rock Municipal Water (2012-2017)
- ◆ Eastsound Water Users Association (2011-2017)
- ◆ City of Everett (2009-2017)
- ◆ Island View PUD 9 (2010-2017)
- ◆ Town of Metaline Falls (2012-2017)
- ◆ Olympic View Water and Sewer District (2013-2017)\*
- ◆ River Bend Water System (2009-2017)
- ◆ City of Woodland (2009-2017)
- ◆ City of Yakima (2010-2017)

## BRONZE AWARD (3 to 4 years of continuously optimized performance)

- ◆ Blakely Island Maintenance Commission (2015-2017)\*
- ◆ Carbonado Water Department (2015-2017)\*

- ◆ Chehalis Water Department (2014-2017)
- ◆ Department of Energy/200W (2015-2017)\*
- ◆ Hoquiam Water Department (2015-2017)\*
- ◆ Kalaloch Campground (2015-2017)\*
- ◆ Lake Chelan Reclamation District (2015-2017)\*
- ◆ Tacoma Water Division (2015-2017)\*

\*First-time award recipient for 2017.

Congratulations to our award winners! The filtered water turbidity goals we adopted for these systems are not regulatory. Instead, we encourage systems to achieve optimal water quality using existing facilities, which provides a larger margin of safety. The performance of rapid rate filters for turbidity (particle) removal is a key element in protecting consumers from microbial contaminants and maximizing public health.

For assistance improving treatment plant performance, contact our regional surface water staff.

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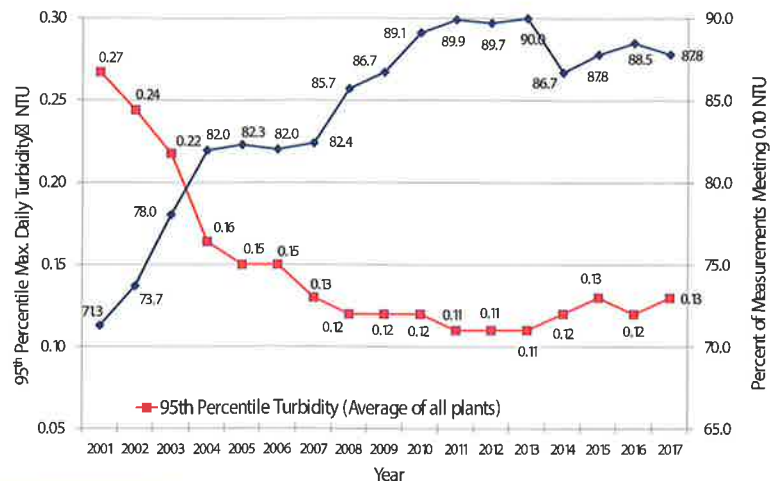
10 years of continuous optimization. Congratulations Lummi Island Scenic Estates Community Club!

# Rapid Rate Filtration Plants

MEETING AND BEATING EXPECTATIONS FOR 17 YEARS AND COUNTING!

**T**HE PERFORMANCE OF rapid rate filters for turbidity (particle) removal exceed regulatory standards—and provide better public health protection. ODW staff review the turbidity data that systems submit on monthly operations reports to ensure compliance with regulations. In addition, we enter maximum daily turbidity values listed in the reports into the Optimization Assessment Software, where we can rank systems according to their relative performance. ◆

WA State Rapid Rate Plant Performance Trends



Improved performance means improved public health protection. Data points are the average of all included treatment plants for the given year. There are 59 active rapid rate treatment plants in our state.