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PVSC Recognizes Local Firms' With Perfect Environmental Compliance Records

Newark, NJ – For the 14th consecutive year the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners (PVSC) recognized companies that operated in the previous calendar year without a reporting or effluent violation at its annual Permit Compliance Awards Breakfast held today in Newark. Included in this year's honorees is one company with perfect compliance since PVSC began its award 14 years ago, and three companies that have reached a new milestone – 10 consecutive years without a reporting or discharge violation.

The Keynote Address was given by Commissioner Joseph Fiordaliso of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

"Having grown up not far from PVSC's plant in the Ironbound section of Newark, I'm aware of how many manufacturing and process businesses there are in the agency's service area," said Fiordaliso.

"Non-compliance by these companies would have a profoundly dangerous affect on the region's water quality and public health," Fiordaliso continued. "That's why it's so important that those of you honored here today do what you do to ensure your businesses achieve environmental compliance. The consequences of not doing so are too high."

Over 120 attendees were on hand as PVSC recognized 138 companies that operated without a reporting or effluent violation in 2008. Handy Fixtures Stores, Inc. of Newark remains the only company to have a perfect environmental record since PVSC began offering its Permit Compliance Award in 1995. This year, Best Provisions Co. (Newark), E.C. Electroplating Inc. (Garfield), and T&E Industries Inc. (Orange) will receive Gold Awards for 10 years of perfect compliance.

Companies qualifying as Significant Industrial Users operating in the PVSC service area are issued a Sewer Use Permit, which includes limits for the quality of effluent the company may discharge into the sewer system. These companies must also monitor and report their discharges to PVSC on a monthly basis. Compliance violations occur when a company fails to file its monthly report on time or exceeds its permitted discharge limit(s).

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“Each year, we are pleased to honor companies that have achieved perfect environmental compliance,” said PVSC Chairman Thomas Powell. We recognize the 138 hard-working businesses this year for their commitment to the Passaic Valley’s environment.”

“While the work it takes to maintain perfect environmental compliance isn’t often glamorous,” said PVSC Executive Director Bryan Christiansen, “the rewards of a safer, cleaner environment are worth the effort. That’s why we honor these companies that put environmental safety and compliance ahead of the bottom line.”

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{A complete listing of this year’s honorees is attached}