

Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority Pollution Prevention Recognition Program Application

Purpose:

In order to encourage the abatement of pollution through prevention, the Authority established a Pollution Prevention Recognition Program. Many industries on the WCRSA system have pursued innovative ways of preventing pollution through waste minimization, water conservation, recycling, product reformulation, toxic materials substitution, etc. If your company has developed and implemented a Program that demonstrates success in preventing pollution, then you should complete the attached form for recognition of your company's efforts.

Qualifications:

Participants must be Industrial Users discharging to WCRSA. Furthermore, they must not have been in Significant Non-compliance during the review year. The participant's pollution prevention program must show success in defining environmental needs, and in meeting prevention goals. Additionally, overall wastewater quality improvement and use of innovative approaches, techniques and/or technologies are high mark items. The soundness of approach, rationale, scientific design, cost-effectiveness and duration of the program are important. Finally the program will be evaluated for overall clarity and effectiveness.

Selection Process:

Selection is done by committee. A partnership with the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce's Industrial Environmental Issues Committee results in three members from the Chamber joining the WCRSA Pretreatment Program Inspectors to make up the selection committee. Each committee member is requested to rate each submittal. The industry with the highest score from a tally of the evaluation sheets becomes the winner of the "Best Pollution Prevention Program Award". The Authority's Executive Director has the tie-breaker vote.

Benefits of The Program:

The Pollution Prevention Program allows for positive focus on prevention and is a buy in to a cleaner environment. It may save money for the Industry and WCRSA. It offers recognition for good work. It is an alternative program to enforcement.