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## **Press Release: Putnam PSD Sweeps Gold in 2009 Drinking Water Performance Awards**

Scott Depot, WV (February 22, 2010) - Putnam Public Service District has won three Gold Level Awards from the St. Albans District Office of the West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources in the 2009 Drinking Water Performance Awards. The awards are given in recognition of drinking water quality and are held in high esteem in the water treatment industry.

The first award is the Gold Level Award for 2009 Surface Water System of the Year. This is in recognition of PPSD's outstanding record in 2009 of having high water treatment quality combined with few violations and deficiencies.

The next award is the Gold Level Award for Optimized Water Treatment Plant. This merit recognizes PPSD's water plant for exceeding some of the most rigorous standards in the industry.

Finally, PPSD is also the recipient of the Gold Level Award for Most Outstanding Surface Water System. This accolade is considered to be the most prestigious honor that can be attained by a surface water system in the St. Albans' district and is the result of having the highest average scores in a mix of criteria over a six year period.

Of this trifecta of honors, J. D. Douglas, PE, the Engineering Supervisor for the St. Albans' District Office, commented that "these three awards are the highest level achievable in each of the categories we present awards and thus together this is a most impressive feat. "

Both Mike McNulty, PPSD General Manager, and John Inghram, PPSD Superintendent of Water Quality, expressed pleasure and gratitude for the award. "We've invested heavily in ensuring that our customers receive the highest quality water possible. It is good to see that our efforts have yielded dividends," said McNulty.

Inghram added that it is always an honor to receive recognition from the DHHR, but winning all three awards in the same year is one of the highlights of his professional career.

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