May 23, 2012

The Honorable Larry Kwarsick  
Mayor of Langley  
PO Box 366  
Langley, WA 98260

Dear Mayor Kwarsick:

Congratulations! The Langley Wastewater Treatment Plant is receiving the 2011 “Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance” award. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) will issue a news release recognizing the 2011 award recipients that will include the Langley Wastewater Treatment Plant.

My staff evaluated wastewater treatment plants in Washington for compliance with the effluent limits, monitoring and reporting requirements, spill prevention planning, pretreatment, and overall operational demands of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Of approximately 300 wastewater treatment plants statewide, yours is one of 108 that achieved full compliance with its NPDES permit in 2011.

It takes diligent operators and a strong management team, working effectively together, to achieve this high level of compliance. It’s not easy to operate a wastewater treatment plant 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, without violations. Ecology appreciates the extraordinary level of effort your plant operators demonstrated throughout 2011. Talented and proficient operators are critical to successful plant operations and protecting the health of Washington’s waters. Your excellent record proves that dedicated operators run the Langley Wastewater Treatment Plant and their combined efforts lead to outstanding compliance.

Please call Amy Jankowiak at 425-649-7195 if you have any questions or comments about your award.

Thank you for the excellent service you provide. Congratulations!

Sincerely,  

[Signature]  
Kelly Susewind, P.E., P.G.  
Water Quality Program Manager

cc: Challis Stringer, Public Works Director  
    Randi Perry, Utilities Supervisor