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Treatment Facility Achieves Perfect Record

WAYNE COUNTY, MI — February 16, 2007 Running a sewage treatment plant may not be the most glamorous job in the world, but Wayne County officials are proud that their Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility in Wyandotte has operated for 12 straight months without a water quality permit violation. The County will earn the American Metropolitan Sewage Agency's "Silver Star" award for 2006.

"For the men and women of the Downriver Facility, it's like pitching a perfect game," said County Executive Robert A. Ficano. "Everyone should be proud of their efforts to ensure a quality operation that protects the environment, while delivering real value for our residents."

The facility is Michigan's second largest sewage treatment facility, serving 13 Downriver communities with a combined population of over 200,000. The facility has seen over \$300 million in improvements since 1994, and new upgrades of approximately \$40 million are planned over the next five years.

"Mr. Ficano will not let us rest on our success," said Kurt Heise, Director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, which manages the facility, "we're continually improving the way we do business, and we've saved taxpayers over \$7 million in the past three years. We strive to be 'best in class,' and this vision is clearly showing results."

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