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Press Release

DATE: July 13, 2010
TO: Media Representatives
FROM: Brian Shay, City Administrator
SUBJECT: **City of Hoquiam Receives Water Quality award**

The City of Hoquiam has received formal notice from the Washington State Department of Health that our Water Treatment Plant was one of 5 facilities in the state to be honored for our outstanding performance and water treatment quality.

Because the City has met or exceeded stringent surface water treatment standards for the past 5 years, our staff has been honored with a Silver Certificate of Achievement. Attached is a copy of the certificate and the letter from the Department of Health detailing the award criteria.

“I am extremely proud of our water treatment operators and all of the staff that manage and maintain the water system,” said Mayor Jack Durney. Our employees take great pride in their work and are dedicated to providing Hoquiam residents with reliable, quality drinking water. These are some of the unsung heroes that provide essential services to our citizens 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.”



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June 25, 2010

Alan Telecky, Foreman
Hoquiam Water Department
609 8th Street
Hoquiam, WA 98550

Dear Mr. Telecky:

I would like to recognize the staff at the Hoquiam Water Department's drinking water treatment plant for their outstanding performance and treatment optimization.

The Office of Drinking Water began our Treatment Optimization Program (TOP) in 2001 in an effort to improve the performance of rapid rate filtration surface water treatment facilities. The purpose of this voluntary program is to maximize public health protection provided by surface water filtration plants like yours.

Participants in the program commit themselves to working toward meeting treatment optimization goals for particle removal and disinfection that are more stringent than current regulatory requirements. Because turbidity is a readily measured indicator of treatment plant performance, TOP tracks finished water turbidity data for all conventional and direct filtration plants in Washington.

For the calendar years 2005 through 2009, your plant's finished water turbidity was **0.10 NTU** or less for at least 95 percent of the time, which meets or exceeds TOP's turbidity goal. Achieving consistent high drinking water quality like this is the mark of a highly dedicated and skilled water department staff.

To receive this award, a plant must also meet other stringent criteria related to public health protection. Your plant is one of five to receive an award this year. This is our second year for the TOP recognition program. Each summer, we will issue 3-year (bronze), 5-year (silver), and 10-year (gold) awards to qualifying systems. Please accept this **Silver Certificate of Achievement** (enclosed) and my congratulations for five years of outstanding performance.

Sincerely,

Denise A. Clifford

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Director
Office of Drinking Water

Enclosure



**Washington State Office of Drinking Water
Treatment Optimization Program**

**Silver Certificate of Achievement
awarded to**

**Hoquiam Water
Department**

**for attaining the filtered water turbidity
optimization goal of 0.1 NTU or less for
five continuous years—2005 through 2009**



Denise A. Chiffard

Director, Office of Drinking Water

