

PRESS RELEASE

JCUA RECEIVES PLANT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Jackson County Utility Authority is pleased to announce its Pascagoula-Moss Point Wastewater Treatment Facility has been awarded the Mississippi Water Environment Association Award for the Most Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Facility for 2017.

This award is a tribute to the Jackson County Utility Authority and the outstanding work provided by its staff and employees who operate and maintain the Pascagoula-Moss Point Wastewater Treatment Facility.

All four of the JCUA's treatment plants have won the Outstanding Plant of the Year Award. The Gautier Facility in 1999, the Escatawpa Facility in 2010, the West Jackson County Facility in 1996, and the Pascagoula-Moss Point Facility in 1988, 2004 and for the third time in 2017.

The Pascagoula-Moss Point Wastewater Treatment Plant treats the wastewater from the City of Pascagoula and the wastewater from Moss Point south of the Escatawpa River. The plant was purchased from the City of Pascagoula in 1981, and since that time has been owned and operated by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Regional Wastewater, and then the Jackson County Utility Authority. The JCUA has been the recipient of millions of dollars of federal grant funds to make the extensive renovations, extensions and improvements to the plant required to meet legal standards for wastewater discharge.

Executive Director Tommy Fairfield stated: "The JCUA is extremely pleased to receive this award for the facility for a third time. Every treatment plant owned by the JCUA has at one time received the award as the Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant in the State of Mississippi. This award is a tribute to the hard working employees who live and work in Jackson County and operate these facilities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide citizens of our cities and county exceptional wastewater treatment to protect our environment. The JCUA strives to conduct its mission of delivering the best wastewater service to our citizens and this award is an acknowledgment that we fulfill that role and obligation."

JCUA employees who deserve special recognition for operating the plant during 2017 are as follows: Carrie Dennis, Operations Manager; Chuck Redmond; Curtis Hartzog; Curtis Evans; Billy Scara; James Jones; Lauren Smith; Richard Weathers; William Brown and Brian Davis.



Pictured left to right, Chuck Redmond, Plant Supervisor; Carrie Dennis, Operations Manager, and Tommy Fairfield, Jr. – Executive Director



Carrie Dennis



Curtis Evans



Lauren Smith



Brian Davis



Chuck Redmond



Billy Scara



Richard Weathers



Curtis Hartzog



James Jones



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