

# Wastewater treatment plant wins state award

NEWTON — The city of Newton Clark Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant recently received the 2010 WWTP Operations & Maintenance Excellence Award for the West Region from the North Carolina American Water Works Association and Water Environment Association (NCAWWA-WEA).

Wilce Martin, city of Newton public works and utilities director, commended the staff at the city's wastewater treatment plant for a job well done.

"This award is not easily attainable, as it requires a lot of work and continuously meeting the goals of state and federal agencies," Martin said.

"We have a great staff and I am proud of them for earning this award."

John Kiviniemi, chairman for NCAWWA-WEA, presented the award at the Feb. 15 meeting of the Newton City Council.

Newton's wastewater treatment plant was chosen from all other plants in western

North Carolina, basically from Interstate 77 to Murphy, for having the best operations and maintenance.

Kiviniemi said the Newton plant displayed excellence, with no violations in 2010.

Other 2010 recipients of the WWTP Operations & Maintenance Excellence Award include East Region — Cape Fear Public Utility Authority, and Central Region — city of Asheboro.