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DENR recognizes the SD State Penitentiary-West Farm Wastewater Treatment System for Operation and Maintenance Excellence

PIERRE- The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) announces that the SD State Penitentiary-West Farm wastewater treatment system is a recipient of the 2004 Industrial Operation and Maintenance Excellence Award. This award is for outstanding wastewater system operation and environmental compliance with its state surface water discharge permit for the past year. DENR is also recognizing Darold Diede for the excellent operation and maintenance of SD State Penitentiary-West Farm's wastewater system.

The award was presented during the 2005 South Dakota Water and Wastewater Association Operators seminar held April 6-7 in Rapid City.

"This wastewater treatment system's owners and operators have proven they are dedicated to being among the best in the business," said DENR Secretary Steve Pirner. "DENR is proud to recognize their efforts with this award."

Qualifications for the Industrial Operation and Maintenance Excellence Award are based on a system's compliance with the state's environmental requirements, discharged water quality, monitoring reports, state inspections and proper operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment facility.