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## **Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans Recognized by National Association of Clean Water Agencies**

**NEW ORLEANS** – Today, the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans (S&WB) announced that it has been recognized by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) with the Platinum Peak Performance Award for achieving 100 percent compliance at its West Bank wastewater facility over the last five years. Operations and maintenance for the West Bank wastewater facility is provided by Veolia North America which has supported New Orleans’ wastewater infrastructure since 1992. Together, S&WB and Veolia have been recognized with numerous awards, generating more than \$35 million in savings and completed millions in infrastructure upgrades to prevent destructive flooding, improve resiliency and protect environmental health.

The Platinum Peak Performance Award is presented to wastewater facilities for achieving 100 percent compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements which have been responsible for major improvements to U.S. water quality. Through the regulation of point sources, such as wastewater treatment facilities, the discharge of pollutants into waters is limited, monitored and controlled.

**Sewerage & Water Board Executive Director Cedric Grant** said, “Our relationship with Veolia North America has produced a stellar record for clean water quality while saving tens of millions of dollars for ratepayers.”

**John Gibson, president and COO of Veolia North America’s Municipal & Commercial business,** said, “As the operations and maintenance provider for the wastewater facilities the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans, Veolia is honored by the NACWA’s recognition and we commend our municipal partners for their environmental dedication and leadership. This award reflects the commitment by Veolia and our partners’ to safely operate New Orleans’ treatment facilities and systems, while also helping to protect our local waterways.”

This is the second national recognition S&WB has received this fall. Last month, S&WB was honored by with the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) with the 2016 Gold Award for its coordination with the City of New Orleans Department of Public Works. Under the City’s Integrated Infrastructure Management System, all capital improvement and infrastructure projects are fully coordinated between S&WB and City personnel which has resulted in the rebuilding of infrastructure damaged by Hurricane Katrina, accelerated the timeframe of recovery and saved taxpayers millions of dollars.

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