



# Press Release

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**Location:** Clifton Water District Office – 510 34 Road, Clifton, CO

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Clifton Water District Receives National Award

On Tuesday, December 4, 2007, the Clifton Water District will be presented the Directors Award from the *Partnership For Safe Water*. The award presentation will begin at 1:00 pm. Officials from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Waterworks Association will be in attendance to present the District with the prestigious award.

The *Partnership For Safe Water* is an initiative developed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other national water organizations like the American Water Works Association (AWWA). The program represents water utilities like the Clifton Water District that successfully provide their communities with drinking water that **surpasses** the required federal water quality standards.

The Clifton Water District is among an elite one percent (1%) of water treatment plants nationwide to receive this recognition.

*“We are thrilled to receive this award,” said David Payne, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, “our goal is to continually strive to improve our water quality, and by joining the ranks as one of the highest performing plants in the country, we have taken a large step toward achieving this goal.”*

The Directors Award is presented to the District after successfully completing the intensive Self Assessment and Peer Review phase of the *Partnership For Safe Water* program. During the Self Assessment and Peer Review, the District was subjected to a concentrated and thorough evaluation of water treatment plant and organizational performance criteria, reviewed by respected water professionals nationwide.

Demonstrating our commitment to superior water quality, the Clifton Water District has been a participant in the *Partnership For Safe Water* since the program’s inception in 1995.

*“Our number one priority is providing exceptional water quality to our customers,” said Dale Tooker, Manager of the District. “Participation in the Partnership For Safe Water and achieving the Directors Award is a significant accomplishment demonstrating our continued dedication to serving our customers.”*

The District continues the pursuit of applying leading edge treatment technology to provide superior drinking water to approximately 35,000 people. The Directors Award recognizes the District's efforts to utilize state of the art technology operating a multi-barrier treatment approach. Since 1997, the District has used membrane technology (Reverse Osmosis and Nanofiltration) in addition to conventional treatment practices. Most recently, the District completed an 8.5 million dollar, multi phase Capital Construction Project that culminated with the addition of a technologically advanced pretreatment facility.



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Formed on March 5, 1951 and originally serving 321 water taps, the Clifton Water District has become the second largest domestic water provider in the Grand Junction area. Today, the District serves over 12,000 residential taps with an estimated population of approximately 35,000. The District treats water from the Colorado River, which has the fourth largest run-off volume of all rivers in North America, and is infamous for high levels of sedimentation and dissolved minerals.

At the conclusion of the award presentation, tours of the award winning facilities and questions will be answered by the District's professional operations staff of the Charles A Strain Water Treatment Plant.

If you would like additional information concerning the *Partnership For Safe Water* program or if you have any questions concerning this Press Release, you may contact David Reinertsen, Assistant Manager or David Payne, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor at 970-434-7328.