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OC San Receives Cal/VPP STAR Certification

Fountain Valley, CA - The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) is excited to announce that we are the proud recipient of the Cal/VPP STAR certification under the State of California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA's) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP).

OC San has been striving to receive this certification for several years and underwent comprehensive annual audits to qualify for the program. OC San not only received this recognition, but due to our diligence we have earned STAR status, which is the highest level an organization can receive. The program is one of several Cal/OSHA cooperative programs that encourage private and public sector efforts to improve occupational safety and health. Through VPP, Cal/OSHA recognizes workplaces with excellent safety and health management systems and promotes them as model workplaces.

“Achieving VPP demonstrates to our employees, contract partners, industry, and community that OC San is committed to safety and health leadership. OC San strives to be a model workplace, that creates a cooperative safety and health partnership of management, labor, and Cal/OSHA for the benefit of all parties,” stated Rob Thompson, General Manager.

To qualify for VPP, applicants must have in place an effective safety and health management system that meets rigorous performance-based criteria. In addition, applicants must meet all relevant Cal/OSHA standards. Cal/OSHA verifies qualifications through a comprehensive onsite review process. VPP participants are re-evaluated every three years to remain in the program.

About OC San

OC San is a public agency that provides wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling for approximately 2.6 million people in central and northwest Orange County. OC San is a special district that is governed by a 25- member Board of Directors composed of 20 cities, four special districts, and one representative from the Orange County Board of Supervisors. OC San has two operating facilities that treat wastewater from residential, commercial, and industrial sources. For more information, please visit www.ocsan.gov.

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