

The Industrial Waste Program's 2007 Commitment-to-Compliance Award winners below:



Avtech staff receives KCIW's Commitment-to-Compliance award.

L. to r.; James Jennings, facilities supervisor, Barbara Badger, KCIW compliance investigator; Steve Kern, vice president of operations; Heng Tek, chromate specialist.

Avtech Corp., Seattle

Since 1969 Avtech Corp., Seattle has been a leader in the design, development, and manufacture of electronic systems for the aerospace industry. Avtech's products are flying onboard 42 aircraft types within the air transport, regional commuter, and business jet sectors, serving 450 customers in 49 countries of the world.

Nearly every part that the company fabricates goes through the chromate process to get a decorative finish, producing wastewater that the facility pretreats before sending to the county sewer system. Heng Tek, Avtech's chromate specialist, maintains a display of KCIW Gold Awards demonstrating the facility's attention, over the years, to quality control.

In 2002-03 Avtech participated in the Washington State Department of Ecology's voluntary program, the Cleaner Production Challenge. Its participation allowed the company to reduce sludge by 74 percent one year and by another 50 percent the following year and wastewater by 40 percent. Avtech has also formed an employee Environmental Health and Safety Committee that successfully carries out a variety of initiatives including recycling and hazardous waste reduction.

Boeing Commercial Airplane Group – Renton:

In 2007 the facility became one of only eight industrial users to have won the Commitment-to-Compliance award twice - and the second winner to achieve this level of compliance twice consecutively, demonstrating perfect compliance with industrial waste regulations for 10 years running.

The Renton team has truly proven itself an environmental leader, winning the County's top industrial pretreatment awards. The facility won KCIW's EnvirOvation Award in 2001 and King County's Green Globe Award (for Leader in Industrial Waste Reduction) in 2003. The group has voluntarily implemented innovative pollution prevention strategies, significantly updated its pretreatment equipment and methods, and reduced the amount of industrial waste it discharges to the county sewer system.

More about Boeing Commercial Airplane Group Renton

The Renton team has truly proven itself an environmental leader, not only by achieving this record in compliance, but by also winning the Industrial Waste Program's top environmental awards:

In 2001 the Boeing Commercial Airplane Group - Renton facility won KCIW's EnvirOvation Award as it completed a major upgrade to its wastewater treatment plant, resulting in a 25 percent reduction of the chemicals used to treat the water. The facility had also reduced groundwater infiltration to the sewer system by 50 percent.

In 2003 the Boeing group was awarded one of King County's top Green Globe environmental awards – the Green Globe Award for Leader in Industrial Waste Reduction. The group won for voluntarily implementing innovative pollution prevention strategies, significantly updating its pretreatment equipment and methods, and significantly reducing the amount of industrial waste it discharged to the King County sewer system.



BP staff receives KCIW's Commitment-to-Compliance award.
L. to r.: Sammy Makalena, terminal manager; Jerry Charlshe, engineer and Barbara Badger, KCIW compliance investigator.

BP Products North America Inc.:

A second-time winner of KCIW's Commitment-to-Compliance award, this facility takes impressive measures to prevent pollution. The bulk fuel terminal, located on Seattle's Harbor Island, receives gas and diesel fuel and stores it before it is trucked out. The company takes residual water from the bottom of storage tanks and extensively filters it prior to discharging into the county's sewer system. With built-in secondary containment, the facility also works closely with City of Seattle on stormwater drainage. Terminal Manager Sammy Makalena says, "We are just doing our job and protecting the environment."



Glacier staff receives KCIW's Commitment-to-Compliance award.
From l. to r.: Chad Manring; Kenmore operations; Sean Fant; Glacier's Everett site superintendent; Scott Nicholson; aggregates general manager Washington division; Gerald Nielsen, Kenmore shop manager; Mike Brown, Kenmore operations; Zach

Crawford, Kenmore operations; Mark Leatham vice president/general manager of Washington operations; Brent Nordyke, Kenmore site superintendent; John Downes Kenmore foreman; Matt Hinck, environmental manager Washington division; Terry Anderson, Kenmore operations; Andy Sullivan, Kenmore operations; Jared Alseth Kenmore operations; Mike Moore, safety manager Washington division; Jeff Zurcher, assistant superintendent, Pioneer Aggregates ; Michael Wagy, concrete general manager Washington division.

Glacier Northwest's Inc.:

Glacier Northwest's Inc.'s motto is "Expect More...We Deliver," and with a second Commitment-to-Compliance award its Kenmore Ready-Mix Plant is meeting that standard. Employees take environmental compliance seriously at this facility where operators apply environmental best management practices on a daily basis. The facility reuses the majority of its wastewater in its ready-mix process.