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IEUA Commends Industry Compliance Excellence

Recognizing Wastewater Discharge Industries with 36 Certificates of Compliance Dedication for the 2022 Calendar Year

INLAND EMPIRE, CA –The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency), Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts (LACSD), Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), and member agencies, proudly recognized a distinguished group of industries for achieving exceptional 100% permit compliance in Wastewater Discharge throughout Calendar Year 2022.

IEUA, in collaboration with LACSD and SAWPA, jointly permits Significant Industrial Users (SIUs) discharging to the <u>Non-Reclaimable Wastewater System</u> (NRWS) and <u>Inland Empire Brine Line</u> (Brine Line). The industries were formally recognized at the IEUA Board meeting on November 15, 2023, as 36 Certificates of Recognition for Compliance were presented, celebrating the dedication of these industries to environmental responsibility and strict regulatory adherence.

These industries are SIUs, which are defined by federal regulations as industries discharging 25,000 gallons or more per day of process wastewater, contributing a process waste stream comprising 5% or more of the average dry weather hydraulic or organic capacity of the treatment plant, or having a reasonable potential to adversely affect the treatment plant.

The discharge requirements for SIUs, specified in the Code of Federal Regulations, exceed local limits for other industries. Moreover, many SIUs must operate pretreatment systems to ensure satisfactory treatment and maintain consistent compliance.

"Recognizing these challenges and the dedication required in a highly regulated environment, we commend the industries for their environmental stewardship efforts," stated Marco Tule, IEUA Board President. "IEUA's management of discharge operations enhances the ability of the Agency's water recycling plants to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements, protects the environment, and helps maintain efficient wastewater treatment operations. IEUA's commitment to 100% permit compliance reflects not only maintaining responsible practices but also is a promise to safeguard our community's water resources for generations to come."

The following 13 Regional System SIUs, 20 NRWS industries, and three Brine Line industries were celebrated for their commitment to compliance:

Regional Sewer System Industries

- Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Blue Triton Brands, Inc.
- Coca Cola Company, Ontario Syrup Plant

- Envision Plastics Industries
- Forbes Industries
- Invapharm, Inc.
- Jewlland-Freya Health Sciences, LLC
- Net Shapes, Inc.
- Parco, LLC
- Refresco Beverages US, Inc.
- Schlosser Forge Company
- Scott Brothers Dairy
- Vorteq Pacific

NRWS Industries

- California Steel Industries
- Cintas Corporation
- City of Chino
- City of Ontario
- Coca Cola Company, Ontario Syrup Plant
- Crothall Laundry Services, Inc.
- Danco Metal Surfacing
- Indorama Ventures Sustainable Solutions Fontana, Inc.
- K-Pure Waterworks
- Mizkan Americas, Inc.
- Monte Vista Water District
- New-Indy Ontario, LLC
- Niagara Bottling
- Pacific Forge, Inc.
- Linde, Inc.
- Inland Empire Utilities Agency (Regional Plant No. 1)
- Refresco Beverages US, Inc.
- Sierra Aluminum, Inc.
- Veolia WTS Services USA, Inc.
- Ventura Foods

Brine Line Industries

- California Institution for Women
- Eastside Water Treatment Plant (City of Chino)
- OLS Energy

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The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency) is an innovative, forward-thinking Agency serving 242-square miles in western San Bernardino County. The Agency is committed to supporting the needs of its service area and safeguarding

public health through its significant investments in developing a diversified water supply portfolio, developing reliable municipal/industrial wastewater collection and treatment services, and other related utility services in a regionally planned and cost-effective manner. IEUA's mission ensures long-term success for the region and its customer agencies which include Chino, Chino Hills, Cucamonga Valley Water District, Fontana, Fontana Water Company, Montclair, Monte Vista Water District, Ontario, San Antonio Water Company, Upland, and West Valley Water District.