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Grand Gorge Wastewater Treatment Plant Receives State Award For Excellence

Commissioner Christopher O. Ward of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced today that DEP's Grand Gorge Wastewater Treatment Plant in Roxbury, Delaware County, has been selected by the State Department of Environmental Conservation to receive the Andrew M. Weist O&M Excellence Award.

The award will be presented at the plant in a brief ceremony on Thursday at 10:00 A.M.

The award is presented each year to municipal wastewater treatment facilities in New York State which demonstrate excellent compliance records and have outstanding operations, maintenance and management programs.

"We're very pleased to receive this award," said Commissioner Ward. "It shows that we have some of the best and most dedicated treatment plant operators in the state, and it demonstrates the City's commitment to keeping its watershed clean."

Grand Gorge was upgraded in August 1997 at a cost of \$30 million. The facility's process includes preliminary treatment, primary settling, rotating biological contactors, secondary settling, tertiary filtration, micro-filtration, ultraviolet disinfection, post-aeration, solids handling, odor control, and a 5,500 gallon daily septage receiving program.

The plant has been owned and operated by the DEP since the 1920s. It currently serves Grand Gorge but in less than a year, when a sewage force main is completed, it will also serve Roxbury. Roxbury had originally been scheduled to receive its own new sewage treatment plant under the 1997 Watershed Memorandum of Agreement, but that arrangement was modified to divert wastewater from Roxbury to the plant at Grand Gorge.

All equipment and processes are contained within a single building approximately 290 feet long by 214 feet wide (62,060 sq. ft.). The capacity of the facility is 500,000 gallons per day. The actual average daily flow in the year 2003 was 145,000 gallons per day. Roxbury is expected to add about 100,000 gallons per day when connected.

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