

# News



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## **ASA Recognized for Environmental Excellence**

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced that the Alexandria Sanitation Authority has been accepted as an Exemplary Environmental Enterprise participant in the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program. ASA is one of 8 water reclamation plants in the commonwealth to receive such an honor.

In reaching this milestone, ASA had to demonstrate its action plan and environmental management system that systematically handle its environmental and health safety issues. By meeting its action plan, ASA will not only reduce the amount of nutrients in its reclaimed water, but will carry out numerous other pollution prevention activities, such as reducing energy consumption, purchasing less toxic chemicals, and building a rain garden.

“We are deeply honored by this latest recognition by the DEQ. Once again, this was a team effort by ASA’s team. They are dedicated to not only a greener, safer environment, but excellence in all they do. I am proud to be a part of this great team,” said Karen Pallansch, ASA General Manager.

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