



PALM BAY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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### **Palm Bay Water Treatment Facility Receives National Recognition**

**Palm Bay, Florida** – The American Membrane Technology Association (AMTA) recently recognized the City of Palm Bay's South Regional Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Facility with its 2011 Membrane Facility Award. The utility was presented with the honor at the 2011 AMTA/SEDA Joint Conference and Exposition held in Miami Beach on July 20, 2011.

Palm Bay Utilities Department (PBUD) was recognized for its forward thinking policies in the management of its state-of-the-art water treatment facility including their creative use of off-peak power to maximize available resources. The organization was acknowledged also for its enlistment of local volunteers to actively advance the development of licensed operators.

AMTA's purpose is to promote, advocate and advance the understanding and application of membrane technology to create safe, affordable and reliable water supplies, and to treat municipal, industrial, agricultural and waste waters for beneficial use. The organization's membership includes over 700 organizations and individuals from the United States and other countries. Categories of membership include public and regulatory agencies, industrial users, water suppliers, manufacturers, equipment suppliers, consultants, engineers and academia.

In 2010, the same facility was recognized with a regional award from the Southeast Desalting Association (SEDA), an affiliate of AMTA.

"This recognition acknowledges the efforts of our entire team, especially our water treatment operators, laboratory personnel, distribution operators and maintenance staff who work hard to ensure our facilities and infrastructure are operating safely, efficiently and effectively," said Utilities Director Jason Yarborough.

*Palm Bay Utilities Department provides drinking water, wastewater and reclaimed water services for the City of Palm Bay. PBUD has two utilities campuses – the Troutman Utilities Campus and the South Regional Utilities Campus. These combined treatment facilities can produce up to 15.5 million gallons of highly treated potable water per day. PBUD can also treat 5.2 million gallons of wastewater per day. In 2008, the organization became the first public or private utility in the state of Florida to have its water and wastewater facilities certified under the ISO 14001:2004 environmental management standard. As a result of environmental management programs put in place since 2008, the utility has experienced an almost 37% reduction in energy costs associated with water and wastewater treatment.*

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