



# Best of Pollution Prevention

The Water Authority recognizes 'Burque businesses and organizations for their efforts in 2009 to curb water pollution

## Award of Excellence

### New Mexico Veterans Administration Health Care System

The New Mexico Veterans Administration has in place **Best Management Practices** that go above and beyond our regulatory requirements. This award recognizes the VA's efforts to reduce waste and water use and to minimize adverse effects on the environment. The VA has established a reverse distribution system for expired and unused in-patient pharmaceuticals; maintains a sophisticated electronic inventory system to track supplies and chemicals from time of receipt to final disposal, adhering to correct storage and disposal procedures for hazardous materials; and utilizes sustainable practices to eliminate, minimize, or mitigate adverse environmental impacts.

## Pollution Prevention Awardees

*For reduction of pollutants released into the sewer collection system and subsequently discharged into the Rio Grande.*

Academy Corporation	Hodges Automotive Repair	Rio Grande Zoo Veterinary Hospital
Academy Precision Materials	Honeywell Defense and Space Electronic Systems	Senheiser New Mexico LLC
Analytical Solutions	J.D. Halle, D.D.S.	Starline Printing
Auto Alley	Jess Muños Auto Body Incorporated	Theta Plate Incorporated
Cottonwood Mall Family Dental Center	Lovelace Women's Hospital	Uptown Park Family Dental Clinic
Marifer Martinez-Lujan, D.D.S.	New Mexico VA Health Care System	UNM Biology Department
Hall Environmental Analysis Laboratory	OSO BioPharmaceutical Manufacturing LLC	UNM Chemical Engineering Department
Heart Hospital of New Mexico		UNM General Chemistry Department

## 5PPM Silver Reduction Awardees

*Silver, an antimicrobial agent, is necessary for certain industrial processes but can kill the naturally occurring and symbiotic bacteria and single-celled plants vital to the Rio Grande's ecosystem. The following companies have taken steps to reduce silver contamination in their wastewater to five parts per million.*

Bilaganna's Fine Arts	Inca Silver and Gold	Relios Incorporated
Boston Brass	Indian Jewelers Supply	Sam's Club Photo Center
Costco Wholesale Photo Centers	Kabana Incorporated	Smith's Food and Drug Photo Center
CVS Photo Centers	Kiddie Kandids	Sundancer Jewelry Incorporated
Dakota West Designs	Kim Jew Photography	Sunwest Silver Incorporated
Designs by Sanel	Metropolitan Forensic Science Center	Target Photo Center
Five Star Jewelry Company	Nakai Trading Company	Walgreen's Photo Center
Hutch's Casting Company	Picture Perfect	Walmart Photo Center
	Quoc Turquoise Incorporated	

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