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## ESG/PERRY PROJECT RECEIVES “PLANT OF THE YEAR SAFETY AWARD”

DULUTH, GA (OCTOBER 22, 2008)—On September 23, 2008, representatives from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) toured the City of Perry, Georgia Wastewater Treatment Plant for consideration for the “Plant of the Year Safety Award.” ESG is proud to announce that the Perry Project was selected as the winner. The GAWP inspector stated “Not only were you selected as the winner, you were the most improved since our last inspection in 2007.”

The following areas of the Perry Wastewater Treatment Plant were inspected:

- Written and Implemented Safety Program
- Monthly and Weekly Training Records
- Chemical Handling and Containment
- Hoist Safety
- Fire Protection
- Emergency Response Planning and Training
- Confined Space Program
- Lock Out Tag Out Program
- Fall Protection
- CPR and First Aid Training Program
- Hearing Protection Program
- Respiratory Program
- PPE
- Compressed Gas Program
- Lab Safety
- Machine Guard Program
- Hazard Communication
- Chlorine Safety
- Groundskeeping
- Vehicle Inspection and Safety
- Safety Signage

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Following the inspection, the GAWP provided several additional ideas that the Perry Project will consider in taking the ESG safety program to yet another level. Having the GAWP review the ESG safety program and make comments for improvements is one of the many advantages of participating in this safety review.

ESG Operations, Inc. is committed to providing a safe workplace. “Employee safety is a key core value of ESG. The Company will never—EVER—knowingly risk the safety of any employee. There is no task, role or individual above safety in the organization. The employees with ESG/Perry exemplify this philosophy. The total commitment to personal safety ESG/Perry employees demonstrate on a daily basis has directly translated into a safer work environment, a GAWP safety award, but equally as important—the most improved designation,” states Darrel West, Corporate Safety Director.

Randy Engram (PSTL) and Darrel West have been very instrumental in making the ESG safety program what it is today, and the ESG/Perry team is very grateful for their leadership and support. Over the past year Darrel West has helped complete and implement several programs including Chemical Handling, Hearing Protection, Compressed Gases, along with several other programs. Staff members are preparing more Job Safety Analyses (JSAs) and participating in safety drills and in-house competitions to increase safety awareness.

The award will be presented at the GAWP Fall Conference in Dalton, Georgia on November 18, 2008.

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