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NORTHWEST PIPE ADELANTO EARNS EXEMPLAR AWARD

Company edges out five other nominees for MDAQMD's top honor

VICTORVILLE — Northwest Pipe Company in Adelanto was recognized this week with Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District's prestigious Exemplar Award.

The award is presented annually to entities or individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the prevention and/or control of air pollution within the District's numerous communities. MDAQMD Executive Director Brad Poiriez presented the award to Northwest Pipe officials at the District's regular Governing Board meeting on Monday.

"Northwest Pipe Company is on the leading edge of a growing movement of social responsibility and environmental sustainability that aims to protect our fragile environment for future generations," Poiriez said. "The company strives to reduce its impact on people and the environment through all phases of their manufacturing activities by seeking methods to control pollutants in storm water runoff and air emissions, and to minimize waste."

One of the ways the company benefits the environment is inherent to the products it produces: steel is readily recycled. According to the Steel Recycling Institute, steel is North America's most recycled material, with more recycled annually than paper, plastic, aluminum and glass combined. In fact, the company manufactures their pipe with a combination of raw and recycled materials.

"Northwest Pipe Company's Adelanto facility has been a fixture here in the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District for more than 30 years, employing approximately 130 personnel, most of whom are residents of the Air District," said Bruce Akana, Operations Manager at Northwest Pipe. "Northwest Pipe Adelanto is uniquely committed to being a responsible employer and community member by following our core values of Accountability, Commitment, and Teamwork (ACT). We thank MDAQMD for this recognition, and appreciate our employees who made it possible. We gladly accept the Exemplar Award with pride."

Members of the public nominate entities and/or individuals for the annual Exemplar Award. Northwest Pipe distinguished themselves from local, highly deserving nominees for the 2018-19 award year with their commitment to the environment and their employees.

MDAQMD is the air pollution control authority and permitting agency for the High Desert portion of San Bernardino County and the Palo Verde Valley in Riverside County. It's governed by a board of 13 members representing nine incorporated municipalities and two counties within its boundaries. Visit mdaqmd.ca.gov or follow @MDAQMD on social media.

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