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Hutchinson Environmental Manager John Paulson receives Excellence in Service Award from CGMC

ST. PAUL—John Paulson, the project/environmental/regulatory manager for the city of Hutchinson, was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 29 during the Coalition's summer conference in Alexandria for his excellence in service to Greater Minnesota.

The Excellence in Service Award is given annually to city leaders who demonstrate knowledge, leadership and active participation in CGMC program areas over the past year.

As an experienced municipal wastewater operator and vice president of the Minnesota Environmental Science and Economic Review Board (MESERB), Paulson is a key advisor for CGMC on matters related to wastewater facilities. In recent years, he has participated in numerous stakeholder groups and testified at legislative hearings on water-quality regulations and other environmental issues that impact Greater Minnesota cities. With his first-hand experience and strong connections to other municipal wastewater industry professionals, Paulson provides invaluable guidance to the CGMC as the organization shapes its legislative priorities and goals related to tackling emerging pollutants, obtaining state funding to upgrade ailing facilities, and other water quality concerns.

"John gets the big picture when it comes to keeping our state's waters clean," said Greg Zylka, mayor of Little Falls and president of the CGMC. "He understands that what happens in one city impacts cities all across the state, so it is important for communities to come together to fight for fair, responsible and effective environmental regulations. John may know all the best wastewater jokes, but he is serious about clean water and works hard to make sure cities have a seat at the table as the state sets new water-quality standards."

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing more than 100 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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