



Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District

# Press Release

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## **Kishwaukee WRD Receives National Utility of the Future Today Award**

The Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District (KWRD), the sanitary sewer and wastewater treatment authority for the City of DeKalb, the Village of Malta, Northern Illinois University, Kishwaukee College, and surrounding unincorporated areas, is proud to announce it has been recognized with the 2022 Utility of the Future Today award for its commitment to energy generation and recovery. This is the first time KWRD has received this honor.

This award acknowledges wastewater utilities engaged in transformational work in watershed stewardship, community engagement, energy efficiency, and resource recovery. KWRD's application highlighted its combined heat & power (CHP) engines it uses to produce its own electrical power from the resources in the sewage it receives. KWRD can produce up to 125% of the electrical power it utilizes and pushes the balance back to the public grid.

The Water Environment Federation (WEF), the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), WaterReuse, the Water Research Foundation (WERF), and the U.S. Water Alliance, and their advisory partners, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Department of Energy (DOE), recognized KWRD at an award ceremony at WEFTEC 2022 in New Orleans on October 11, 2022. KWRD's Executive Director, Mark Eddington accepted the award on behalf of KWRD.

*"Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District is proud to be recognized along with several other leaders in the clean water industry. We feel our efforts to ensure environmental and financial sustainability will deliver value to our ratepayers and the environment."*

Kishwaukee WRD is one of 34 utilities in the United States, and the only utility from Illinois, to receive this award in 2022.

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*KWRD was established in 1928 and operates one of the most technologically advanced and environmentally impactful facilities in the Midwest. Please visit [kishwrld.com](http://kishwrld.com) to Learn about our commitment to protecting public health and the environment and how you can help.*