

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**ARROW CREEK WATER TREATMENT PLANT HONOURED
FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS ADDRESSING PUBLIC
HEALTH & COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

VANCOUVER, March 15, 2006 – Innovative solutions which addressed both public health and community concerns were recently honoured when CH2M HILL, a local full-service engineering, construction, and operations firm was awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Award of Excellence from the Consulting Engineers of British Columbia for the Arrow Creek Water Treatment Plant in Erickson.

Arrow Creek is a state-of-the-art, 30ML/d plant that serves 7,000 users in southeastern British Columbia. This \$9.3 million project was completed seven percent under budget and began operations in October 2005.

The contentious project ended a decade-long water dispute that had thrown Erickson into the national spotlight after two outbreaks of giardiasis. Local officials opposed adding chemicals to treat water supplies. CH2M HILL was hired in 2001 to resolve the dispute.

CH2M HILL worked with the province and public to find an engineering solution that would protect public health and the wishes of the community. The solution was a unique combination of new, simple processes – membrane filtration and ultraviolet disinfection. The public voted with overwhelming majority in favour of CH2M HILL's proposed solution and construction began in 2002.

"I believe CH2M HILL's approach to the public information part of this process was a huge factor in educating those misinformed and calmed the fears of most when explaining the science of water treatment," said John Kettle, Chairman of the Arrow Creek Water Commission. "By working with us elected officials and by the process of educating the public it allowed for the introduction of a truly innovative engineering solution, which addressed both our critical public health issues and our community concerns."

The firm was responsible for all aspects of engineering including, planning, pilot testing, design and services during construction and commissioning.

The Consulting Engineers of British Columbia is a business organization that represents and provides assistance to consulting engineering firms. The Awards of Engineering Excellence celebrate technical excellence and recognize innovation in engineering.

Headquartered in Denver, employee-owned CH2M HILL is a global firm providing engineering, construction, operations, and related technical services to public and private clients. With more than \$3 billion in revenue, CH2M HILL is an industry leading program management, construction management for fee, and design firm, as ranked by Engineering-News Record (2005). The firm's work is concentrated in the areas of transportation, water, energy, environment, communications, construction, and industrial facilities. Recognized in 2006 as one of FORTUNE magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For" and a "Most Admired Company," CH2M HILL has more than 18,000 employees in regional offices worldwide. The Vancouver office opened in 1970 and its 120 employees are involved in projects such as the Sea-To-Sky Highway upgrade, the design-build of the Golden Ears Bridge, the design of the Lulu Island Wastewater Treatment Plant and stormwater management for the sustainable community on Burnaby Mountain.

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