## News Release

## GCA recognized with an Industrial Treatment Plant of the year award from WEAT

HOUSTON, May 2018 -- Gulf Coast Authority's (GCA) Washburn Tunnel Wastewater Treatment Facility (WT) was recognized by the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) with the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year Award. The award was presented at the annual WEAT meeting in San Antonio. Present to accept the award were Phyllis Frank, WT Facility Manager; Scott Harris, Chief Operating Officer; Frank Jones, Chairman of the GCA Board of Directors; and Mark Schultz, GCA Board Member.

GCA was recognized with the award for consistent outstanding performance of daily activities beyond the normal call of duty. The Washburn Tunnel Facility is a regional treatment facility that treats the waste from: multiple industrial plants and one municipality via pipelines, one industrial plant via barge and the Vince Bayou Receiving Station (VBRS) via pipeline which accepts primarily septic tank and portable toilet wastewaters. Chemical disinfection is achieved using peracetic acid (PAA). At the time of commissioning in 2016, WT's PAA disinfection system was the largest system operating in the US.

