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CITY OF MERIDIAN RECOGNIZES THREE LOCAL RESTAURANTS FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Meridian, ID – (October 8, 2014) Three Meridian restaurants received the City of Meridian's 2014 Food Service Establishment Excellence Award for demonstrating environmental stewardship by preventing pollution and managing wastewater discharge.

The new awards program was launched this year by the City of Meridian. It recognizes restaurants and other food service establishments for consistently demonstrating pollution prevention and preventing oil and grease from entering the sanitary sewer system, which can potentially cause blockages and service disruptions. Three local restaurants have been recognized with this award.

This year's recipients were Steve's Café (2483 E Fairview Ave.), Chick-fil-A (2012 N Eagle Rd.) and all five McDonald's in Meridian.

"We inspect about 380 restaurants a year, and these businesses rose to the top of our list for their success in preventing oil and grease from entering the city's sanitary sewer system," said Randy Elliott, Pretreatment Inspector. "Fats, cooking oils and grease are hot water soluble. They solidify in wastewater lines, and can create messy clogs and backups – and expensive clean up bills."

"We want to thank Steve's Café, Chick-fil-A and McDonald's for their sustained focus on best management practices. From kitchen operations to grease interceptor maintenance, they exhibit real leadership," said City of Meridian Pretreatment Manager Steve Maneck. "These businesses showcase the responsible corporate leadership that helps to protect our precious natural resources."

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The City of Meridian is located in the center of the Treasure Valley in southwest Idaho. Founded in 1893 and incorporated as a city in 1903, Meridian is now one of Idaho's largest and fastest growing communities. Meridian is cited by Money Magazine as one of its Top 50 Best Places to Live, and by America's Promise Alliance and ING as one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People. For more information, visit www.meridiancity.org.

1. Photo Title: Steves Café (L-R: Randy Elliot, City of Meridian, Steven A Vincelli, Manager/Owner; Daniel LeComte, Executive Chef)



2. Photo Title: Chick-fil-A (L-R: Randy Elliot, City of Meridian, Brad Miles, Operator; Amy Miles, Marketing Director)



3. Photo Title: McDonald's (L-R: Randy Elliot, City of Meridian; Rick Darmody, Owner/Manager)

