



# The Ocean County Utilities Authority

Helping to Preserve the Water Resources of Ocean and Southern Monmouth Counties in the State of New Jersey

## Award Winning Facilities Tour



Pictured from left to right (front row) David W. Stupar, Director, Information Services, William J. Demand, Director, Finance, Richard M. Warren, Executive Director, Tariq M.S. Siddiqui, Director, Engineering and Construction. Back row: Commissioner Richard L. Work, Commissioner Robert Toscan, Secretary F. Frank Sadeghi, Treasurer Daniel J. Hennessy, Commissioner Watson F. Pharo, Chairman John C. Parker, Commissioner Carol A. Scull and Robert M. Shertenlieb, Manager, Northern Division.

**November 10, 2010** – The OCUA has received numerous awards throughout the years for its excellence in protecting and preserving our area's vital environment. To help recognize these achievements, members of management and the Board of Commissioners recently toured each of the Ocean County Utilities Authority's award winning facilities. Transportation was provided by the Ocean County Department of Transportation Services – Ocean Ride program and stops were made at the Authority's Southern, Central and Northern Water Pollution Control Facilities along with its Ortley Beach site.

Each year the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) *Peak Performance Awards Program* recognizes NACWA member agency facilities for outstanding compliance of their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit limits. Since 1989 the OCUA has received 47 Platinum Awards and 49 Gold and Silver Awards from NACWA – ranking it as one of the most accomplished wastewater treatment facilities in the United States.

Additionally the OCUA's biosolids program was also selected as a first place winner by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2007 National Clean Water Recognition Award Program for its production and marketing of its organic fertilizer, OCEANGRO™. Since 1997, more than 112,000 tons of OCEANGRO™ have been successfully manufactured and beneficially reused and has been featured on the History Channel's show *Modern Marvels*.