



2010 EnviroGuard Company Profile

United Water Idaho

United Water Idaho, part of Suez Environment, is committed to environmental protection, conservation, and sustainability as written in their Environmental Charter and demonstrated at their facilities. United Water Idaho provides nearly 240,000 citizens in the Treasure Valley with safe, clean and reliable water service. Millions of dollars are spent annually to keep up with the changing state and federal drinking water standards. Some of those projects include:

- Sequestering treatment to reduce the aesthetic effects of manganese in the Hilton well;
- Employed a greensand filtration system, which uses silica sand core with manganese dioxide coating that is fused to the sand to remove manganese;
- Eliminated the need to use phosphate to sequester manganese, preventing 5,860 pounds of inorganic phosphate from entering the water treatment plant, and saving \$20,500 a year in chemical purchases;
- Conducts a customer education campaign every summer that emphasizes water conservation and distributes free water-savings kits to customers;
- Support community efforts/organizations that promote clean water and conservation;
- Created an in-house Sustainability Working Group to identify other green business practices United Water Idaho could implement such as Energy Star equipment, high-efficiency light fixtures, improved chemical storage and usage, reduced vehicle trips, etc.;
- Installed electrical sub-metering equipment on all wells in the system to track and improve energy efficiency; and
- Installed a low-water landscape demonstration garden at their facility.