

SPLASH SHOT

■ The 31st annual Operations Challenge featured several new faces. Eleven new teams joined the fray from the U.S., Canada, and South America. This included the first-ever all-female team, Charlie's Angels from the Water Environment Association of South Carolina (shown here). In total, a record-high of 44 elite wastewater teams met at the New Orleans Morial Convention Center for the ultimate test of their skills.

The competitors learned not to mess with Texas. Two teams representing the Water Environment Association of Texas, the Trinity River Authority (TRA; Arlington) CREWSers and the North Richland Hills Water Poeseidons, took first place in Division 1 and Division 2, respectively.

The December issue of *Water Environment & Technology* will include a special section detailing the results and more stories from the competition. Kieffer Photography



