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HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

Detailed criteria are provided for each award. Prepare materials as indicated. Remember, each award has different criteria. Unless otherwise stated, all awards go to Members.

Complete the appropriate Awards Nomination Form and submit to the attention of the Awards Committee through the Executive Office (address below) by the deadline indicated. All nominations must be fully documented with supporting material, including a photo and 150-word biography/write-up. The Executive Office will then distribute the nomination material to the Awards Committee.

The NYWEA Awards Committee is continually soliciting candidates for Association and Federation Awards. The Federation Awards are covered in a separate publication which is part of the NYWEA Awards Kit, or it can be obtained from the Federation Awards Division at (703) 684-2429.

All Association Award recipients will automatically be considered for nomination for the equivalent Federation Award.

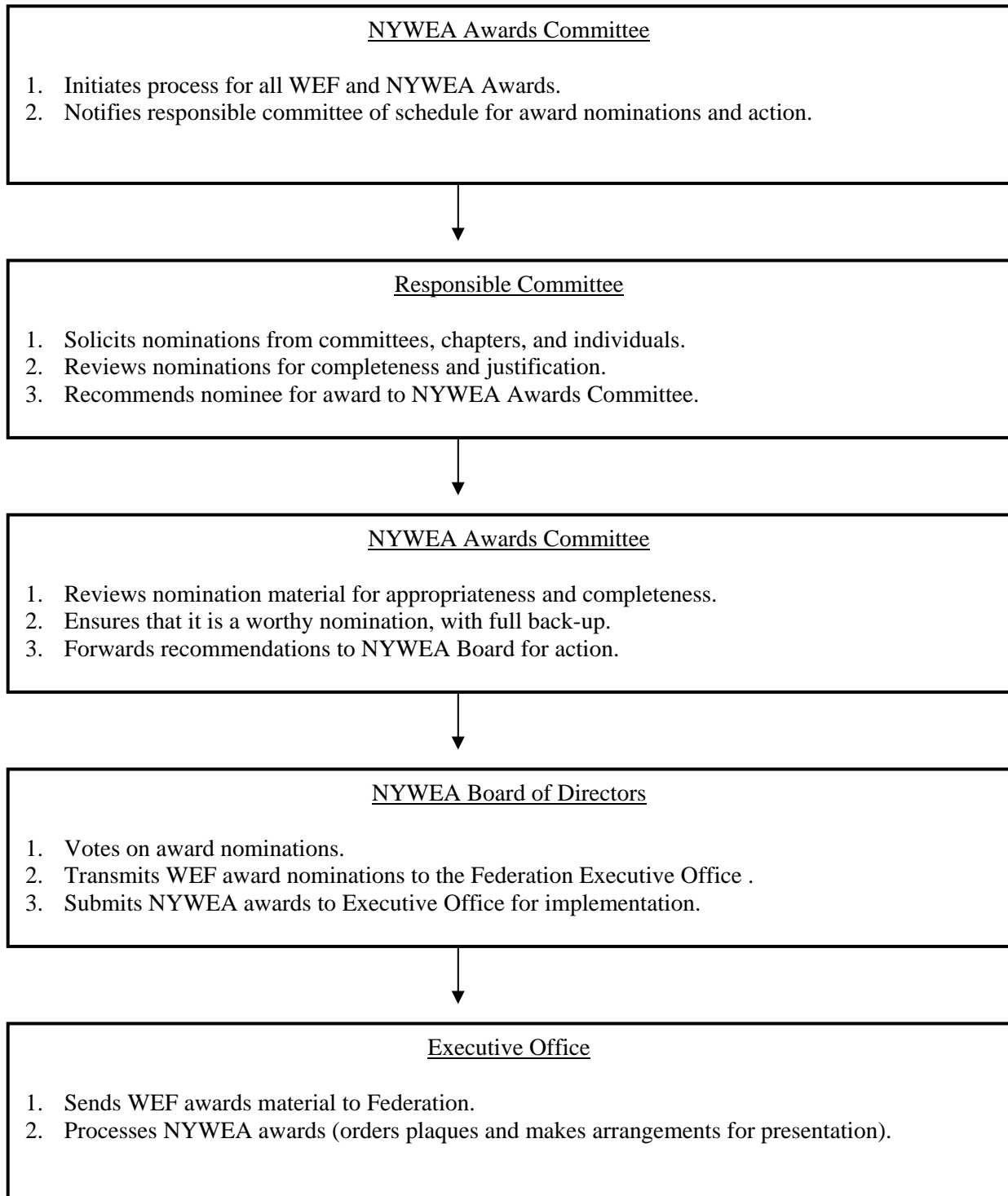
Any member of the NYWEA who has made significant contributions to the Association, the water environment field, wastewater facilities design, or operation may be considered for an award.

If you have any questions regarding the selection process for Association awards, please contact the Awards Committee or the Executive Office.

NYWEA AWARDS COMMITTEE

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WEF & NYWEA AWARDS PROCESS



LIST OF NYWEA AWARDS

The following Committees are responsible for soliciting, reviewing and recommending awards to the NYWEA Awards Committee:

<u>NYWEA AWARD</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE</u>
Association Service Awards	
John Chester Brigham Award	Awards Committee
Robert M. MacCrea Award	Awards Committee
Young Professionals Service Award	Young Professionals Committee
Board of Directors Service Award	N/A
Retiring Committee Service Recognition	Board of Directors
Outstanding Student Service Award	Student Committee
Association Student Chapter Service Award	Student Committee
Beneficial Use of Biosolids Award	Residuals and Biosolids Committee
Elected Official Awards	
Nelson A. Rockefeller Award	Executive Committee
Frank E. Van Lare Award	Executive Committee
Environmental Science & Management Award	
Emmeline Moore Award	Awards Committee
Environmental Science Award	Environmental Science Committee
Environmental Engineer Award	Awards Committee
Golden Manhole Association	
Municipal and Industrial Achievement Awards	
Municipal Achievement Award	Awards Committee
Industrial Achievement Award	Industrial Wastewater Committee
Membership Recruitment Awards	
Most New Student Members	Membership Committee
Most New Members (Excluding Students)	Membership Committee
Greatest Number of New Members-Chapter (Excluding Students)	Membership Committee
Net Growth – Chapter (Excluding Students)	Membership Committee
Membership Recruitment Pins	N/A
Public Education Award	Public Education Committee
Safety Awards	
Ernest R. Carroll Safety Award	Safety Committee
Collection Systems Safety Award	Safety Committee
Alfred J. Schmidt Wastewater Treatment Facility Safety Award	Safety Committee

NYWEA AWARD

Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers

Technical Papers Award

Kenneth Allen Memorial Award

Linn H. Enslow Memorial Award

Charles Agar Memorial Award

Lewis Van Carpenter Memorial Award

Wastewater Facility Operations

Uhl T. Mann Award

Milton T. Hill

Collection System Operation and Maintenance Award

Collection System Operator Award

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE

SSSSS communicates directly with Chapters

Program Committee

Program Committee

Program Committee

Program & Wastewater Facilities Committees

Wastewater Facilities Committee

Wastewater Facilities Committee

Wastewater Collections Committee

Wastewater Collections Committee

LIST OF WEF AWARDS

NYWEA Committees responsible for soliciting and submitting nominations for Water Environment Federation Awards:

<u>WEF AWARD</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE</u>
Arthur Sidney Bedell Award	Awards Committee
Canham Graduate Studies Scholarship	Scholarship Committee
Charles Alvin Emerson Medal	Awards Committee
Collection Systems Award	Collection System Committee
George Bradley Gascoigne Medal	Program Committee
George W. Burke, Jr. Award	Safety Committee
George J. Schroepfer Medal	Awards Committee
Gordon Maskew Fair Medal	Awards Committee
Harry E. Schlenz Medal	Awards Committee
Honorary Membership Award	Awards Committee
Member Association Safety Award	Safety Committee
Outstanding Achievement Award	Public Education Committee
Outstanding Young Water Environment Professional Award	
Philip F. Morgan Medal	Technical Papers/O&M/Awards Committees
Public Education Award	Public Education Committee
Quarter Century Operators' Club Award	Wastewater Facilities Committee
Student Paper Award	Student Committee
Thomas R. Camp Medal	Awards Committee
William D. Hatfield Award	Wastewater Facilities Committee
WRC Travel Fellowship Award	Student Committee

ASSOCIATION SERVICE AWARDS

John Chester Brigham Award

History

This award commemorates the long-time service of John Chester Brigham as Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer of the Association from 1938 to 1958. The award was established in 1972.

Description

Awarded to an Association Member who has shown leadership in Association activities, including committee service, member recruitment, conference organization, or performed some other outstanding service for the association.

Criteria

1. Must be a current member of the New York Water Environment Association.
2. Long-term contribution and commitment to the Association including but not limited to, service as Officer, Director, Committee Chair, Committee Member, Task Force Chair, or Member on the Chapter, Association and Federation level. Note that an individual need not have served in all of these capacities.

Nomination Format

Written narrative no longer than three (3) pages describing service to the Association and Federation on the Chapter, Association and Federation level.

Frequency

No more than two (2) awards presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Awards Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

Note: Federation cross-reference award. See WEF Arthur Sidney Bedell Award.

ASSOCIATION SERVICE AWARDS

Robert M. MacCrea Award

History

This award commemorates the service of Robert M. MacCrea, a manufacturer's or sales representative. Association President in 1975, Mr. MacCrea also served for many years on a variety of committees.

Description

Awarded to a sales representative who has made a significant contribution to the Association. Awarded as merit dictates.

Criteria

1. Must be a manufacturer's or sales representative.
2. Made a significant contribution to the benefit of the Association.
3. Must be a current member of the New York Water Environment Association.

Nomination Format

A maximum of a three (3) page write-up describing the nominee's service to the Association. The write-up must include the following:

1. Service on the Chapter, Association and/or Federation Board.
2. Service as either a Member or Chair of a committee on the Chapter, Association and/or Federation level.
3. Participation and support of Chapter, Association and/or Federation technical meetings and seminars.
4. Organization of Chapter, Association and/or Federation technical meetings and seminars.
5. Contributions to the field of wastewater treatment.

Sample nominations are available from the Executive Office.

Frequency

Awarded as need is recognized. One (1) award presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Awards Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

ASSOCIATION SERVICE AWARDS

Jane Ork Government Affairs Award

History

Named after long time active member Jane Ork, Vice Chair of the NYWEA Government Affairs Committee who died suddenly in June 2007 while still a co-chair of this Committee. Ms. Ork was an employee of the Buffalo Sewer Authority and was very active in Government Affairs work at both the chapter and the State Association Level. Jane was also a member of the Western Chapter Board of Directors.

Description

Awarded to a member who has made substantial and meaningful contributions to help further the mission of the Government Affairs Committee and to advance the recognition and efforts of the New York Water Environment Association in the State Legislature (Senate and Assembly) and among regulatory agencies such as NYSDEC and USEPA.

Frequency

Only one award shall be made per year.

Criteria

Given to a member who has:

1. Assisted in the development of NYWEA positions on specific initiatives that have contributed to better state or federal laws, regulations and/or public policy which are consistent with NYWEA's mission of protecting and enhancing the water environment.
2. Helped to educate others with respect to proposed legislation, regulations and/or public policy which are consistent with NYWEA's mission through networking, speaking at appropriate functions, and/or doing grass root activities.
3. Helped to educate elected and/or appointed officials on environmental programs which are consistent with NYWEA's mission.
4. Provided active support of NYWEA's Government Affairs efforts
5. Promoted local laws, regulations and/or policies which are consistent with NYWEA's mission.

Responsible Committee

6. Government Affairs

Nomination Deadline

October 1

ASSOCIATION SERVICE AWARDS

Young Professionals Service Award

History

This award acknowledges the involvement of a young professional in the Association. The award was established in 2003.

Description

Awarded to an Association Member 35 years of age or younger who has shown leadership and involvement in Association activities. The candidate will have advanced the Young Professionals Committee mission statement:

“To foster participation in NYWEA and increase opportunities for young professionals in the water environment industry by developing interesting programs that provide a forum for networking, continuing education, professional growth, development of leadership skills, and access to the professional community.”

Criteria

1. Must be a current member of the New York Water Environment Association.
2. Must be 35 years of age or younger at the time of nomination.
3. Must demonstrate strong contributions and/or have a leadership role in Chapter or Association activities.

Nomination Format

Written narrative no longer than two (2) pages describing candidate's involvement with the Association on the Chapter, Association or Federation level.

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Young Professionals Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

Note: Federation cross-reference award. See WEF Outstanding Young Water Environment Professional Award.

ASSOCIATION SERVICE AWARDS

Board of Directors Service Award

Description

This award recognizes service on the NYWEA Board of Directors. It is presented at the conclusion of the term of office.

Criteria

1. Service on the Board for one (1) year or more.

Frequency

Awarded annually as terms expire.

Responsible Committee

N/A (automatic award)

Nomination Deadline

N/A (automatic award)

ASSOCIATION SERVICE AWARDS

Retiring Committee Service Recognition

Description

The Retiring Committee Service Recognition was established in 2007 and formalizes recognition made to retiring Committee Chairs. This recognition is given in appreciation to the outgoing Chair(s) for their service, hard work and commitment to further the mission of the NYWEA.

Criteria

This award is automatically granted upon successfully completed leadership term as a committee chair, co-chair or vice-chair.

Frequency

Presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Board of Directors

Nomination Deadline

N/A (automatic award)

ASSOCIATION SERVICE AWARDS

Outstanding Student Service Award

History

This award recognizes the involvement of a Student Member who promotes the New York Water Environment Association on the High School level, Student Chapter level, Professional Chapter level, Association and/or Federation level. The award was established in 2006.

Description

Awarded to an Association Student Member who has shown exceptional leadership and/or involvement in the promotion of NYWEA activities in their High School, NYWEA Student Chapter, Professional Chapter, Association, and/or Federation.

Criteria

1. Must be a Student Member of the New York Water Environment Association.
2. Must have demonstrated exceptional leadership and /or involvement in the promotion of NYWEA activities in their High School, NYWEA Student Chapter, Professional Chapter, Association, and/or the Water Environment Federation.

Nomination Format

Written narrative no longer than two (2) pages describing the candidate's initiative and involvement. The narratives should be accompanied by a letter of support from a High School Guidance Counselor or Student Chapter Advisor or other appropriate reference.

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Student Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

ASSOCIATION SERVICE AWARDS

Association Student Chapter Service Award

History

This award recognizes the involvement of a student in a NYWEA Student Chapter. This award was established in 2006.

Description

Awarded to an Association Student Member who has shown leadership and involvement in a NYWEA Student Chapter. Special emphasis is placed on those students who help to increase activity in the Student Chapters and insure that younger students are getting involved to carry on the activities of the Student Chapter.

Criteria

1. Must be a Student Member of the New York Water Environment Association.
2. Must demonstrate strong contributions and/or have a leadership role in the school's NYWEA Student Chapter.

Nomination Format

Written narrative no longer than two (2) pages describing the candidate's involvement with the NYWEA Student Chapter and related Association Chapter, Association, and/or Federation activities. The narrative should be accompanied by a letter of support from the student chapter advisor or the related department chair, in the case of the absence of the advisor.

Frequency

Normally awarded annually to one (1) Student Member of each of the active student chapters. Also eligible for Outstanding Student Service Award.

Responsible Committee

Student Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

BENEFICIAL USE OF BIOSOLIDS AWARD

Description

Recognizes significant contributions in the development and implementation of cost-effective, environmentally safe, and publicly acceptable biosolids beneficial use practices which recycle nutrients, improve soil conditions, or otherwise conserve valuable natural resources.

Criteria

For operating projects, the two categories are:

1. ≤ 5 mgd
2. > 5 mgd

Categories will be based upon the actual average daily flows and not the design capacity.

If the facility only processes biosolids, the two categories are:

1. ≤ 5 dry tons per day (DTPD)
2. ≥ 5 DTPD
1. Significant recycling/reuse of natural resources (i.e., nutrients, organic matter, and energy).
2. Sustained (several years), full-scale, proven operation.
3. Consistent, cost-effective operation.
4. Public acceptance.
5. Compliant with applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
6. Excellence in project management.

For Technology Innovation or Development Activities:

1. Sustained excellence in advancing our knowledge of technologies that recycle biosolids. For example, improved design criteria or operational practice.
2. Application – technology that has potential for use at other facilities.
3. Proven operation.
4. Resolution of previous biosolids management or utilization problems.

For Research Activities:

1. Greater public acceptability of biosolids use.
2. Improved understanding of the environmental effects associated with beneficial use of biosolids.
3. Substantial contribution toward the development of improved technological design and operation.
4. Key information generated for the development of improved wastewater solids regulations and guidance.

For public acceptance, the two categories are:

1. Municipalities
2. Others

1. Demonstrated increases in both public acceptance and public demand (meeting WEF Biosolids 2000 goal). The term “public” is meant to include regulatory agencies, agricultural organizations, water quality professionals, public health officials, environmentalists, academic institutions, and the news media, as well as the general public. Indicators of “demand” include such factors as waiting lists and users paying for biosolids.
2. Characterized by dedicated and successful individual and team efforts.
3. Demonstrated willingness to share information and approaches for gaining public acceptance.
4. Proactive successful approaches to coordinate with the press and other groups explaining the benefits of biosolids use, cultivating and gaining allies, and educating against unfounded stories that may arise.
5. Excellence in local information transfer and training efforts that have made a positive local difference (i.e., on-site demonstrations and collaborative efforts involving the involvement of municipalities, citizens, universities, and others).

Nomination Format

The information contained in the nomination package should be developed using the format described in this section. The completeness of information provided and the manner in which the nomination addresses the Evaluation Criteria will impact the evaluation.

Two (2) copies of the nomination package must be submitted.

1. Identifying Information: Name, address, affiliation, telephone number, and the contact for the project or activity.
2. Executive Summary (2 pages maximum): Describe the project or activity indicating the award category for which the nomination is proposed and how it meets the evaluation criteria.
3. Facility/Activity Information (4 to 5 pages): Provide the following information to:
 - a. Biosolids type, quantity, expressed as dry solids used per day, characteristics, nutrient and micronutrient concentrations compared with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Part 360 Regulations and USEPA Part 503 Table 3 limits, processing information, and other details relevant to the beneficial use practice or activity. Be specific regarding the unit processes, including biosolids production and processing details. Account for the types and amounts of biosolids going to each management practice.
 - b. Duration and size of the project or activity, ability to operate at design capacity, along with cost information.
 - c. Describe the project monitoring program and how it is used for compliance, public information, and performance evaluation.
 - d. Describe the contributions of any cooperating parties to the program.
 - e. Provide sufficient information so that the program can be evaluated for compliance with applicable local, state, and federal regulations.
 - f. Describe important project management activities that maintain and promote excellence and maximize the benefits of biosolids use.
 - g. Describe training that has improved operations, performance, and public acceptance.
 - h. Describe the effectiveness of the local pretreatment program that has resulted in better quality and easier use of biosolids.
 - i. Describe special innovative practices or activities.
 - j. Discuss how obstacles have been overcome as a result of the program.
 - k. Provide information regarding the enhanced benefits that have resulted from the program. Benefits include: lower costs for biosolids management, lower energy consumption, payments for biosolids by users, enhanced soil properties, better crop productivity and quality, enhanced plant disease resistance, and improved public acceptance and demand for biosolids products.

4. Attachments:

- a. Supporting materials may be attached. The attachment should include a short cover index page that lists the various supporting materials and gives about a 4- to 6-line description of each item.
- b. Photographs of the activity are strongly encouraged. Please provide the actual photographic prints rather than photocopies of prints, since only the prints are suitable for printing in publications.
- c. Sheer bulk of information is not desirable. Be concise and attach items that truly substantiate the importance and relevance of the beneficial use project or activity. Please do not send materials that you wish to have sent back because application materials are not returned.

Frequency

Presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Residuals and Biosolids Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

SAMPLE FRONT PAGE
(NYWEA Beneficial Use of Biosolids Award)

1. **Proposed Award Category**_____

2. **Facility Identification Name**

a. Official Name and Address Nominee_____

b. Type of Ownership (Corporate, Private or Public, University, etc.)_____

c. Contact Person Regarding the Nomination_____

Title, Address, Telephone Number_____

3. **Award Notification**

a. Name, Organization Title, Address and Telephone Number for Local Official (Mayor, Authority Board President, Corporate President, Department Chairman)_____

ELECTED OFFICIAL AWARDS

Nelson A. Rockefeller Award

History

Commemorates Nelson A. Rockefeller, Governor of New York State from 1958 to 1973, who proposed, promoted and implemented the State Pure Waters Program and encouraged the Federal government to follow suit culminating in the 1972 Clean Water Act.

Description

Awarded to an elected official at a City (population over 250,000), State or National level who has made a substantial and meaningful contribution to advancing effective environmental programs.

Criteria

7. Sponsoring legislation advancing and supporting environmental programs.
8. Financial support to environmental programs.
9. Support of environmental public education efforts.
10. Promotion of environmental research programs.

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually, if a worthy candidate is identified.

Responsible Committee

Executive Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

ELECTED OFFICIAL AWARDS

Frank E. Van Lare Award

History

This award is named after Frank E. Van Lare, a local elected official from Monroe County, who served the public as the Vice Mayor of Rochester, a Rochester City Councilman, Chairman of Monroe County Pure Waters Agency and as a New York State Senator. During his tenure as Senator, Mr. Van Lare became Chairman of the State Temporary Commission on Water Resources from 1960-66. During this same time, he was very active in promoting bipartisan support for the Rockefeller “Pure Waters” program in the legislature.

Description

Awarded to a locally elected official at the County, City, Town or Village level who has made a substantial and meaningful contribution to advancing effective water quality environment programs.

Criteria

1. Support of local environmental projects including brownfields, water quality, watershed management, stormwater, erosion and sediment control programs, air quality, recycling programs and air quality programs.
2. Commitment of resources, both financial and personnel, to improving the environment.
3. Promoting local laws that improve the environment.
4. Promotion of environmental public education efforts.

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually, if a worthy candidate is identified.

Responsible Committee

Executive Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & MANAGEMENT AWARDS

Emmeline Moore Award

History

This award commemorates Emmeline Moore, the first woman biologist to rank as a full-time investigator with the New York State Conservation Department (now known as the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation). A well-known conservationist and educator, Ms. Moore began her career (1920-1932) with the Conservation Department as a resident biologist, and ultimately rose to the position of Director of the State Biological Survey. Ms. Moore received her Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1916 and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science from Hobart College in 1939. In addition to her work with the Conservation Department, Ms. Moore was a Professor of Botany at Vassar College and served as the first woman president of the American Fisheries Association.

Description

Awarded to an Association Member who has made a significant impact in the area of water quality management, environmental engineering and/or water and sewer infrastructure development.

Criteria

1. Must be a member of the New York Water Environment Association for a minimum of three (3) years.
2. Must be a municipal/government employee within the State of New York.
3. Must demonstrate long-term commitment and/or outstanding contribution in areas of water quality management, environmental science, environmental engineering and/or water and sewer infrastructure development.

Nomination Format

Written narrative no longer than three (3) pages describing significant contributions.

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Awards Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & MANAGEMENT AWARDS

Environmental Science Award

Description

Recognizes an individual for their significant contribution to the field of environmental science in the water environment field.

Criteria

1. Must be a member of the New York Water Environment Association for a minimum of three (3) years.
2. A recognized, significant contribution in the scientific area in the water environment field.
3. Must be a current member of the New York Water Environment Association.
4. Development and implementation of a project and/or program of scientific nature relating to the water environment field.

Nomination Format

A one (1) to three (3) page typewritten report describing the individual's contribution to the water environment field. Areas that should be described include the following:

1. Scientific research and development in treatment of various wastewaters.
2. Laboratory work.
3. Work in watershed management and protection.
4. Management and protection of groundwater.
5. Scientific study of watersheds and aquifers.

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Environmental Science Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & MANAGEMENT AWARDS

Environmental Engineer Award

Description

Awarded to an Association Member working in consulting or government position who has made a significant impact in the area of environmental engineering and management.

Criteria

1. Must be a member of the New York Water Environment Association for a minimum of three (3) years.
2. Must be a registered Professional Engineer in New York State.
3. Must demonstrate long-term commitment and/or outstanding contributions in the environmental engineering field.

Nomination Format

Written narrative no longer than three (3) pages describing significant contributions.

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Awards Committee

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NYWEA Sustainability Award

This award honors an organization that has instituted policies and practices recognizing the need for long term preservation of assets, human capital, and natural resources while satisfying present day needs, societal goals and its environmental mandate. Honorees will demonstrate success in developing a culture that encourages and rewards ‘triple bottom-line’ decision making at all levels and departments of the organization.

Criteria

The recipient will be a water treatment/distribution and/or wastewater collection/treatment utility, agency, sewer district or other organization responsible for the providing water and/or wastewater services to the public. Private enterprises with a focus on water sustainability may also be recipients. Preference will be given to organizations serving populations within New York State, but does not necessarily need to be a member of NYWEA.

The organization recognizes its role in sustaining human, financial, social, and natural resources for both current and future generations.

The organization supports the long term well being of its employees, customers, and neighbors as well as the natural environment.

The organization uses fiscal and natural resources sparingly and maximizes the development of human capital.

Assets of the organization are managed to maximize their useful life and minimize the overall cost.

Life cycle needs in terms of maintenance, human investment, and costs are considered for all projects.

In developing projects, the need for human investment in terms of learning, skills, and talent are considered.

The organization measures its own performance in terms consistent with sustainable operations and development.

Decisions consider the network dependencies on other aspects of the organization as well as outside impacts.

The organization demonstrates a “breakthrough” in establishment and achievement of sustainability performance.

The organization is compliant with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

The organization endeavors to remain compliant with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Examples

In all cases, the organization strives for and succeeds in developing a culture that encourages triple-bottom-line action thru operational, capital, and human resources policies.

Other examples that could offer support in demonstrating a sustainable culture might include:

- The organization supports professional organizations and encourages all members to engage in life long learning.

- The organization practices demand management to reduce the need for new or expanded facilities.
- Biosolids are beneficially utilized and not wasted.
- Chemical use is minimized, and biological treatments are maximized.
- Effluent water is reclaimed for use.
- The organization encourages sustainable water and wastewater minimization.

Projects that minimize the need for repetitive tasks and maximize the potential for learning by operators are favored. The organization engages in projects that improve the social well-being of local citizens and other stakeholders.

Award Categories

Awards will honor organizations from 3 categories based on the size of the population served.

Category 1:	Fewer than 10,000 people served
Category 2:	10,001 to 250,000 people served
Category 3:	More than 250,000 people served

Nomination Format

Written narrative no longer than three (3) pages describing performance and metrics related to sustainable culture, operations and programs.

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Sustainability Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

GOLDEN MANHOLE ASSOCIATION

History

The original chapter of the Golden Manhole Association (GMA) was founded in New York in February 1999. The idea was conceived by the New York Water Environment Association Wastewater Collection Systems Committee to recognize collection system personnel who contribute in outstanding measure to the operation and maintenance of sanitary, storm and combined sewer systems. These people, who provide a valuable service to the field, cannot all be nominated for Association Awards, yet they deserve our collective recognition.

The GMA was originated to encourage what is now known as “getting involved”. There are members all over the United States and Canada, all of whom recognized as “special” in our collective efforts to operation and maintain sewer systems. Members are selected on the basis of merit. This is an association for those who contribute their efforts, time, and energies. They are always ready to “pitch in”, “grab a hook”, and “uncover and solve the problem”, hence, the symbol and badge of membership, the manhole cover.

The GMA, while independent of the NYWEA, is sanctioned by the NYWEA. Considering the service of its members, there are no dues or regular officers, except the “Operator-In-Chief”. There is an honorary badge in the form of a manhole cover which should always be worn or displayed at NYWEA functions to indicate GMA membership.

MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Municipal Achievement Award

History

The Association has instituted special municipal awards in recognition of public entities that have demonstrated by their policies and programs a commitment to meeting and/or exceeding water quality goals in New York State.

Description

This award recognizes those municipalities that have made a major contribution to effective environmental management by instituting programs to protect and enhance environmental conditions, particularly of the water environment, by providing the proper institutional setting to allow and guarantee responsible management and oversight, by professional management and by providing adequate financial support. This is not a wastewater facility award; it includes all activities at facilities impacting on the water environment (i.e., stormwater, wastewater, run-off, solid waste, toxics, air pollution, et. al.).

Criteria

A public entity that demonstrates significant, lasting, and measurable excellence in water quality improvement or in prevention of water quality degradation in a region, basin or water body.

Nomination Format

Completed Nomination Form, plus up to a three (3) page written report that describes one or more of the following:

1. Watershed management and protection programs
2. Solid waste reduction programs (i.e., recycling programs)
3. Stormwater, sediment and erosion control programs
4. Innovative water recycling and reuse programs
5. Public education efforts
6. Financial support of environmental programs
7. Inter-municipal agreements
8. Agricultural runoff control

If a paper, regardless of length, has been published describing the program, that paper may be submitted along with the nomination.

Frequency

Up to three (3) awards may be presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Awards Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

Note: Federation cross-reference award. See WEF Water Quality Improvement Award.

MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Industrial Achievement Award

History

The Association has instituted special industrial achievement awards in recognition of private corporations that have demonstrated by their policies and programs a commitment to meeting water quality goals in New York State.

Description

This award recognizes those industries that have made a corporate commitment to providing the necessary resources and to establish managerial responsibility for effective environmental management at company facilities. This award recognizes an industry's commitment of financial, technical, and management resources to meet water quality goals, and has made this objective a responsibility at all management levels. It includes all environmental areas (i.e., storm water, wastewater, solid waste, toxics and air pollution).

Criteria

Recipient must demonstrate a significant achievement in design, operation or process change resulting in demonstrated long-term water quality improvement. Examples include:

1. Detailed summary data showing significant reduction in pollutants (conventional, metals, volatiles, pesticides, chlorinated hydrocarbons, etc.) discharged to the receiving waters or municipal sewer.
2. Pollution prevention activities resulting in reduced water usage.
3. Materials recycling.
4. Energy savings.
5. Innovations resulting in the protection of groundwater, soil, or air from a new or existing industrial wastewater treatment facility.
6. An environmental management strategy or training program that increases environmental awareness and results in significant source reduction or water pollution prevention.
7. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation endorsement.

Nomination Format

1. Description of problem statement and program goals.
2. Problem solution.
3. Unique scientific or engineering or management skills embodied in the program.
4. Evidence of attainment of goals (minimum one (1) year of data).
5. Summary of why program is worthy of award.

Frequency

Up to three (3) awards may be presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Industrial Wastewater Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

Note: Federation cross-reference award. See WEF Industrial Water Quality Achievement Award.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AWARDS

Most New Student Members

Description

Recognizes the individual sponsoring most new Student Members during the contest period (September 1 through August 31).

Criteria

1. Member must include ID number and name in Sponsor section of Application.

Frequency

Presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Membership Committee

Nomination Deadline

N/A (automatic award)

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AWARDS

Most New Members (Excluding Students)

Description

Recruitment of new members and retention of current members during annual contest period (September 1 through August 31) based on paid membership, excluding students, taking into account loss through attrition.

Criteria

Highest net growth. Based on the following formula:

$$\text{Net growth} = [(A \div B) - 1] * 100$$

Where

A = Number of paid members at end of contest period

B = Number of paid members at start of contest period

Frequency

Presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Membership Committee

Nomination Deadline

N/A (automatic award)

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AWARDS

Greatest Number of New Members – Chapter (Excluding Students)

Description

Recruitment of new members, excluding students, during annual contest period (September 1 through August 31), based on paid membership.

Criteria

Awarded to the Chapter recruiting the highest number of new paid members, excluding students.

Frequency

Presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Membership Committee

Nomination Deadline

N/A (automatic award)

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AWARDS

Net Growth – Chapter (Excluding Students)

Description

Total Chapter membership (excluding students) as compared to the previous year on September 1st (will be based on % of increase).

Criteria

1. Awarded to the Chapter with the highest % of increase of members (excluding students) as compared to the previous year;

$$\text{Net growth} = [(A \div B) - 1] * 100$$

Where

A = total paid members (excluding students) at end of contest period

B = total paid members (excluding students) at start of contest period

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Membership Committee

Nomination Deadline

N/A (automatic award)

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AWARDS

Membership Recruitment Pins

Membership recruitment pins are given to individuals who are instrumental in the recruitment of new members, including Student Members and young professionals, through the annual period of September 1 through August 31, based on paid membership.

Criteria

Bronze: 1 to 4 new members

Silver: 5 to 9 new members

Gold: 10 or more new members

(Based on number of new members in a one (1) year period).

Frequency

Presented annually at individual Chapter meetings.

Responsible Committee

State Association

Nomination Deadline

N/A

PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARD

Description

The Public Education Award recognizes Association Members for significant accomplishments in prompting awareness and understanding of water environment issues among the members and general public through the development and implementation of public education programs. The award consists of a plaque inscribed with the recipient's name.

Categories

There are two categories of awards: Individual and Organizations.

1. Individual – Recognizes an individual Association Member who has made a significant contribution to the public education effort, promoting awareness and understanding of water environment issues through the development and implementation of public education programs.
2. Organizations – Recognizes organizations, firms, group of individuals, events, campaigns, or other persons or efforts that make a significant contribution to the public education effort.

Criteria

The criterion is the same for both categories.

1. Must be a current member of the New York Water Environment Association.
2. Documented achievements of public education activities in the water environment field.
3. Identification and description of exceptional efforts to educate the public on water environment issues.
4. The activity or effort must have been implemented within the two years immediately prior to nomination. Specific programs are eligible for nomination only once.

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Public Education Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

SAFETY AWARDS

Ernest R. Carroll Safety Award

History

This award commemorates the career and accomplishments of Ernest R. Carroll in the safety area of wastewater treatment plant operation. Mr. Carroll was the long time safety officer for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. He served on the Association's Safety Committee as both member and chair for a number of years.

Description

Awarded to a member of the Association for "significant contributions in the field of safety".

Criteria

1. Outstanding plant safety record.
2. Development and promotion of plant safety education programs
3. Compliance with OSHA and/or New York State Department of Labor regulations.

Nomination Format

Submission of plant safety program, copy of most recent OSHA or New York State Department of Labor inspection report, submission of accident reports

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Safety Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

SAFETY AWARDS

Collection Systems Safety Award

Description

This award recognizes outstanding safety activities, programs, and accomplishments in the field of wastewater collection systems.

Criteria

1. Exemplary safety record and proactive safety program.
2. Outstanding safety record as shown by accidents and loss of time due to accidents.
3. Proactive safety program at facility.
4. Safety procedures and practices are priority one for all work in the system and part of employee evaluation program.
5. Compliance with OSHA and/or New York State Department of Labor regulations.

Nomination Format

1. Submittal of written safety program and procedures as pertains to collection system work.
2. Submittal of last OSHA and/or New York State Department of Labor inspection report.
3. Listing of safety equipment that is available at facility.
4. Submittal of accident report for past two (2) years.

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually to either a municipal sewage treatment facility or an industry.

Responsible Committee

Safety Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

SAFETY AWARDS

Alfred J. Schmidt Wastewater Treatment Facility Safety Award

This award is named for Alfred J Schmidt who was a dedicated wastewater professional for more than 40 years. During his tenor with Nassau County, Mr. Schmidt was instrumental in developing the safety and training programs that currently exist at the Nassau County wastewater treatment facilities and sewer maintenance units. Mr. Schmidt joined NYWEA in 1983 and became Chairman of the Safety Committee in 1989. He was also part of the team that developed the first NYWEA Operators Challenge and he was responsible for development of the safety event. In 1989, under his direction, the Association was selected by WPCF to receive their Member Association Award for Safety.

Description

This award recognizes outstanding safety activities, programs and accomplishments at a wastewater treatment facility.

Criteria

1. Exemplary safety record and proactive safety program.
2. Outstanding safety record as shown by accidents and loss of time due to accidents.
3. Proactive safety program at facility.
4. Safety procedures and practices are priority one for all work in the system and part of employee evaluation program.
5. Compliance with OSHA and/or New York State Department of Labor regulations.

Nomination Format

1. Submittal of written safety program and procedures as pertains to wastewater facility.
2. Submittal of last OSHA and/or New York State Department of Labor inspection report.
3. Listing of safety equipment that is available at facility.
4. Submittal of accident report for past two (2) years.

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually to either a municipal sewage treatment facility or an industry.

Responsible Committee

Safety Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

SELECT SOCIETY OF SANITARY SLUDGE SHOVELERS (SSSSS) AWARD

History

The original chapter of the Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (SSSSS) was founded in Arizona in October 1940. The idea was conceived by A.W. Miller and F. Carlyle Roberts, Jr. to recognize wastewater treatment and collection system personnel who contribute in outstanding measure to the control of water pollution. These people, who provide valuable service to the field, cannot all be nominated for Association awards, yet they deserve our collective recognition.

Criteria

1. Outstanding service in the field of water pollution control.

Frequency

Presented at Spring Technical Conference.

Responsible Committee

Nominations made by local Chapter boards, Wastewater Facilities Committee and the Association Board of Directors.

Nomination Deadline

January 1

TECHNICAL PAPERS AWARDS

Kenneth Allen Memorial Award

History

Commemorates Kenneth Allen, the first President of the Association (1929) and founder of the Federation.

Description

This award is given annually for papers or presentations describing work of a research or engineering nature. This award can have multiple co-authors.

Criteria

1. The primary author or presenter must be a current member of the New York Water Environment Association.
2. The paper and/or presentation must be of sufficient high quality to merit recognition.
3. For a paper, the material must be published in an Association publication. The primary author must submit a manuscript for review and evaluation.
4. Presentations given at either the Spring or Annual Conference are eligible for consideration for this award. At either the Spring or Annual Conference, the moderators of each session should consider if any of the presentations made at their session might be eligible for an award. The presentation must be evaluated based on criteria developed by the Program Committee.⁽¹⁾ A copy of the presentation must be provided for review in either hard copy or electronic format and independent reviews of the presentation must be provided by the Program Committee.

⁽¹⁾ An evaluation sheet will be developed by the Program Committee and used by the moderators as an initial evaluation tool. The moderators must jointly make a recommendation for award to the Program Committee based on their evaluation; a copy of the evaluation forms and the presentation are to be provided to the Program Committee for consideration.

Frequency

Awarded annually.

Responsible Committee

Program Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

TECHNICAL PAPERS AWARDS

Linn H. Enslow Memorial Award

History

Commemorates Linn Enslow, the 8th (1936) President of the Association.

Description

This award is given annually for papers or presentations describing work of a research or engineering nature.

Criteria

1. The primary author or presenter is NOT a member of the New York Water Environment Association.
2. The paper and/or presentation must be of sufficient high quality to merit recognition.
3. For a paper, the material must be published in an Association publication. The primary author must submit a manuscript for review and evaluation.
4. Presentations given at either the Spring or Annual Conference are eligible for consideration for this award. At either the Spring or Annual Conference, the moderators of each session should consider if any of the presentations made at their session might be eligible for an award. The presentation must be evaluated based on criteria developed by the Program Committee.⁽¹⁾ A copy of the presentation must be provided for review in either hard copy or electronic format and independent reviews of the presentation must be provided by the Program Committee.

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Frequency

Awarded annually.

Responsible Committee

Program Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

TECHNICAL PAPERS AWARDS

Charles Agar Memorial Award

History

Commemorates Charles Agar, the 9th President (1937) of the Association, and an operations troubleshooter for the Health Department.

Description

The award is given annually to a member for papers and/or presentations concerning wastewater management, which is *not* of a research and engineering nature, but rather deals with public education or general water quality.

Criteria

1. The primary author must be a member of the New York Water Environment Association.
2. The paper and/or presentation must be of sufficient high quality to merit recognition.
3. For a paper, the material must be published in an Association publication. The primary author must submit a manuscript for review and evaluation.
4. Presentations given at either the Spring or Annual Conference are eligible for consideration for this award. At either the Spring or Annual Conference, the moderators of each session should consider if any of the presentations made at their session might be eligible for an award. The presentation must be evaluated based on criteria developed by the Program Committee.⁽¹⁾ A copy of the presentation must be provided for review in either hard copy or electronic format and independent reviews of the presentation must be provided by the Program Committee.

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Frequency

Awarded annually.

Responsible Committee

Program Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

TECHNICAL PAPERS AWARDS

Lewis Van Carpenter Memorial Award

History

Commemorates Lewis Van Carpenter, a pioneer in wastewater facility design and operation.

Description

This award recognizes papers and/or presentations describing operations work in the field of wastewater treatment. The paper must be authored by operations personnel.

Criteria

1. The primary author or presenter must be facility operations personnel.
2. The paper and/or presentation must be of sufficient high quality to merit recognition.
3. For a paper, the material must be published in an Association publication. The primary author must submit a manuscript for review and evaluation.
4. Presentations given at either the Spring or Annual Conference are eligible for consideration for this award. At either the Spring or Annual Conference, the moderators of each session should consider if any of the presentations made at their session might be eligible for an award. The presentation must be evaluated based on criteria developed by the Program Committee.⁽¹⁾ A copy of the presentation must be provided for review in either hard copy or electronic format and independent reviews of the presentation must be provided by the Program Committee.

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Frequency

Awarded annually.

Responsible Committee

Program Committee and Wastewater Facilities Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATIONS AWARDS

Uhl T. Mann Award

History

Named in memory of Uhl T. Mann of Onondaga County as a tribute to his work. The first Uhl T. Mann award was presented at the Annual Meeting in 1973. This award commemorates the career and long time service of Uhl T. Mann to the Association. Mr. Mann was Superintendent of the Ley Creek Plant in Onondaga County for 25 years, becoming Commissioner of Onondaga County Department of Drainage and Sanitation in 1970. He served as President of the Association in 1976, was secretary of the Central Chapter for 29 years and received a number of Association and Federation awards for excellence in plant operation.

Description

These awards are given to individuals by the Association for excellence in treatment plant operations and maintenance. There are five (5) awards based on plant flows:

1. 0.0 - 0.5 mgd
2. 0.6 - 1.0 mgd
3. 1.1 - 10.0 mgd
4. 10.1 – 50.0 mgd
5. >50 mgd

Criteria

Excellence in plant operation and/or maintenance as demonstrated by:

1. Monthly and/or reports.
2. Compliance with all ambient and effluent standards.
3. Compliance with SPDES permit.
4. Safety Record.
5. Public Education efforts.
6. Pretreatment program.

Frequency

The Committee may recommend more than one (1) award in each category. A maximum of ten (10) awards (five (5) for operations and five (5) for maintenance) could be given each year, one in each of the categories. In order to receive the award for excellence in operation, the recipient must hold a New York State Operator's Certificate. An Operator's Certificate is desirable, but not necessary, to receive the award for excellence in maintenance.

Presented at either the Annual Meeting or Spring Meeting.

Responsible Committee

Wastewater Facilities Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

Note: Federation cross-reference award. See WEF William D. Hatfield Award.

WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATIONS AWARDS

Milton T. Hill Award

History

Commemorates Milton T. (Pat) Hill of Montgomery, New York, who was active in the association for 40 years (1934-1974). Mr. Hill directed the State's program for the recruitment, training, and upgrading of water pollution control personnel, the leading such program in the United States. Mr. Hill was the first recipient of this award.

Description

This award recognizes outstanding contributions to the education and training of wastewater utility personnel. The award will be given to an individual who provides training opportunities or in some other way advances the cause of water pollution personnel.

Criteria

1. Must be a current member of the New York Water Environment Association.
2. Development and implementation of program which enhances the status of operating personnel and contributes to their individual and corporate development.
3. Efforts must be above and beyond the normal call of their job responsibilities.

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Wastewater Facilities Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATIONS AWARDS

Collection System Operation & Maintenance Award

Description

Recognizes a municipal or public authority wastewater collection system.

Criteria

1. Outstanding contribution to evaluation, rehabilitation, design, or construction of wastewater collection systems.
2. Nominee must be endorsed by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Nomination Format

Submit appropriate form (See Appendix A). Written description of accomplishments must include:

1. Annual or monthly reports and logs showing compliance with standards.
2. Excellent safety record with few or no lost time accidents.
3. Copy of operations and maintenance program for collection system facilities.
4. Accomplishments must be above and beyond the call of duty.
5. Description of any innovative operations and maintenance procedures.

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Wastewater Collections Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1

WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATIONS AWARDS

Collection System Operator Award

Description

Recognizes an individual for an outstanding contribution to the evaluation, rehabilitation, design, or construction of collection facilities.

Criteria

1. Must be a current member of the New York Water Environment Association.
2. Documentation and supporting information on the contribution.
3. The nominee's area of service must have been in the following areas:
 - a. Management
 - b. Overall planning
 - c. Operation and maintenance
 - d. Facility design
 - e. Education
 - f. Training
 - g. Research
4. Publication in a Federation or Association periodical of a formal report is not required, but will be considered.

Nomination Format

1. Submit nomination form.
2. One (1) page biography of the nominee.
3. Specific reasons for nomination (one (1) page maximum).
4. Any other supporting material required under criteria or that you feel would be helpful.

Frequency

One (1) award presented annually.

Responsible Committee

Wastewater Collections Committee

Nomination Deadline

October 1