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PNCWA Awards Program

Please always check www.pncwa.org/awards for the most current information about awards.

Acknowledging individual and system contributions to our very essential industry is a key function of PNCWA.

We hope you will explore the details regarding the awards and nominate people of excellence on an ongoing basis. The awards are presented at our annual conference and nominations are accepted from throughout the Pacific Northwest.

NOMINATION DEADLINES are posted at www.pncwa.org/awards and all nominations are submitted online except for OYA and COYA (see below).

NOMINATION DEADLINES for Operator of the Year (OYA) and Collections Operator of the Year (COYA) are separate and nominations for them are submitted **ONLY** through Regional Directors. Sections in Idaho, Oregon and Washington nominate *to their Region*, an outstanding Operator and Collections System Operator to be recognized by PNCWA. Nominations do not go directly to PNCWA. Only the regional winner's packets are forwarded to PNCWA. www.pncwa.org/oya

► Arthur Sidney Bedell Award (WEF–PNCWA Award)

The Bedell Award was established to acknowledge extraordinary personal service to a WEF Member Association.

The award is named for Arthur Sidney Bedell, WEF's second president for his long devotion and service to the New York Sewage and Industrial Wastes Association, now the New York Water Environment Association. He was Chief of the Bureau of Sewage and Waste Disposal of the New York State Department of Health.

The award is presented by a WEF representative at the WEF Member Association Annual Meeting.

Criteria

- A nominee must be a member of the Water Environment Federation
- A nominee has demonstrated sustained and ongoing contributions for at least five years to further and improve Association activities, such as organization leadership, administrative service or membership activity
- Contributions may include
 - Organizational leadership---Nominee has served and

- demonstrated leadership as a PNCWA officer, Federation Director, Regional Director or PNCWA Committee Chair
- Administrative service—Nominee has actively participated on one or more PNCWA committee
- Membership activity---Nominee has actively participated in PNCWA activities, such as regular attendance at the annual conference, supporting the annual conference, presenting papers at the annual conference

► **George W. Burke, Jr. Award** (WEF–PNCWA Award)

Recognizes a municipal or industrial wastewater facility for establishing and maintaining an active and effective safety program.

This award was established in 1982 in honor of George W. Burke, Jr., for his many years of service to both the water environment field and WEF as staff manager of technical services. Mr. Burke was instrumental in developing WEF's annual safety survey and assisting in the production of several safety training aids and promotional packets. The purpose of this award is to encourage an active and effective safety program in municipal and industrial wastewater facilities.

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Criteria

- The documented and illustrated safety program and safety record of the facility for the preceding calendar year are the primary criteria for the award.
- WEF allows PNCWA to establish its own criteria for the award and PNCWA has established these criteria:
 - At least one employee of the facility must be a WEF member before submitting the application
 - The facility shall have an effective safety program as demonstrated by its injury/fatality rates
 - The facility shall have a designated safety official or contact
 - A specific fillable word document is used as the basis for the nomination and must be included along with the nomination: <http://bit.ly/28Q4Au2>
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► **Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award** (WEF–PNCWA Award)

Recognizes individuals for outstanding performance, professionalism and contributions to the water quality analysis profession.

The award is presented by a WEF representative at the WEF Member Association annual meeting.

Criteria

- A nominee must be a member of the Water Environment Federation
- A nominee must be employed at an educational facility laboratory, industrial, commercial, or municipal laboratory that performs wastewater-related analysis, and must have direct analytical responsibilities
- Candidates are eligible for this award only once
- Qualifying criteria may include
 - Membership and involvement in professional associations. Examples: WEF Committees, Standard Methods Joint Task Groups, MA Committees and conferences
 - Outstanding efforts in wastewater and environmental aquatic analyses, including innovative sampling techniques or solutions to a treatment, analytical or environmental problem
 - Involvement in community activities or public relations
 - Presentations at professional conferences and meetings relevant to water quality analysis
 - Professional certifications
 - Continuing education
 - Contributions that have been beneficial to the nominee's facility
 - Unusual initiative or performance "beyond the call of duty"

► **William D. Hatfield Award** (WEF–PNCWA Award)

The Hatfield Award is presented to operators of wastewater treatment plants for outstanding performance and professionalism. The award was established in honor of Dr. William D. Hatfield, Superintendent of the Decatur, Illinois Sanitary District, who was President of the Central States Sewage Works Association in 1944-45 and served as President of the Federation in 1958-59.

The award consists of a plaque suitably inscribed with the recipient's name and is presented by a Federation representative at the Member Association annual meeting.

Criteria

- A nominee must be a member of the Water Environment Federation
- A nominee has demonstrated sustained and ongoing contributions for at least five years to further and improve the field of treatment plant operations.
- Activities that demonstrate contributions may include
 - Development or participation in a successful reporting system of reports and fulfill the information requirements and provide

- suggestions for improvements
- Use of an effective public communications program
- The dissemination of information about advancements in the field

► **WEF Distinguished Honors and Awards**

The Water Environment Federation Honors and Awards Program provides an opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the water environment profession, WEF, and its Member Associations.

WEF is proud to present honored recipients with a variety of awards for their hard work in protecting one of the world's most valuable resources. Award recipients are individuals and organizations that contribute to the sustainability of water resources and make a profound impact on the future of the world's water through involvement with water professionals and education See www.wef.org/awards

► **WEF Life Membership**

Individuals who have been a member of WEF and one or more WEF Member Association for 35 or more consecutive years, and are at age 65 or older, are eligible to apply for WEF Life Membership.

The WEF [Life Membership application](http://www.wef.org/Members/page_joinwef.aspx?id=8102) should be completed and sent to WEF. See http://wef.org/Members/page_joinwef.aspx?id=8102

► **Excellence in Water Reuse Award** (PNCWA Award)

The purpose of the program is to recognize recycled water programs that have demonstrated outstanding performance in moving the concept of water reuse forward in the Pacific Northwest region. The focus of the Awards is to recognize outstanding programs, which have demonstrated production and use of recycled water meeting or exceeding state treatment quality requirements.

Applicants are encouraged to create their own narrative document following the suggested outline of information below. The following are suggestions only for considerations only in creating your narrative nomination.

In addition to the type of information requested below, applicants may provide separate and supportive documentation (e.g. operating performance, facility plan and protocol, example of public education flyer, research, community and public education tools, flyer, press release, financing, customer satisfaction or survey results, application volumes, etc.) in support of the application.

Suggested List of Possible Submittals: *It is understood that not all projects will have all the documentation listed below.*

- Percentage of actual wastewater flow being recycled - please provide the treatment plant capacity, recycled water production capacity, treatment plant flow and recycled water flow for the previous twelve months
- Innovative uses of recycled water - summarize recycled water end uses

- Description of benefits derived from water conservation/water resource management - include an evaluation of potable water demand reduction and any receiving water benefits such as reduction in surface water discharge
- Recycled water rate schedule (i.e. volume based or flat rate)
- Cross-connection control and inspection program effectiveness - provide a complete description of the actual operation of the cross-connection control program including inspection frequency
- Recycled Water Quality:
 - Level of treatment and permit compliance - provide a summary of the previous twelve months of permit compliance information including any exceedances of recycled water quality criteria
- Recycled Water Operating Protocol documentation
- Considerations for control of pathogens
- Treatment facility reliability, including wet weather/backup and supplemental supply consideration
- Public Education/Information (Description of the nominee's accomplishments in public education and information in support of their recycled water program) Possible Activities might included
 - Community and public education tools
 - New customer education programs
 - Ongoing notification program for existing customer
- Proactive Programs and Research Activities
 - Participation in research projects, conference papers
 - Development of Sources for financing the recycled water program
 - Documentation in support to efforts to expand the recycled water program
 - Vision future and implementation plan

► **Individual Distinguished Achievement Award** (PNCWA Award)

This award is presented to a PNCWA member who is most deserving of special recognition as a result of distinguished service rendered in the interest of pollution abatement, and who has contributed fundamentally and practically to the advancement of the industry.

► **Lyman Ketcham Award** (PNCWA Award)

This award is established to honor PNCWA members who have made outstanding contributions in the field of wastewater collection system maintenance and operation. It is the equivalent of the Hatfield Award for treatment plant operations and maintenance.

Criteria

- A nominee must be an active PNCWA member
- A nominee has demonstrated sustained and ongoing contributions for at least five years to further and improve the field of collection system maintenance and operations

- The nominee's area of service must have been in one or more of these areas: management, planning, operations, maintenance facility design, education, training and research
- Activities that demonstrate contributions include
 - Active participation in PNCWA, WEF, and other organizations on projects and committees focused on collection system maintenance and operations issues
 - Presentation of papers on collection system maintenance and operations at conferences of PNCWA, WEF, APWA, and other relevant organizations
 - Publication in a Federation periodical of a formal report or article on collection system maintenance and operations challenges and successes
 - Implementation of successful programs and policies that improve efficiency, productivity, and cost-effectiveness within the nominee's organization

► **Municipal Water Protection Award** (PNCWA Award)

Purpose:

- To provide a means for the Association to encourage improvement to practices of municipal waste disposal and reporting thereon.
- To recognize publicly a municipality or group of municipalities which have contributed to control or prevention of water pollution problems through: Construction of pollution abatement facilities or equivalent.
- Further reduction of waste discharges below levels which create pollution.
- Research and development on waste control or elimination, including monitoring the influence of wastes on receiving water.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Extent and Complexity of Problem: Is, or was, the damage or influence of wastes great in degree of area affected? How many people or resources were involved or affected? What is, or was, the position of the public on the problem.
- Difficulty and Costs of Solution: Was the problem long standing? Was the solution or effort without precedent, time consuming or costly? Did it require extensive cooperative effort?
- Results of Solution: What was the improvement in quality of the receiving water? Did it lead to construction or improvement of facilities? Did it provide encouragement or means to others to solve similar problems? Was the contribution or effort accepted?
- Impact on Community: Economic and human impact of the contribution, solution or effort? Did it restore or improve resource values? Is it an aesthetic improvement? Did it stabilize or contribute to the economy and employment of the community of a segment thereof?
- Attitude of the Community: What is the overall attitude of the municipality toward its pollution problems? How has this attitude been manifested? Has it forthrightly faced and acknowledged the problems. Has it shared its problems

with employees, associates and the public, seeking their help and understanding where necessary?

► **Sustainability Award** (PNCWA Award)

To recognize and encourage projects that showcase sustainable design elements. Projects completed by PNCWA members that feature any of the following components are eligible:

- Renewable energy generation
- Greenhouse gas emission reductions
- Transformation of waste to products
- Energy efficiency improvements
- Reduction of toxic materials
- Habitat enhancement
- Water quality enhancement
- Public education and outreach about sustainability
- LEED certification
- Integration and enhancement of social, economic, and environmental factors.

► **Operator of the Year** (PNCWA Award)

Sections in Idaho, Oregon and Washington nominate to their Region, an outstanding Treatment Plant Operator and a Collections System Operator to be recognized by PNCWA.

See www.pncwa.org/oya

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- The award represents outstanding job performance of regular duties, and individual or collective accomplishments of an experimental, developmental or innovative nature. (Section membership is required.)
- The Regional Director coordinates the process for each Region, and the process may vary slightly for each Region. Contact your Regional Director or have your Section President do so.
- Operator of the Year and Collections Operator of the Year Awards are given in each Region.

► **President's Award** (PNCWA Award)

This award is given by the PNCWA president in appreciation of outstanding contributions to PNCWA activities and to fulfilling its mission. Recipients are chosen solely by the president.

► **Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers** (5 S)

The Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers is sanctioned by PNCWA but is directed by the members of the Society. The Society gives recognition PNCWA members who have contributed to PNCWA but do not qualify for or have not received other honorary awards or have not served as PNCWA officers. Past receipt of other awards does not preclude membership in the Society. The Society supports PNCWA activities as deemed suitable by the Society, with the approval by the Board. *Society members select the nominees.* A nominee must

be an active member of PNCWA. Honorary membership may be extended to non-members at the discretion of the Society for significant contribution to WEF and the profession of environmental engineering. (Example: The WEF President is attending the PNCWA conference.) The Chair or "pH7" of the Society conducts the induction of new Society members at the annual conference.

► **Excellence in Biosolids Management Award** (NBMA-PNCWA ACWA Award)

This award recognizes significant contributions in the development and implementation of cost-effective and environmentally beneficial Biosolids management programs and practices. This nomination is submitted to Northwest Biosolids Management Association. See <http://www.nwbiosolids.org/contacts.htm>

Criteria

- Current member or active participant of the NBMA and/or PNCWA
- A wide range of activities may be considered including
 - Biosolids recycling projects
 - technological improvements
 - research
 - public acceptance and marketing
- Contributions may include:
 - Significant recycling/reuse of natural resources
 - Consistent cost effective operation Excellence in project management
 - Sustained excellence in advancing our knowledge of technologies that recycle Biosolids
 - Resolution of previous Biosolids management or utilization problems

► **Outstanding Young Water Environment Professional of the Year**

Recognizes the contributions of young water environment professionals for significant contributions to PNCWA and to the wastewater collection and treatment industry.

Criteria:

- Member of the PNCWA
- 35 years old or younger at the time of nomination
- Demonstrated contributions to PNCWA and/or the Water Environment such as
 - Contributions to a PNCWA Section and/or to PNCWA Committees
 - improvement in the fundamental knowledge of performance of wastewater collection and treatment systems, water resource protection and/or research on issues important to the water environment.