



# Partners in PA

Partnership for Safe Water Update



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53 Phase I & II Plants  
46 Awarded Phase III

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## The SPOTLIGHT is on: City of Easton Water Treatment Plant



Easton became a member of the Partnership for Safe Water program in 2006 as an ongoing effort to demonstrate the desire to optimize the water treatment facilities for their continuously expanding service area. The Easton Water Treatment Plant provides service for a population of more than 90,000 and is located in Northampton County. Through the cooperative efforts of the City of Easton and the Easton Suburban Water Authority, an agreement was reached to operate the Water Treatment facilities under the direction of the Easton Suburban Water Authority. Guidance in both technical and administrative capacities was contracted with Miller Environmental, Inc., of which Charles Wilson and John Bartol are a part.



Superintendent, Chuck Wilson, John Bartol and Patricia Hann employees of Miller Environmental, Inc and Donald Mauro, Joseph McDonald, Robert Piro, and George Frew, employees of Easton Suburban Water Authority, completed the Partnership for Safe Water (PFSW) Contact Hour Qualification Quiz with the result of 100% to receive 2.0 PA DEP Contact Hours.

As part of the Partnership for Safe Water incentive to assist utilities moving forward to Phase III, PFSW representative Bob Donnelly recently visited the Easton Water Treatment Plant to present "Introduction to the Partnership for Safe Drinking Water". Following the presentation the Easton Water Treatment Plant's

Chuck, John, and Don have been instrumental in getting the plant staff involved with the rigorous task of the self-assessment portion of the Phase III report. John has implemented a computer program (designed by a former colleague Mr. George Lill) to enable the staff to systematically evaluate the entire plant, process- by- process, to work toward optimization of the Easton Treatment Plant. While John will remain the coordinator of the effort – the involvement of the entire staff is where the real benefit is derived. The Partnership Phase III self-assessment is a valuable tool for both veteran and newer employees, of all plant disciplines, to evaluate the way they do things and to look for possible changes to make their operation more effective and efficient.

## Water Industry News



L to R – Tom Bradbury Dir. Regulatory Affairs & Jeff Pifer, Plant Mgr.



L to R – George Schwartz, Executive Director North Wales, Anthony Bellitto, Executive Director North Penn, Jeff Pifer, Plant Manager

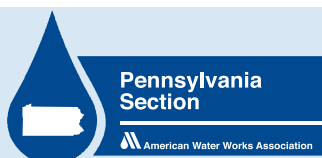


New membrane filtration Section

The North Wales Water Authority, along with the North Penn Water Authority, announced the completion of the Plant Expansion Project at the Forest Park Water Treatment Plant. The dedication ceremony and plant tour was held on Thursday, October 4th. In addition to the tour, there was a brief presentation that describes the treatment process and the nature of the expansion project.

Forest Park originally opened in 1994 as a joint project between both water authorities in response to the need for a reliable, high quality, long-term source of surface water supply for the growing communities in Montgomery and Bucks Counties. Forest Park

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## Partnership Program Leaders Speak

The National Partnership for Safe Water program is guided by a dedicated group of volunteer leaders. As the program ends its 12th year, many of these invisible warriors for water treatment excellence reveal themselves and share their thoughts about the Partnership.

The volunteers pictured to the right attended training in March 2006, in St. Louis, Missouri. Dave Visintainer hosted the event.

Members of the Steering Committee, Program Effectiveness Assessment Committee (PEAC) and other committees provided many hours of their time to make the Partnership a success. Thank you to all Partnership volunteers and their employers for the many hours of dedicated service!



*Front row, L to R: Jay Fay, Patrick Francis, Dave Visintainer, Robert Cheng, Len Schantz, Jan Routt. Back row, L to R: Steve Hubbs, Curt Skouby, Mark Murphy, Bill Lauer, David Tuck, Ed Chescattie, Dave Hardy, Patrick Ryan, Mike Barsotti.*

## New Partnership Tools and Program Enhancements

There is a new tool on the Partnership website that may help you prepare your Phase III completion report. It is a Phase III Self-Assessment Report Template posted for download on the website. [www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org).

The Phase III Template was developed by Ed Chescattie, Water Treatment Plant Program Specialist with PA DEP and PFSW Representative Bob Donnelly and approved by the Program Effectiveness Assessment Committee (PEAC). This accomplishment was highlighted in the National Partnership for Safe Water Newsletter. Many of Pennsylvania's water systems are currently using the Template as an aid to writing their Phase III Report and have indicated that it has helped in compiling, organizing, and completing their work. Once the Template is completed, and the information outlined in the checklist is collected, the document will be ready to be submitted for review.

## AWWA Launches New Website

AWWA has a new enhanced website. You can find the Partnership for Safe Water information on the [www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org) site by:

- Clicking on the Professional and Technical Resources button on the landing page.
- Click on the Partnership for Safe Water button on the drop down menu.
- The Partnership landing page appears and you can find the usual information by using the menu on the left of the page.

The links you have for the Partnership using the old page will not work.

You will need to establish new links using the current AWWA webpage since the path addresses have changed. Contact Debby [dqualls@awwa.org](mailto:dqualls@awwa.org) if you have questions.



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treats the water from Lake Galena and the North Branch Neshaminy Creek, which in turn is supplemented about six months of the year with water that is withdrawn from the Delaware River at the Pont Pleasant Pumping Station.

Both authorities became members of the Partnership for Safe Water Program in March of 1995. Partnership Representative attendee Bob Donnelly said "I want to congratulate the Authorities and staff on a superb and informative evening regarding the completion of the plant expansion at the Forest Park Water Treatment Plant. The slide show and tour gave all attendees a better appreciation of the status and complexities of water treatment in the world today. Taking the opportunity of expanding and elevating a water system to what is considered a world class facility is something all citizens of Pennsylvania can be proud. We at the Partnership for Safe Water are also proud that one of our own is leading the way. Thank you for including the Partnership in your celebration and congratulations."

[www.paawwa.org](http://www.paawwa.org)



## Please Note the Following Information

### Annual Reports Overdue

Your annual report for the period 6/1/2006 – 5/31/2007 was due in June. Guidelines for annual reports are found on the Partnership website ([www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org)). You must use V3.1 (or later) of the data collection software to submit your data.

### E-mail Annual Report Next Year!

NO more floppy discs. NO more CDs and NO DVD'S. Annual report data must be sent to us via e-mail. The Partnership Steering Committee approved this policy to speed communication and reduce cost.

"Most utilities already send in their annual reports using e-mail," says Debby Qualls, Partnership Coordinator. "There is only a few that still use the postal service to deliver data discs. It's time to end this practice so that everyone can benefit."

All participating plants must now submit their annual report data (and the narrative for award-winning plants) by e-mail. If you have any questions contact Debby, [dqualls@awwa.org](mailto:dqualls@awwa.org).

## NOTICE

All participating plants must include a statement of conformance with regulations in their annual report. If you receive a Notice of Violation you must explain the situation and send us a copy of the Notice.

## Update Your Partnership Info

Send any changes to your Partnership contact information to Debby Qualls at [dqualls@awwa.org](mailto:dqualls@awwa.org). If we don't have the correct information you may miss out on upcoming program improvements. Be sure to include current e-mail address if available.