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Partnership for Safe Water Update

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58 Phase I & II Plants
48 Awarded Phase III

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The SPOTLIGHT is on: Williamsport Municipal Water Authority

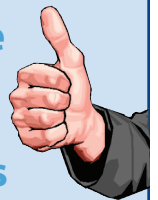


With assistance from PFSW Reps. Guy Woodard and Bob Donnelly, Williamsport Municipal Water Authority's staff, under the guidance of Larry Bennett, has successfully completed Phase III of the PFSW program. The Authority treats water from two sources using a modern water filtration plant and provides drinking water to approximately 52,000 people that live in the Williamsport area in Lycoming County. The Authority had just recently completed a multi-million dollar improvement that will allow a well water source to be blended with the surface water at the Filtration Plant. Previously, the well water supply was connected to a separate treatment system. Some water quality issues were experienced when both systems were used at the same time. Due to Williamsport's Partnership participation and following the program guidelines, these issues were addressed and rectified. Recently, Williamsport received the Directors Award (Phase III), media coverage and a photo celebration. Arrangements for their Crystal Water Drop Award celebration will be completed for the PA-AWWA 61st Annual Conference in Pittsburgh. This recognition will also be included in the next Partners in PA newsletter.

Standing from left to right: Larry Bennett, superintendent; Blas Herrera, assistant superintendent; Ken Kaufman, operator; Brady Brown, operator; David Beatty, maintenance mechanic. Sitting from left to right: Dana Springman, operator; Mark Foose, operator; Matt Moore, operator.

NEW MEMBERS

A Big Welcome to our New Members

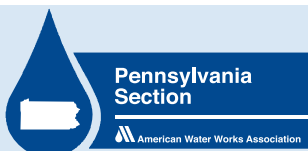


Aqua Pennsylvania has agreed to add 9 (nine) separate Water Treatment systems for a total of 10 (ten) participating in the *Partnership for Safe Water* program.

- Crums Creek WTP
- Ridley Creek WTP
- Neshaminy Creek WTP
- Ingram's Mill WTP
- Bristol WTP
- *Roaring Creek WTP
- Sharon WTP
- Pickering East WTP
- Upper Merion WTP
- Pickering West WTP

* Roaring Creek already participating in the PFSW program.

** More information next *Partners in PA* newsletter.



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Water Industry News

Partnership members have become proactive and are proud of their facilities and their operations. This year's *Hydromania* Water Sciences Exhibition Day shows another side of water treatment plants and how they are reaching out to their communities. *Hydromania*, is an annual event hosted by Lehigh Valley Water Suppliers at Cedar Crest College for hundreds of grade-schoolers from across the Lehigh Valley, to celebrate and educate about all things water related.

The Easton WTP *Partnership for Safe Water* (PFSW) team, headed by Miller Environmental's Chuck Wilson, Vincent Puglia, and Patricia Hann put together from scratch an interactive display of the hydrologic cycle that included a mountainous landscape with foliage; re-circulating rivers and lakes; a "rainfall" from the clouds in the display; and a cross section of a functioning filter to demonstrate the percolation of the water through the substrate of the Earth. Getting children involved directly with the displays is a *Hydromania* tradition. To make the model truly "Hands-on", the Easton PFSW team came up with the idea of having the children be stand-ins for the Sun and provide the energy to move the water through the cycle using a hand-cranked pump. Easton relied on the talent and know-how of the Easton Suburban Water Authority's Bruce Iudicello, Bob Vandevere, and Tom Patterson to recondition an old pump from the plant with the desired crank and connections to make it possible for the children to make it "rain" in the display.

"Overall, I think the most important and successful thing about *Hydromania*", says Plant Superintendent Chuck Wilson, "is that these kids really come away from *Hydromania*", with a knowledge and appreciation for that precious 1% of freshwater that we have to sustain us."

Kudos to the following for submitting 2008 Annual Reports on time...

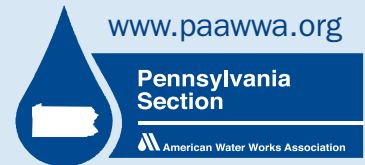
Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.	Kittanning Suburban Joint Water
Blossburg Water Auth.	Northampton Borough Municipal Auth.
Carlisle Borough Municipal Auth.	Pennsylvania American Water (34)
City of Allentown Water Resources	Pike Township Municipal Auth.
East Greenville Borough Water Dept.	Portage Water Authority (2)
Easton Suburban Water Auth.	Red Lion Municipal Auth.
Elizabethtown Area Water Auth.	Robinson Township Municipal Auth.
Galeton Borough Auth.	Schuylkill County Municipal Auth. (3)
Hooversville Borough Water	Shamokin Dam Borough
Jersey Shore Area Joint Water	Shenandoah Municipal Water Auth.
Jim Thorpe Water Dept.	Waynesboro Borough
Johnsonburg Municipal Auth. (2)	Williamsport Municipal Water Auth.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 18 – 20, 2010

**National *Partnership for Safe Water* 15-year Anniversary Conference
Hershey Lodge, in Hershey PA.**

On October 18 – 20, 2010 PA AWWA will host the National *Partnership for Safe Water* 15-year Anniversary Conference at the Hershey Lodge, in Hershey PA. PA was selected because of its strong PFSW participation. PA accounts for more than 25% of the total nationwide PFSW membership.



Partnership for Safe Water Program Representative Wanted

The Pennsylvania Section of the American Water Works Association (PA-AWWA) is seeking a representative for the *Partnership for Safe Water* program (PFSW). The PFSW focuses on optimizing the operation of water filtration plants and is supported by both the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Section. The representative will visit surface water filtration plants in the western portions of the Commonwealth. The representative's primary objective will be to provide technical assistance and training (e.g. report writing and computer software) to systems working through the *Partnership's* Phase III Self-Assessment process.

A secondary objective would be to educate the owners/operators of the benefits of membership in the *Partnership*, with a goal of enrolling additional filter plants in the program. This is a compensated and part-time position. If you have a strong background in optimizing surface water treatment plant operations, are knowledgeable and supportive of the PFSW, are proficient with Word, Excel, and the Internet, have good people skills and a desire to see the *Partnership Program* flourish, please contact Diane Cox at 717-774-8870 or dianecox@paawwa.org.

PA-AWWA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Use the Phase III Report Template

A template is now available for preparing a Phase III completion report. This tool was developed by our Regional Partners at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and provided to the *Partnership* for our members use. Those with "writers block" should find this very helpful. The template is posted for download on the *Partnership* website: www.partnershipforsafewater.org