



# Partners in PA

Partnership for Safe Water Update

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74 Phase I & II Plants  
43 Awarded Phase III

## Shenandoah Completes Third Phase of Partnership for Safe Water!



The Shenandoah Municipal Water Authority in Schuylkill County recently completed the third phase of the Partnership for Safe Water program, a voluntary effort to provide safe drinking water. Presently, the authority provides drinking water service to 9,500 people through approximately 4,442 connections. Shenandoah is one of only a handful of water systems to complete this phase of the Partnership in Pennsylvania. Gino Bruni, Chief plant operator will receive the Phase III Achievement Water Drop Award at the 56th PA AWWA Annual Conference, scheduled for May 25 – 27, 2004, at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.



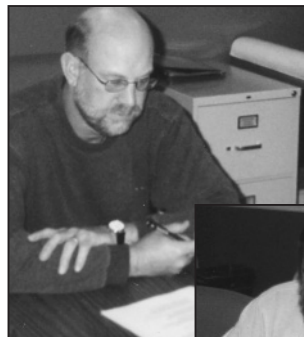
Bob Smith, Don Hershey and Gino Bruni

## Executive Director takes a Partnership for Safe Water field trip!

PA Section AWWA Executive Director, Don Hershey made a special trip to Shenandoah Municipal Water Authority to present the Phase III Directors Award personally to Gino Bruni. In attendance to celebrate this achievement was Donald Nold, American Water Services, Meadville, Council Authority members, local newspaper reporters, PFSW representative Bob Smith and Diane Cox.

## Stroudsburg Operators Pass Phase III 20 Contact Hours Qualification Test!

Congratulations are extended to Stroudsburg (manager) Ken Brown and (operator) Bill Robinson, who correctly answered all questions on their Phase III test to earn twenty (20.0) PA DEP Contact hours. Partnership for Safe Water representatives Diane Cox, and Bob Smith visited Stroudsburg Water Authority to administer the qualification test, and take a tour of the plant. If you have not yet achieved Phase III status, please contact Diane Cox for information on how you can sign up to become eligible for 20 contact hours.



Ken Brown and Bill Robinson taking the Qualification test.



## PLEASE NOTE:

If you are planning to advance to Phase IV of the Partnership program, we strongly suggest you contact DEP before completing the Phase IV application. Call Phil Consonery at 717-772-4018 to obtain details about Pennsylvania's Phase IV program.

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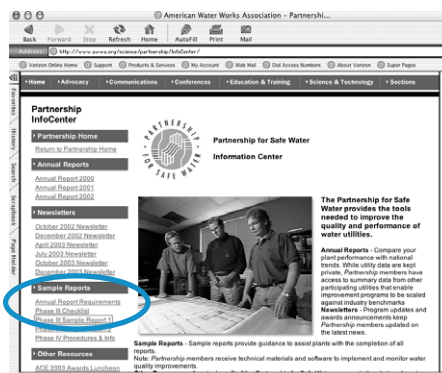
## Phase III Self-Assessment Tip “Getting Started On & Focusing Report Writing”

Many operators find that the winter months are a good time to work on the Phase III Self-Assessment report. If you're having trouble getting started on this report, it is suggested that you review the “Phase III Sample Report #1” posted on the AWWA Partnership website at <http://www.awwa.org/science/partnership/InfoCenter>. Using this sample report in combination with the AWWARF Self-Assessment Guide for Surface Water Treatment Plant Optimization (Self-Assessment Guide), should make compiling your report much easier.

The suggested approach is to review a chapter in the Self-Assessment Guide and then answer the corresponding questions contained within that Chapter. The sample report can provide you with some insight as to how another water system successfully answered these same questions. For obvious reasons, it's best to work through one Chapter at a time, proceeding in chronological order.

**While answering Self-Assessment questions, it's very important to understand the primary purpose of the Phase III process...**

All filter plants regardless of age, capacity, or design have performance limiting factors that prevent optimized operation. The Self-Assessment report gives you an opportunity to tell everyone about all the great things you're doing at your filter plant. **But, the primary purpose of the Self-Assessment is to provide a structured approach, which enables**



**you to identify performance-limiting factors and develop actions plans to improve upon these limiting factors.**

Therefore, for this report to be complete, it must include all limiting factors that have impacted, are impacting, or may impact (future) filter plant operation and performance.

While writing the Phase III report, do NOT explain how “everything works perfectly at our filter plant”. Instead, focus your explanation on “everything that we've done to achieve the current level of performance and everything we plan to do to further improve performance”. Keep this in mind, and your Phase III report should not only receive a high score; it should also result in improved filter plant performance and water quality.

Looking for an incentive to work through the Phase III process? Remember if you successfully complete Phase III, you may be eligible for 20 contact hours applicable towards continuing education credits. If you have any questions about getting started or working through the Phase III process, please contact Ed Chescattie at (717) 772-4018.

### Update Your Partnership Information

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.

## Upcoming Optimizing Filter Performance Workshops

(Approved for 6.5 Contact Hours)

- East:** April 1, 2004  
City of Allentown  
Bureau of Water Resources  
Water Filtration Plant  
1300 Martin Luther King Dr.  
Allentown, PA 18102
- Central:** April 15, 2004  
City of Harrisburg  
Bureau of Water  
100 Pine Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17103
- West:** April 22, 2004  
Brackenridge Borough  
1000 Brackenridge Avenue  
Brackenridge, PA 15014

For further information or if you have questions, please contact Diane Cox @ phone 717-774-8870 or fax 717-774-0288 or [dianecox@paawwa.org](mailto:dianecox@paawwa.org)

## Education Opportunity

### Operators Certification Review Workshop

Date: February 26, 2004

- Locations: City of Harrisburg, Bureau of Water – Diane Cox  
Ellsworth Boro Water Department – Rawl Harris  
Erie Water Works – John Presogna  
Galeton Boro Water Authority – George Bowen  
Gallitzin Water Authority – Bob Crusciel  
Monroeville Fire Company #6 – John Capor  
State College – Max Gill

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