



# Partners in PA

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67 Phase I & II Plants  
47 Awarded Phase III

## Phase III : Partnership for Safe Water Director's Awards



*Pictured left to right: Mike McFadden, Don Walewski, Matt Klopotek, PA Section AWWA's Don Hershey, Scott Hart, and Amy Handshew*

### Carlisle Water Treatment Plant

The Carlisle Water Treatment Plant joined the PFSW program in 2001, and is the heart of the Carlisle area public water supply system providing potable water for the Borough of Carlisle and portions of North Middlesex Township, all located in Cumberland County. The Carlisle Borough Municipal Authority owns the water system, which is operated by the Borough. Working together, these governmental bodies assure that an adequate, reliable, safe water supply is provided to the area users. Carlisle's water treatment plant is a modern facility, which treats water from the Conodoguinet Creek.



*Blossburg's plant operators (L) Dan Grinnell and George Lloyd posed for this photo in celebration after receiving the Partnership for Safe Water Phase III Director's Award wearing their Partnership for Safe Water caps.*

### Blossburg Municipal Water Authority

Blossburg Municipal Water Authority is recognized for completion of the Phase III Self-Assessment of the Partnership for Safe Water Program. Blossburg Municipal Water Authority is another small Pennsylvania water system ensuring its customers that it is making extra efforts to provide safe water. Blossburg Municipal Authority is located in Tioga County, and serves a population of 1,650. By being proactive, Blossburg is working smarter, keeping costs down, reducing pollution and protecting our health and resources.

### Huntingdon Borough Water Department Begins Phase III Self-Assessment



L to R - Danny Heffner, Roger Leonard, Steve Williams and Barry Wilson. Huntingdon Borough Water Department located in Southcentral Pennsylvania joined the Partnership for Safe Water program in June 2000. This utility serves a population of 12,000, and staff are very committed towards producing the best quality water possible. After some assistance from PA DEP staff, operators have recently begun working on their Phase III Self-Assessment.

### 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.

### Your Annual Report is Due NOW!

All participating Partnership treatment plants should submit their annual reports now. Your turbidity data from June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004 should be submitted using the Partnership data collection software, version 3.1.

If you haven't sent in your annual report yet, please collect your turbidity data and e-mail it to Dan Rodeheffer at [rodeheffer@awwa.org](mailto:rodeheffer@awwa.org) or mail it (on a computer disc) to: Dan Rodeheffer, AWWA, 6666 W. Quincy Avenue, Denver, CO 80235.



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## Lancaster Receives Award for Water Quality

Congratulations were extended to the City of Lancaster – Conestoga Water Treatment Plant on successfully receiving the “Five-Year Directors Award” of recognition as part of the Partnership for Safe Water program. This achievement is no small task. Everyone involved should be very proud of this accomplishment. The City of Lancaster – Conestoga Water Treatment Plant is a long-time member of the Partnership for Safe Water Program. Lancaster was the first to sign the Partnership for Safe Water Agreement for participation in 1995. In 1998, it was the first to complete the Self-Assessment Phase III, and is one of only two plants to receive the “Five Year Directors Award” 2004 in Pennsylvania. Lancaster Bureau of Water serves a population of 110,000, processing 12 million gallons of water from the Conestoga River.



*Pictured Lancaster's operators*

## Philadelphia Water Department Achieves Another Milestone



The Philadelphia Water Department is part of an elite group of 37 water utilities across the country, and is one of two utilities in Pennsylvania, to receive the prestigious award. The Water Department provides drinking water to approximately 1.7 million people in Philadelphia and parts of Lower Bucks County. Its three water treatment plants process a combined average of 270 million gallons of water a day, withdrawing water from the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers for treatment.



“Maintaining Directors Award status for five years demonstrates our philosophy of constant vigilance to improve water quality,” said Bernard Brunwasser, Water Commissioner. “We are thrilled to receive national recognition for this ongoing commitment.”



*Pictured top to bottom: Queens Lane WTP Operators, Belmont WTP Operators, Baxter WTP Operators*

(Photos courtesy of City of Philadelphia Records Dept.)

## Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule Turbidity Reporting Instructions Training

Please register EARLY – photo ID required. For more information contact Diane Cox at 717-774-8870 or dianecox@paawwa.org.

### Northcentral – 1 PM – 4 PM

State College Boro Water Auth.  
1201 West Branch Road  
State College, PA 16801  
Date: December 1, 2004

### Southwest – 1 PM – 4 PM

Wilkinsburg Penn Water Authority  
2200 Robinson Blvd  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221  
Date: December 2, 2004

### Northeast – 1 PM – 4 PM

City of Allentown Water  
1300 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.  
Allentown, PA 18102  
Date: December 6, 2004

### Southcentral – 1 PM – 4 PM

City of Harrisburg Water  
100 Pine Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17103  
Date: November 18, 2004

### Northwest - 1 PM – 4 PM

PAWC – New Castle  
2736 Ellwood Road  
New Castle, PA 16101  
Date: December 1, 2004

### Southeast- 1 PM – 4 PM

Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.  
762 W. Lancaster Ave  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010  
Date: November 10, 2004

## EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

**LAST CHANCE** to gain valuable filter optimization information.

**Final** “Optimization Filter Performance Workshop” will be scheduled this spring 2005. No additional workshops are planned. Operator’s will receive 6.5 PA DEP Contact Hours, and a **FREE** “Filter Maintenance & Operations Guidance Manual” will be provided to each utility in attendance. (AWWA member retail value of \$135.00). Small systems operators may be eligible for full reimbursement for attending this workshop. For more workshop information please contact Diane Cox @ 717-774-8870 or dianecox@paawwa.org.

## “Notice for all surface water suppliers in Pennsylvania”

DEP’s SDWA-5 Form Has Been Revised!!!

Over the past 5 years, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published two important regulations that change monitoring and reporting requirements for turbidity. The regulations contain new requirements affecting filtered suppliers using surface water sources or sources under the direct influence of surface water. As a result of these requirements, which are contained in the Interim and Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rules, **you must use the new version of the SDWA-5 form starting in January 2005.** You will receive a monitoring and reporting violation for your water system if you fail to use the revised form.

The revised SDWA-5 form, which is used for monthly turbidity reporting on filter plant performance, now includes checkboxes under “V. Individual Filter Turbidity Exceedance Reporting.” This is an important change because it allows water supplies to report the proper information that is mandated in the new regulations. **In late September, DEP mailed all water suppliers a copy of the revised SDWA-5 form along with other pertinent information. Be on the look out for this important mailer.**

For more information visit  
[www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us)  
“dep filtration” — “GO”  
“Revised SDWA-5 Form”  
[www.paawwa.org](http://www.paawwa.org).

## 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.