

### Partners in PA

Partnership for Safe Water Update

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60 Phase I & II Plants
49 Awarded Phase III



# The SPOTLIGHT is on: Millersburg Area Authority

Millersburg is a borough in Dauphin County, centrally located between Harrisburg and Sunbury with a population of 3600. The Authority presently serves approximately 4,600 customers in the Borough of Millersburg and areas of Upper Paxton Township adjacent to the Borough. Average water usage is approximately 360,000 gallons per day. The Authority has approximately 28 miles of water main, ranging in size from 2 inch through 24 inch diameter. Raw water supplies consist of 7 springs and 9 drilled wells. A surface water supply intake can also be utilized to supplement the raw water supplies. All water supplies are treated at their Water Filtration Plant. Millersburg WTP is the third water plant in Dauphin County to join the national program.



Shown are (left to right): David Hawley, Millersburg board chairman; Stephanie Stoner, PA DEP; Melanie Daugherty, authority administrative assistant; Jere Troutman, authority manager; Guy Woodard, PfSW representative; Jeff Golding, Gannett Fleming; Jason Minnich, PA DEP; and Timothy Reed, authority's chief operator.



Millersburg's (left to right) Jere Troutman, David Hawley, Timothy Reed and Jason Minnich (PA DEP) display their Partnership for Safe Water membership certificate.

#### PA American Water Huntsville WTP staff honored at reception with local officials

As part of its annual reception with community leaders in northeast PA, Kathy Pape, PA American President, recognized the Huntsville WTP managers and staff for their hard work and dedication in completing Phase III of the Partnership for Safe Water program.



Shown are (left to right): Mark Cross, PAWC production manager; Kathy Pape, PAWC president, John Yamona, PAWC water quality manager, Bob Donnelly, PfSW representative.

Partnership Representative Bob Donnelly and Partnership Coordinator Diane Cox attended the reception on behalf of the PA-AWWA Partnership program. PAWC managers Mark Cross and John Yamona, along with the Huntsville operators, accepted the prestigious crystal water drop, which is presented to water systems that exceed state standards for filter optimization by completing Phase III.

"PA American Water is a large part of our program and they deserve the recognition on this occasion," Donnelly said. "This function gave the PA Section of AWWA the opportunity to promote the Partnership program, meet with legislators and show our support for one of our key "Partners.""

Several local officials also attended the reception, which was held at the Woodlands Inn and Resort in Wilkes-Barre in September.



First row: Dave Hamilton, operator; Charlie Borland, operator; Paul Radginski, operator; Loran Napkora, operator. Second row: Mike Frank, operator; Dino Agustini, water supply program manager, DEP; Todd Ostir, sanitarian supervisor, DEP; Nancy Donahue, water quality supervisor; Sean Sorber, production supervisor.



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#### **Annual Reports are Overdue!**

Your annual report for the period 6/1/08 — 5/31/09 was due in June. Guidelines for annual reports are found on the Partnership website at www.partnershipforsafewater.org. You should be using version 4.1 of the data collection software. If you don't have the current version, please contact Debby Qualls at dqualls@awwa.org.

#### **National Conference on Water System Optimization**

Mark your calendars! Planning has begun for a *Partnership* conference October 18-20, 2010 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Technical presentations will help utilities optimize water treatment plants and distribution systems. Operations personnel, including supervisor, managers, operators, and engineers will benefit from the program. Look for more information to come.



## The Partnership is looking for More Staff!!! 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.

#### Plants Seeking Phase IV – Register with AWWA!

ALL plants that are actively pursuing the requirements of Phase IV to achieve the "Excellence in Water Treatment Award" MUST register prior to submitting an award application. It is highly recommended that plants register before they even begin to collect the documentation needed to attain Phase IV. Registration must occur at least three months prior to submitting a Phase IV application. The registration is free and the form is included with the Phase IV application on the *Partnership* website at www.partnershipforsafewater.org.

#### Kudos to the following for submitting 2009 Annual Reports on time

Blossburg Water Authority **Brodhead Creek Regional Authority** (Stroudsburg) Elizabethtown Area Water Authority **Highland Sewer & Water Authority** Hooversville Borough Water Plant Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Authority Kittanning Suburban Joint Water Authority Mahanoy Township Authority Westmoreland County Municipal Authority Oakmont Water Authority Pike Twp Municipal Authority Portage Water Authority Robinson Twp Municipal Authority Shamokin Dam Borough Shenandoah Municipal Water Authority Williamsport Municipal Water Authority Pennsylvania America Water

Aldrich WTP Blue Mountain System - Pen Argl WTP Kittanning WTP Home Water System – Shady Lane WTP Kane WTP Punxsutawney (Big Run WTP) Ellwood WTP Indiana WTP (Two Lick Creek) Brownsville WTP Forest City WTP Huntsville WTP **Nesbitt WTP Brownell WTP Bangor WTP** New Castle WTP Watres WTP Clarion Regional WTP Crystal Lake WTP Ceasetown WTP Hays Mine WTP Lake Scranton WTP Fallbrook WTP Yardley WTP Susquehanna WTP Norristown WTP Montrose WTP Gerald C. Smith WTP West Shore Regional WTP Philipsburg WTP White Deer Creek WTP Silver Spring WTP Milton Filter Plant

#### **Update Your Partnership Info**

Send any changes to your Partnership contact information to Debby Qualls at 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.