



# Partners in PA

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65 Phase I & II Plants  
50 Awarded Phase III



## The SPOTLIGHT is on our newest member: Williamstown Borough Authority



Williamstown Borough Authority our newest member to the Partnership for Safe Water Program has 980 customers serving a population of approximately 2,400. The Authority provides water to Williamstown Borough and most of Williams Township. Williamstown withdraws its source water from the Updegroves Run Reservoir in Jackson Township, Dauphin County. The intake on Rattling Creek/Greenland Run supplies the Reservoir. The intake's watershed covers approximately five (5) square miles and two municipalities in Dauphin County. Forestland is the only land usage within the watershed boundary. The forested lands are generally composed of dense deciduous forest with many large continuous stands of trees. The Authority owns over 700 acres of the watershed including the land where the intake is located, while the game commission owns the remainder.



**L-R** – Cathy Port, DEP, Sabrina Chrzanowski, DEP, Dennis J. English, Chair Person, Lance Hoover, Operations Mgr. Glace Assoc., Charles W. Croft, Sr. Vice Chairperson, Joseph D'Agostino, WBA Operator Mgr. And Charles W. Croft Jr.

## Annual Conference Partnership for Safe Water Mixer



Partnership for Safe Water Display



Easton Suburban Water Authority recognized for completing Phase III.

The PA-AWWA and DEP Partnership for Safe Water Mixer was held in recognition of the dedication demonstrated by the newest utilities that have completed Phase III of the Partnership for Safe Water program.

## Annual Reports Past Due

Your annual report for the period 6/1/2009 – 5/31/2010 was due in June. Please submit your report to Debby Qualls by email at [dqualls@awwa.org](mailto:dqualls@awwa.org) ASAP.

## 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.



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# Continuing Education Credits approved for Participating in Phase IV of the Partnership for Safe Water Program

Water plant operators in Pennsylvania can now receive 35 continuing education contact hours for participating in Phase IV of the Partnership for Safe Water program.

The Partnership is made up of the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency (DEP), the Pennsylvania Section American Water Works Association (PA-AWWA) and other drinking water organizations. Its goal is to implement preventative measures that are based on

optimizing treatment plant performance. There are four phases to the Partnership for Safe Water Program. Phase IV is the highest phase and includes a rigorous assessment to determine conformance with Partnership performance goals. A third-party team of utility peers reviews the plant data and determines if optimized performance has been achieved. Successful completion of Phase IV will result in the plant receiving the Excellence

in Water Treatment Award from the Partnership. In addition, water treatment plant operators that actively participate in the Phase IV process will have the opportunity to earn 35 continuing education contact hours. So far, only 6 water treatment plants in the nation have reached Phase IV status. Currently, Pennsylvania does not have any Phase IV members. However, we are eager to see the first water plant step up to the plate and hit a Phase IV home run for Pennsylvania.

## Is Phase IV too difficult to reach?

**Regarding all the talk about the Phase IV level being at a level too difficult to reach, we in Pennsylvania have many plants that many think are capable if not already meeting the Phase IV goals.**

Many of the plants visited by Partnership representatives express that the requirements for Phase IV might be beyond their capabilities—not so, according to industry experts and DEP regulators.

“The data just does not bear this out,” said Deb Qualls, Partnership for Safe Water (PFSW) Representative in the Central Office in Colorado. Deb sees all the data as it is transcribed and compiled from state to state. “Pennsylvania continues to be a leader throughout the nation with regards to Partnership participation and, more importantly, water quality,” said Deb. In her opinion, it is only a matter of time until some Pennsylvania plants reach for that Phase IV bar. Bob Donnelly, PFSW representative agrees, “In fact we have a few systems working on the Phase IV program right now, and we anticipate submissions any day now.”

Bob also agrees that many of the plants he visits are already meeting the goals, “when they go online and take a fresh look at the example report and current guidelines, most if not all, note that they are already treating at or beyond those goal levels.” Bob suggests all PFSW members revisit the website at <http://www.awwa.org> to refresh their memory. Under “Professional and Technical Resources,” choose Partnership for Safe Water and view program requirements to see how you measure up.

## 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](http://www.partnershipforsafewater.org).

## Only 4 Months to Go! National Conference on Water System Optimization

Mark your calendars! We are finalizing our plans for the *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. **EARN 4 PA DEP CONTACT HOURS AT THE CONFERENCE!**



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on Water System Optimization

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For more information, call 717.774.8870