



# Partners in PA

Partnership for Safe Water Update



55 Phase I & II Plants  
46 Awarded Phase III

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## The SPOTLIGHT is on: Emlenton Water Company



Emlenton Water Company is planning to start Phase III, "the Self-Assessment Phase," of the Partnership for Safe Water program. The plant is located in the NW section of Pennsylvania. It draws its water from the 98-mile marker of the Allegheny River. Emlenton Water Company has served the Emlenton area since 1896.

In 2002, Emlenton Water Bottling Company (EWBC) was formed using the water from the water treatment plant. The Bottling Company

additionally treats the plant water with a charcoal filter and ozone. EWBC offers water ranging from 8 oz to one gallon to fundraising groups. Their newest line of water is called Wetbone. This water, bottled in the shape of a bone, is for dogs. Additional nutrients are added for dogs. Emlenton's Manager, Jeff Foley, stated that being in the Partnership for Safe Water Program was very important to boosting their customers' (both water company and bottling) confidence in their product.



### Allentown's water department honored at PA/Chesapeake Joint conference

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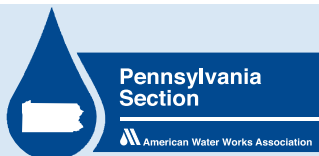
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In celebration of the Phase III completion, Allentown's Manager of Operations Robert Kerchusky, Chief Operator John Bartol, Systems Analyst George Lill and Operator Steve Stahlberg were present at the 2007 PA/Chesapeake AWWA Joint Conference to receive the prestigious Phase III Water Drop Director's Award. They also received the Phase III PA DEP 20 contact hours certificates for the staff, which actively participated in the Partnership's self-assessment, and recently passed the qualification test.

Phase III culminates in a detailed, peer-reviewed report that summarizes the rigorous self-assessment portion of the program. This phase is specifically geared toward identifying

weaknesses in plant operation, design and administration that could lead to a breakthrough of waterborne disease-causing organisms into the finished water that is distributed to consumers.

Correcting these weaknesses helps prevent waterborne disease outbreaks from pathogenic organisms like Cryptosporidium and Giardia. By completing this phase of the program, the Allentown Water Treatment Plant is working to provide an additional measure of protection to drinking water consumers.



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## Annual Reports Were Due Prior to June 30, 2007

If you have not submitted your annual report yet, please send it now. Report your Partnership data for the period 6/1/2006 – 5/31/2007. Guidelines for annual reports are found on the Partnership website ([www.awwa.org/science/partnership/InfoCenter](http://www.awwa.org/science/partnership/InfoCenter)). You must use V3.1 (or later) of the data collection software to submit your data.

All participating treatment plants should submit their turbidity data. Award winning treatment plants are required to submit the data AND a written narrative report. Submit both parts of the annual report electronically and together to [dqualls@awwa.org](mailto:dqualls@awwa.org).

### KUDOS to the following utilities for submitting their Annual Reports prior to the due date of June 30, 2007:

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| <i>Blossburg Water Authority</i>                       | <i>PA American Water</i>                    |
| <i>Brodhead Creek Regional Authority (Stroudsburg)</i> | <i>Silver Spring</i>                        |
| <i>Carlisle Borough Municipal Authority</i>            | <i>White Deer Creek</i>                     |
| <i>City of Easton</i>                                  | <i>Milton Filter Plant</i>                  |
| <i>East Greenville Borough Water Department</i>        | <i>Nesbitt Water</i>                        |
| <i>Harrisburg Water System</i>                         | <i>Bangor Water</i>                         |
| <i>Hyndman Borough Water Department</i>                | <i>Gerald C. Smith</i>                      |
| <i>Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Authority</i>         | <i>Huntsville Water</i>                     |
| <i>Jim Thorpe Water Department</i>                     | <i>Ceasetown Water</i>                      |
| <i>Johnsonburg Municipal Authority</i>                 | <i>Phillipsburg Water</i>                   |
| <i>City of Lancaster Authority</i>                     | <i>Crystal Lake Water</i>                   |
| <i>Meyersdale Municipal Authority</i>                  | <i>Watres Water</i>                         |
| <i>Borough of Lewistown</i>                            | <i>Blue Mountain System - Pen Argyl</i>     |
| <i>Municipal Authority of Westmoreland</i>             | <i>Blue Mountain System - Stony Garden</i>  |
| <i>North Penn &amp; North Wales Water Authorities</i>  | <i>Pike Township Municipal Authority</i>    |
| <i>Northampton Borough Municipal Authority</i>         | <i>Red Lion Municipal Authority</i>         |
| <i>Oakmont Water Authority</i>                         | <i>Shenandoah Municipal Water Authority</i> |

## Performance Evaluation Assessment Committee Tips

The Partnership Data Collection Software is the workhorse for the program. All participating water treatment plants use this software to track performance. The statistical output from the program is used for the annual reports and to accompany the Phase III and Phase IV reports. Here is some information that can help you efficiently use this software.

You have two versions of the software. One has room to enter one turbidity value for each day and the other allows entry of six values a day. Use the single value spreadsheet for raw and settled water data. Use the six-value spreadsheet for filtered water data.

Enter data into the spreadsheets every day. This will take a minute. This way at the end of the year you will have your data entry completed without any real effort. Also, you will be able to track your plant performance and make any adjustments needed immediately.

For your annual report all you need to send AWWA is the file that is produced from the "Save File for AWWA" button. This clips out the table at the top of the statistical results screen. The data in this table is all you need to send for your annual report data (Phase III and IV award plants have additional requirements)

### 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.

Visit us on the Web at

# [www.paawwa.org](http://www.paawwa.org)



## Please Note the Following Information

### Partnership online course provides 3.0 CEU's for operators

"Optimizing Performance Using Turbidity Data" course content closely follows the procedures used in the Phase III self-assessment. Operators from participating Partnership plants should find taking the course familiar. Operators that are associated with Partnership member plants can take the course for only \$25 (regular member charge is \$60). To enroll in the course go to [www.awwa.org/learnonline](http://www.awwa.org/learnonline). If you have questions, please contact Diane Cox at the PA Section office at 717-774-8870.

## Plants Seeking Phase IV MUST 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. Registration is FREE and the form is included with the Phase IV application.

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