



Partners in PA

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62 Phase I & II Plants
47 Awarded Phase III

The SPOTLIGHT is on Schuylkill County Municipal Authority

Staff/Operators pass Phase III 20 Contact Hours Qualification Test!

Congratulations to Schuylkill County Municipal Authority staff and operators, who have actively participated in the self-assessment and correctly answered all questions on their Phase III test to earn twenty (20.0) PA DEP Contact hours. Partnership for Safe Water representative Bob Donnelly, visited SCMA to administer the qualification test. The SCMA is the first system to really take advantage of the Phase III contact hours by having multiple operators sit for the test. A total of 10 SCMA staff and operators successful completed the test to receive 20 DEP Contact Hour credit. For more information contact Diane at dianecox@paawwa.org or www.dep.state.pa.us (choose *DEP Filtration*, hit go.)



Congratulations to

Pennsylvania American Water Company



Pennsylvania American's (left to right) Bill Kelvington, Paul Zielinski and Debbie Lippert recently accepted an award from AWWA International on behalf of their company for having 19 Pennsylvania filter plants maintained for 5 years Directors Award

The Directors Award is presented to water systems who have completed a successful review in the Partnership's Self-Assessment and Peer Review phase, a phase in which utilities examine the capabilities of their treatment plant operation and administration and then create a plan for implementing improvements. This year, 19 of PAWC's filter plants are being recognized with a national award for maintaining active Phase III (Directors Award) status for 5 years. This is a significant accomplishment as it demonstrates ongoing commitment to optimizing filter plant performance.

PA American Water – 2005 Five-Year Directors Awardees

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| Aldrich Water Treatment Plant | Indiana WTP (Two Lick Creek) |
| Bangor Water Treatment Plant | Kittanning Plant |
| Brownell Water Treatment Plant | Milton Filter Plant |
| Clarion Water Treatment Plant | Montrose Treatment Plant |
| Ceasetown Water Treatment Plant | Nesbitt Treatment Plant |
| Ellwood Water Treatment Plant | New Castle Plant |
| Fallbrook Water Treatment Plant | Oneida Valley Water Treatment Plant (Butler) |
| Forest City Water Treatment Plant | Philipsburg Treatment Plant |
| Gerald C. Smith Treatment Plant (Hershey) | Silver Spring Plant |
| Hays Mine Plant | |

PfSW Tips:

✓ If you are using DEP's Dweller to submit turbidity results electronically you can easily copy and paste to the PfSW turbidity program. Make sure that when you paste the turbidity results, you use paste special and choose values only. You do not want to copy the various colors (ie. Green, yellow, etc)

Tips for using the Performance Potential Disk

- ✓ If you are having trouble with the bottom three boxes (ok,, cancel,help) showing up on each/some screens then change your pixels. The computers from DEP were set at 640 x 480. If you change them to 800 x 600 you should not have a problem.
- ✓ If you have more than 12 filters you will need to fill out the filtration section twice, putting half of your filters in once and the other half in the second time.



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Elizabethtown Area Water Authority



Steve Bixler Assistant Superintendent (left) and Gene Hadleman, Superintendent of Elizabethtown Area Water Authority expressed an interest in the Authority becoming a member of the Partnership for Safe Water family. During a recent visit Partnership Rep Bob Donnelly was impressed with the facility and the plant operations. PA-AWWA section looks forward to the Authority joining the PFSW program, and working with the staff and operators toward the completion of both Phase II and III.



Congratulations

Roger Leonard of Huntingdon Bureau of Water has been promoted to Plant Supervisor. Congratulations Roger!

Educational Opportunities

PA Section – AWWA and PRWA Presents:

#1510 Radionuclide Rule Water Supplier Training — Approved for 7 PA DEP Contact Hours

SE	October 28, 2005	Chester Water Authority
SC	November 4, 2005	Harrisburg Bureau of Water
SW	November 18, 2005	Westmoreland Co. Community College

For more information contact:

Sharon E. DelSignore at Sharon@prwa.com or call 1-800-653-PRWA

AWWA TeleConference: The Shrinking Workforce: Hype or Crisis?

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Diane F. Cox at dianecox@paawwa.org or call 717-774-8870

Assistance for Utilities Proceeding to Phase III

The Partnership is conducting a series of conference calls for plants that are in Phase II to assist them in their efforts to achieve Directors Award status. Potential participants are invited to call in and discuss their questions regarding the program and how best to proceed to attain award status. Bill Lauer and the PEAC vice-chairs are hosting the conferences.

Feedback from these conference calls have been very positive. Utility representatives have also reported that these sessions are very informative.

For more information contact Deb Qualls at dqualls@awwa.org.

Dan Rodeheffer has RETIRED! Deb Qualls is his REPLACEMENT!

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 e-mail it to Debby Qualls at dqualls@awwa.org or mail it (on a computer disc) to: Debby Qualls, AWWA, 6666 W. Quincy Avenue, Denver, CO 80235.



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Please Note the Following Information

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.

ALMOST DONE WITH PHASE III?

Prior to submitting your Phase III report, it may be beneficial to contact PA-AWWA. One of our Partnership Reps could look over your draft report and provide helpful suggestions. If interested, please contact Diane Cox @ 717-774-8870.

PLEASE NOTE:

Plants Going for Phase IV — CONTACT AWWA FIRST!

All plants that are actively pursuing the requirements of Phase IV to achieve the "Excellence in Water Treatment Award" should contact Bill Lauer or Debby Qualls at AWWA before they get too far in the process. The Partnership will assign a "Facilitator" at NO charge to work with the plant during the preparations for the Phase IV application. The Facilitator is one of the PEAC vice-chairs who will be able to answer questions about the process. Facilitated Phase IV applications have gone through the process with a minimum of delay. Take advantage of this assistance.

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