



Partners in PA

Partnership for Safe Water Update

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59 Phase I & II Plants
47 Awarded Phase III

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The SPOTLIGHT is on:



City of Allentown's Phase III Report

Bob Donnelly, Representative from the PFSW met with John Bartol, Chief Operator, City of Allentown, and his staff to assist with the development of their Phase III program. The City has successfully implemented Phase III of the Partnership program by having each member of its extensive operations staff (12 full time operators) answer and discuss individual sections of the Phase III report. This was accomplished on a password protected computer program developed by the City's Water Treatment staff. Following completion of particular sections, staff meetings were conducted to discuss results, revise SOP's and develop concusses.



L to R – John Bartol Chief Operator; and Robert Kerchusky, Manager of Operations have been involved in the Partnership for Safe Water program, which optimized filter performance.

The City of Allentown owns and operates a 30 mgd conventional water filtration plant, presently servicing an approximate population of 137,000. On average, Allentown WTP produces about 16 MGD utilizing a number of sources, most notably the Little Lehigh Creek. Treatment consists of chemical pre-treatment, rapid mix, flocculation, plate settler

clarifiers and dual media filtration before the clearwell and distribution system. Allentown is a well-kept, well-operated facility and an excellent candidate for the PFSW program goals.

PFSW Representative Bob Donnelly met with Allentown City PWS representatives to conduct a final review and coordinate submission of the City's Phase III Report.

The AWWA PEAC is currently reviewing the Phase III Report for the City of Allentown, and will be completed and approved this month. Twenty contact hours can be awarded to each operator that participated in the phase III self assessment process at Allentown. The contact hours can be used toward their Pennsylvania pre-

certification experience and continuing education requirements. Testing of those individuals who participated in the development and writing of the Report will also be completed this month

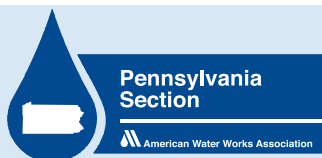
Meet the new Partnership for Safe Water Representative



Guy Woodard

Guy Woodard is from the Central part of PA, (Furnace PA). Guy has extensive experience with surface water systems, having worked with the City of Hagerstown Water Department for five (5) years. He supervised the maintenance and operation of one 12 MGD and one 4.8 MGD conventional Surface water treatment plants, as well as four booster stations and several Raw and

finished water storage facilities. Guy was also involved in the planning and implementation of the capital improvement program for the Production section of the Water Department. Guy was also instrumental in revamping written Standard Operating Procedures and implementing operator training with emphasis on Process Optimization. Welcome!



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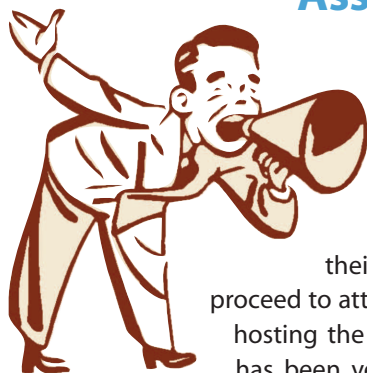
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Assistance for those proceeding to Phase III

The Partnership is conducting a series of conference calls for plants that are stalled 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 two of these conferences has been very positive. Utility representatives have reported that these sessions are quite informative.

Questions? Contact Diane Cox at the PA Section office, 717-774-8870.

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.

REMINDER Annual Reports DUE July 2007

Make sure your data is up-to-date and that you are keeping track of Performance limiting factors and plant improvements.



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

Questions?

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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.

The registration is free and the form is included with the Phase IV application on the Partnership website: www.awwa.org/science/partnership/InfoCenter/

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