



Partners in PA

Partnership for Safe Water Update

114

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68 Phase I & II Plants
46 Awarded Phase III

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Another passes the Phase III Qualification Test—Earns 20 Contact Hours!

Congratulations are extended from PA Section AWWA's Diane Cox to Carlisle's Water Plant Supervisor Mike McFadden who actively participated in the self-assessment and answered all questions correctly on his *Partnership for Safe Water* Phase III test to earn twenty (20.0) PA DEP Contact hours.



5 Phase III Partnership for Safe Water Awards presented at the 56th PA Section Annual Conference



Carlisle Borough
Mike McFadden & Peter Selen



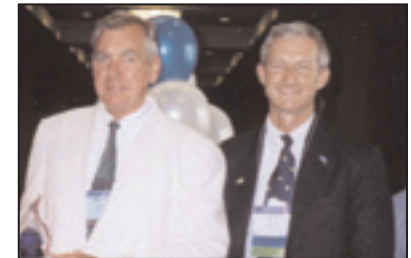
Phase III Crystal Water Drop Awards

Gino Bruni wins Operator's Meritorious Service Award!

Gino Bruni was awarded the 2004 Operator's Meritorious Service Award at the PA Section's 56th Annual Conference. This award acknowledges a special Operator's performance for continuous compliance with Public health standards in finished water, as well as exemplifying Gino's dedication to the public beyond the normal operating responsibilities, including his special efforts in the training of treatment plant operators. He currently holds the position of Chief Plant Operator at Shenandoah, a small system that has achieved Phase III status.



Chester Water Authority
Gordon Miller with Diane Cox



Larry's Creek WTP
Mike Zellers (left) and Jeff Hines



Shenandoah Water Auth.
Gino Bruni (left) and Jeff Hines



Stroudsburg Water Authority
Ken Brown (center) with Diane Cox and DEP's Phil Consonery

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Partnership for Safe Water Phase III Testimonials:

Phase III is the heart of the "Partnership for Safe Water" program. Working through the Phase III self-assessment results in the identification of limiting factors and the development of action plans to improve performance. Partnership utilities consistently report significant performance improvement without major capital expenditures. Pennsylvania's Partnership program remains very strong, accounting for almost 30% of the nation's total membership. Numerous Pennsylvania Partners continue to work through the program and realize the benefits of Phase III. Below are some quotes provided by these systems.....

The "Self Assessment" takes time and effort, but taken in increments it can be done systematically over a period of time. As operators we evaluate the plant's overall performance everyday. By focusing your evaluation one process at a time with stated goals in mind, you can make progress towards completing the assessment and improving your operation at the same time.

Mike McFadden, *Water Plant Supervisor*
Borough of Carlisle

WTP's that have completed Phase II should proceed to the completion of Phase III of the PfSW program because of the unique opportunity to get a relatively large group together (operators, maintenance personnel, management) to brainstorm different ideas, to discuss their feasibility and implementation. The ultimate advantage is to reduce the finished water turbidity level and maintain it there on a consistent basis and, speaking from the bottom line, reduce over-all operating costs.

Gregg Haney, *Operations/Maintenance Superintendent*
Harrisburg Bureau of Water

The Philadelphia Water Department is a proud utility member of the Partnership for Save Water Program. We believe that our continued association with the Partnership program acknowledges the utility's commitment to drinking water standards that are far more rigorous than that required by State of Federal law. The water treatment plant staff have embraced the philosophy of continuous improvement, an attribute of a utility which applies best management practices.

William Wankoff, *Water Plants Manager*
Philadelphia Water Department

Utilities that have completed Phase II should proceed to the completion of Phase III because it is good to open up the operation of the plant to be reviewed by independent operators. When another view point comes to the table knowledge is gained. It will improve your level of performance and possibly make the plant more dependable.

Michael Zellers, *Manager*
Jersey Shore Water Authority

Your Annual Report is Due NOW!

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 collect your turbidity data and e-mail it to Dan Rodeheffer at rodeheffer@awwa.org or mail it (on a computer disc) to: Dan Rodeheffer, AWWA, 6666 W. Quincy Avenue, Denver, CO 80235.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are planning to advance to Phase IV of the Partnership program, we strongly suggest you contact DEP before completing the Phase IV application. Call Phil Consonery at 717-772-4018 to obtain details about Pennsylvania's Phase IV program.

Update Your Partnership Information

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.