



# Partners in PA

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62 Phase I & II Plants  
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## \*\* SPOTLIGHT SYSTEM \*\*

### Schuylkill County Municipal Authority



L to R - Fred Klein, operator; Pat Caulfield, Assistant Manager SCMA; and Stiney Michelcavage, Retired Street Supt. are participating in development of the Phase III report. All members of the Mt. Laurel WTP, Schuylkill County Municipal Authority operations and management, including those not pictured here, have been involved in development of the Phase III report for this and other facilities in the Authority's inventory.

PA-AWWA and PADEP would like to recognize the staff of the Schuylkill County Municipal Authority - Mountain Laurel Filter Plant (SCMA) for their efforts in working on the Phase III Self-Assessment. While SCMA has not yet completed their Phase III report, they have been using the adequate report example, found on the PFSW website (<http://www.awwa.org/Science/partnership/infocenter/SampleReports>) as a template for their own report. To date they've answered questions in the majority of self-assessment sections. With Pat Caulfield leading the effort, SCMA staff have been working together to identify performance limiting factors and develop action plans to address these factors. These efforts help to further improve overall plant performance and optimize finished water quality for customers. According to Mr. Caulfield, SCMA plans to finish up some remaining questions, organize report attachments, and hope to have the Phase III report completed by the end of March!

## Recognition is Growing...

Recently this ad congratulating PA award-winning utilities appeared in *Nation's Cities Weekly* (circulation 30,000) and in the *US Mayor* (circulation 9,000.) These two publications are received by elected officials across the country. The purpose is to recognize the utilities for their achievement and to gain visibility for the Partnership for Safe Water program.



## All Partners are invited! PA-AWWA's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Exhibition

May 3-5, 2005

Valley Forge  
Convention Center  
Valley Forge, PA

For more Information, visit our  
website: [www.paawwa.org](http://www.paawwa.org)



## Welcome to the Partnership: City of Allentown

Congratulations and welcome to the Partnership for Safe Water program are extended to the City of Allentown Water Resources, under the direction of Robert J. Kerchusky. The City of Allentown owns and operates a 30 MGD conventional water filtration plant, presently serving an approximate population of 137,000. Bob feels the Partnership dovetails perfectly with their normal mode of operation, i.e., continuously looking for tools and methods for self-improvement.



### Congratulations to the following award-winning drinking water utilities.

You have demonstrated your commitment to providing superior quality water to your customers beyond the requirements of the USEPA regulations.

The Partnership for Safe Water is a voluntary initiative sponsored by USEPA and five other safe drinking water organizations. For more information on the Partnership for Safe Water contact the American Water Works Association using our Web site, [www.awwa.org/science/partnership](http://www.awwa.org/science/partnership), or call 303-794-7711.

#### Directors Award Utilities — Pennsylvania

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|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Blossburg Municipal Authority         | East Greenville Borough Water System         | Pennsylvania American Water Company |
| Carlisle Borough Municipal Authority  | Jersey Shore Area Water Authority            | Philadelphia Water Department       |
| Chester Water Authority               | North Penn and North Wales Water Authorities | Shenandoah Municipal Authority      |
| City of Lancaster                     | Oakmont Water Authority                      | Stroudsburg Municipal Authority     |
| Downingtown Municipal Water Authority |  |                                     |

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Section

American Water Works Association

# Water/Wastewater Operator Certification Examination

The Pennsylvania Section of the American Water Works Association (PA-AWWA) and Water Works Operators of Pennsylvania (WWOAP) are partnering with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to present the NEW Operators Certification Examination. To reach the ultimate goal of increased drinking water and wastewater system compliance with the requirement to have a qualified certified operator, DEP requires testing in order to obtain a license to operate a water plant in Pennsylvania.

## To Register...

**Important notice:** This examination is for both Water and Wastewater Operators

- ✓ Download the Registration Form – located on [www.paawwa.org](http://www.paawwa.org)
- ✓ Complete the entire form and Fax to PA-AWWA @ 717-774-0288 or mail to PA-AWWA, P.O. Box D, New Cumberland, PA 17070

PA Section – American Waterworks Association Presents:

## WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

**PHOTO & CLIENT# ID ARE REQUIRED**

**TIME:**  
Registration 9:00 AM  
TESTING: 9:30 AM

**FEE:**  
\$50/PA-AWWA &  
WWOAP Members  
\$65/NON Members

### Locations

**Penn State Harrisburg**

Capital Union Bldg.  
777 W. Harrisburg Pike  
Middletown, PA 17057  
717-948-6358

**Date: April 28, 2005**  
**Deadline: April, 7, 2005**

**Pennsylvania American Water**

Lake Scranton WTP  
Off Route 307  
Moscow, PA 18444  
570-830-6543

**Date: May 18, 2005**  
**Deadline: April 28, 2005**

**Vernon Township**

The Golden Link  
16678 McMath Ave  
Meadville, PA 16335  
814-337-8126

**Date: May 26, 2005**  
**Deadline: May 5, 2005**

**Questions?** Contact Diane Cox @ 717-774-8870 or [dianecox@paawwa.org](mailto:dianecox@paawwa.org)

## Partners at Work



Ken McArdle, chief operator at the Jim Thorpe WTP inputs turbidity data into the Partnership Software. Ken knows that regular input of turbidity data is an important effort that reveals operational performance trends. Are you up to date with your turbidity data entry? Remember that it's due to the National AWWA at the end of June.

## Meet Your Partnership for Safe Water Representatives



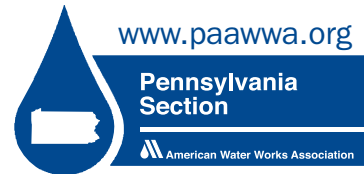
Pictured from Left to Right: Kate O'Neill, 6 years with the Partnership; Diane Cox, 5 years with the Partnership; and Robert Donnelly, the Partnership's newest member.



## Congratulations

Blossburg will be presented with the prestigious Phase III "Achievement water drop Award" at the 57th Annual Conference Partnership for Safe Water Mixer, on Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at 4:00 PM. All friends and PA Partners are invited to witness this special occasion.

Pictured from Left to Right: Dan Grinnell, Jack Eckman (holding Plaque), and George Lloyd.



## Please Note the Following Information

### Update Your Partnership Information

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.

### Annual Reports are 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 [drodeheffer@awwa.org](mailto:drodeheffer@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.