

2009 AWARD WINNERS



MWEA AWARDS

Dan Wolz Clean Water Award for Environmental Excellence

It is the highest honor given by the MWEA. It is awarded to acknowledge a person of chief prominence in the water environment field. This award is reserved for recipients of admirable character who have demonstrated exemplary service to the MWEA and have made distinctive contributions to the water environment field.

2009 Winner: Fred Cowles

Donald M. Pierce Award

This award is given to a municipal plant operator. It is presented each year to a worthy recipient who has demonstrated the ability to do an outstanding job at a municipal facility by producing a good effluent from a clean, orderly plant while interacting with employees and other operators for the betterment of the profession.

2009 Winner: Richard Bigham

Educational Professional of the Year

Awarded to recognize an individual for their efforts in promoting activities and professionalism in water resource education.

2009 Winner: Bob Martin

Excellence in Service Award

To acknowledge extraordinary personal service to the Association, this award will be presented annually to a member of the Association who is not involved in a leadership role but who has been very active behind the scenes to further the goals and the vision of the Association.

The recipient shall be a person who has contributed significantly to the Association.

2009 Winner: Tom Larder

Groundwater Management Professional of the Year

Awarded to recognize an individual for their efforts in promoting activities and professionalism in groundwater management and groundwater protection issues.

2009 Winner: Cheryl Vosburg

Health & Safety Professional of the Year

Awarded to a worthy individual who, working on a day-to-day basis in Health & Safety, has demonstrated outstanding dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, has excelled professionally, and has publicly promoted the Health & Safety Profession.

2009 Winner: Joe Keefe

Health & Safety Award-Industrial

In recognition of the commitment to health and safety in an industrial wastewater treatment facility, as evidenced by an effective, well established and documented Health & Safety Program and the management and staff team who support, promote and cooperate in achieving the goal of a safe work environment.

2009 Winner: Alcoa/Howmet WWTP operated by United Water

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Health & Safety Award-Municipal

In recognition of the commitment to health and safety in a small and large municipal wastewater treatment facility, as evidenced by an effective, well established and documented Health & Safety Program and the management and staff team who support, promote and cooperate in achieving the goal of a safe work environment.

2009 Winners:

**(Large) Benton Harbor / St. Joseph WWTP
(Small) Ishpeming Area Joint WWTP**

Industrial Wastewater Treatment Professional of the Year

Awarded to an operator of an industrial wastewater system who, working on a day-to-day basis in operations, has displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, excelled professionally, and publicly promoted the Industrial Wastewater Profession.

2009 Winner: David Filipiak

IPP Professional of the Year

Awarded to a worthy individual who, working on a day-to-day basis in the Industrial Pretreatment Program, has displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, excelled professionally, and publicly promoted the water environment profession.

2009 Winner: Perry Thomas

James R. Rumsey Award

Awarded to the author(s) of the best paper describing work in the water environment field. The paper is to be of such quality as to merit recognition and must have been presented at the next previous annual meeting of the Association or Federation or published in an Association or Federation publication during the preceding year.

2009 Winners: Dan Christian, Chad Gamble, John Killips, Anne Thomas

New Professional of the Year Award

Awarded to recognize outstanding dedication and commitment to the objectives of the Association by an individual who is relatively new to the water environment field.

2009 Winner: Laura Gruzowski

Operations Professional of the Year Award

Awarded to an operator of a municipal wastewater treatment plant, working on a day-to-day basis in operations, who has displayed dedication to an employer and the MWEA, excelled professionally, consistently generated good quality effluent and publicly promoted the profession of wastewater treatment.

2009 Winner: Don Hartman

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Outstanding Vendor Support

Awarded to an individual who has shown dedication to an employer and the MWEA through vendor support and has made contributions to the advancement and understanding of water environment issues.

**2009 Winner: Barry Simescu and Jim Cooper
Dubois Cooper**

PK Sarda-Laboratory Professional of the Year

Awarded to an analyst who displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, excelled professionally, consistently generated reliable data, and publicly promoted the profession of the laboratory analyst.

**2009 Winner:
Anita Friend**

Public Utility Management Professional of the Year

Awarded to a worthy individual who has demonstrated dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, excelled public Utilities Management and has publicly promoted the water environment profession.

**2009 Winner:
Ken Zarzecki**

Regulatory Professional of the Year

Recognizes an individual for their outstanding regulatory role in the protection of the water environment and for fostering professional alliances to promote the need for effective water quality.

**2009 Winner:
Mike Bray**

Residuals Management Professional of the Year

Awarded to an individual who, working on a day-to-day basis in the treatment and disposal of residuals has displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, excelled professionally, and publicly promoted the profession residuals management.

**2009 Winner:
Kim Hackbardt**

Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers

Awarded for outstanding, meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to those elevated to the highest level of the sludge bed, with all the honor, atmosphere prerequisites and dignity appertaining thereto.

**2009 Inductees:
Joh Kang, Jerry Thaler, Jerry Harte**

Watershed Management Professional of the Year

Awarded to recognize an individual for their efforts in promoting activities and professionalism in watershed management and watershed protection.

**2009 Winners:
chuck Hersey and Amy Mangus**

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Willard F. Shephard Award

To recognize individuals who have completed 20 years of membership in the MWEA.

2009 Winners:

**James Atkins
David Bates
Mark Berzingue
Brian Cardinal
Edward Carstens
Phillip Covell
Edward Gutschenri
Joe Keefe
Earl Kenzie
Todd King
David Kulju
David Love
Tom Mackenzie
Mary Maki
Barbara Marszak
John Marr
Todd Nichols
Matt Prosoli
Jared Richards
Karen Ridgway
Howard Selover
Frank Szopo
Charles Weaver
Terry Woodward**

WEF AWARDS

Arthur Sidney Bell Award

Awarded to acknowledge extraordinary personal service to the Michigan Association.

**2009 Winner:
Larry DeLong**

George W. Burke Jr. Safety Award

Given to a municipal or industrial WWTF for establishing and maintaining an effective safety program.

**2009 Winner:
Benton Harbor – St. Joseph Joint WWTP**

William D. Hatfield Award

Given to operators of wastewater treatment plants for outstanding performance and professionalism.

**2009 Winner:
Jeff Johnston**

Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award

Recognizes individuals for their outstanding performance, professionalism and contributions to the water quality analyst profession.

**2009 Winner:
Carol Injasoulian**

Quarter Century Operators' Club Award

Recognizes someone who has been in treatment plant operation, full-time, for 25 years.

**2009 Winner:
Lee Keysor**

