



Partnership for Safe Water

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The Partnership's mission is to improve the quality of drinking water delivered to customers of public water supplies by optimizing system operations.

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Partnership Steering Committee and PEAC Meet at AWWA Annual Conference

The Partnership for Safe Water had its annual meeting at the AWWA Annual Conference in San Diego, CA. Highlights of the meetings are listed below.

Steering Committee Meeting:

Discussion Topics:

- 2010 Budget—the 2010 budget was discussed and approved. There are some new expenses associated with the Partnership conference schedule for October 2010.
- Utility Fee Schedule—The annual fees for membership in the Partnership are being reviewed. There is no change at this time. Fees have not increased since the program began in 1995.
- 2010 Partnership Conference—Planning for the conference continues. A call for papers is being prepared and should be sent out in August. The planning committee is discussing topics for technical sessions and workshops.
- Distribution System Optimization Program Development— The Water Research Foundation project workshop was discussed. The Partnership anticipates that it will use the research project report as a source document upon which to build a program for Distribution System Optimization.

Program Effectiveness Assessment Committee (PEAC) Meeting:

Discussion Topics:

- Training results and plans for 2010—The 2010 PEAC training will take place before or after the Partnership Conference in October. This will provide a way to get some of the invited speakers to the conference.
- Reports in review—Only one Phase III report is currently in review.
- Technical Issues—Phase IV annual reports are now being reviewed by Partnership staff. Predetermined triggers are used to engage the PEAC in the review of only exceptional reports. There is a continuing effort to ensure report review consistency.

Partnership Awards at AWWA Annual Conference

The Partnership for Safe Water again presented its achievement awards at the AWWA Annual Conference in San Diego. This year 34 treatment plants received awards. This included three Phase IV awards (the most in a single year). Congratulations to all of the award winners listed on the following pages.

Cynthia Dougherty (left) US EPA Director of the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, addresses the attendees at the Partnership for Safe Water Awards Luncheon in San Diego. Photos of the event are located on the Partnership web site at www.partnershipforsafewater.org, select Award Winners, ACE09 Awardees.

2009 Partnership for Safe Water Awardees

Phase III Directors Award: *5 plants received this award in 2008—2009.*

- Greenville Water System (South Carolina) – Witty Adkins Water Treatment Plant
- Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (Kansas) – Nearman Water Treatment Plant
- Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County (Pennsylvania) – Indian Creek Water Treatment Plant
- Pennsylvania American Water (Pennsylvania) – Huntsville Water Treatment Plant
- Williamsport Municipal Water Auth. (Pennsylvania) – Williamsport Water Filtration Plant

Phase III Five-Year Directors Award: *10 plants maintained the Phase III Directors Award status for five years joining 148 others that reached that landmark in previous years.*

- Austin Water Utility (Texas) – Albert R. Davis Water Treatment Plant
- Brodhead Creek Regional Auth. (Pennsylvania) – Brodhead Creek Water Treatment Plant
- Carlisle Borough Municipal Authority, (Pennsylvania) – Carlisle Water Treatment Plant
- Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency (Illinois) – Paul M. Neal Water Treatment Plant
- Chester Water Authority (Pennsylvania) – Octoraro Water Treatment Plant
- Jersey Shore Area Joint Water Auth. (Pennsylvania) – Larry's Creek Water Treatment Plant
- Shenandoah Municipal Water Auth. (Pennsylvania) – Shenandoah Water Treatment Plant
- San Francisco Public Utility Commission (California) – Harry Tracy Water Treatment Plant
- Town of Cary (North Carolina) – Cary Apex Water Treatment Plant
- Ute Water Conservancy District (Colorado) – Ute Water Conservancy District Water Treatment Plant

Phase III Ten-Year Directors Award: *16 treatment plants maintained the Phase III Directors Award status for ten years joining 16 others that reached that landmark in previous years.*

- Appomattox River Water Auth. (Virginia) – Appomattox River Water Auth. Water Treatment Plant
 - Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut – Easton Lake Water Treatment Plant
 - Austin Water Utility (Texas) – Albert H. Ullrich Water Treatment Plant
 - City of Bellingham Dept. of Public Works (Washington) – Whatcom Falls Water Treatment Plant
 - City of The Dalles (Oregon) – Wicks Water Treatment Plant
 - City of Lancaster (Pennsylvania) – Conestoga Water Treatment Plant
 - City Utilities of Springfield (Missouri)
 - Fulbright Water Treatment Plant
 - Blackman Water Treatment Plant
 - Connecticut Water Company (Connecticut)
 - W. N. MacKenzie Water Treatment Plant
 - W. C. Stewart Water Treatment Plant
 - Georgetown County Water & Sewer Dist. (South Carolina) – Waccamaw Neck Regional Water Treatment Plant
 - Metropolitan Water District of Southern California – Robert A. Skinner Filtration Plant #1
 - Philadelphia Water Dept. (Pennsylvania)
 - Baxter Water Treatment Plant
 - Belmont Water Treatment Plant
 - Queen Lane Water Treatment Plant
 - Zone 7 Water Agency (California) – Del Valle Water Treatment Plant
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2009 Partnership for Safe Water Awardees continued

Phase IV Excellence in Water Treatment Award

1 treatment plant received the prestigious Phase IV Excellence in Water Treatment Award from the Partnership this year.

- Aurora Water (Colorado) - Wemlinger Water Treatment Plant

Five-Year Phase IV Excellence in Water Treatment Award

1 treatment plant maintained the Phase IV Excellence in Water Treatment Award status for five years joining 1 other plant that reached that landmark in previous years.

- Central Utah Water Conservancy District (Utah) – Utah Valley Water Treatment Plant

Ten-Year Phase IV Excellence in Water Treatment Award

Only 1 treatment plant has maintained the Phase IV Excellence in Water Treatment Award status for ten years.

- Champlain Water District (Vermont) - Peter L. Jacob Water Treatment Facility

Distribution System Optimization Status Update

The Partnership is co-funding a project with the Water Research Foundation to develop criteria to define excellence in distribution system operation. The criteria and other project outcomes will form the foundation of an optimization program for distribution systems using similar approaches to the treatment plant optimization program for the Partnership.

The project began in November 2007 and is scheduled to be complete November 2009. The twenty-two individual optimization areas identified for evaluation have now been reduced to three. Performance measures for each area are being developed for consideration. The project research team has included feedback from utility participants and others. A workshop was held in May 2009 to focus on the criteria and develop tracking software. Work is continuing to incorporate comments and suggestions obtained by workshop participants. If you have any questions, please contact Frank Blaha, Water Research Foundation Project Manager, at fblaha@waterresearchfoundation.org.

Partnership Conference October 18–20, 2010 Hershey, PA

Mark your calendars! Planning continues for a Partnership conference October 18–20, 2010, in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Technical presentations will help utilities optimize water treatment plants and distribution systems. Operations personnel, including supervisors, managers, operators, and engineers will benefit from the program. Look for more information to come.



15 MONTHS TO GO!

Steering Committee Chair Position Vacant Soon

Applications Accepted

Jim Fay has been the Chair of the Partnership Steering Committee since November 2003. The Steering Committee Chair serves a maximum of two three-year terms. As of this November, Jim has served his full term. A nominating committee of the Steering Committee members is now accepting applications from interested persons for this position. Applicants must be passionate about the goals of the Partnership and be an AWWA utility representative member. If you are interested, send a one or two page letter to Bill Lauer (contact information at the end of the newsletter). The letter should explain utility experience and demonstrate how it is applicable to the position of chair of the Partnership for Safe Water Steering Committee. All applicants should indicate that they have management support to serve for the three-year term (renewable for one additional three-year term). To be considered, the letter of application must be received no later than August 28, 2009.

Partnership Software

Do you have the latest version of the Partnership data collection software? You should be using the version listed below. Several Partnership members have experienced difficulty using the software with Microsoft Excel 2007. The 'Save File For AWWA' feature does not work properly. Please save the entire Excel workbook and send to Debby Qualls at dqualls@awwa.org. Please contact Debby with any questions.

[Data Collection Software Upgrade v 4.1](#)

Welcome New Members

Reading Area Water Authority, PA
Centennial Water & Sanitation
District, Colorado
Town of Culpeper, Virginia
City of Raleigh, NC

We congratulate you for deciding to join the hundreds of treatment plants that have elected to lower the risk of *Cryptosporidium* exposure to their customers by optimizing treatment plant performance.

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The Partnership is an alliance of six drinking water organizations.



Annual Reports Now Overdue

Your annual report for the period 6/1/2008—5/31/2009 was due in June. If you have not already done so, please submit your report to Debby Qualls by email at dqualls@awwa.org.