



Lower Columbia Section Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association



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Re: 2008 Award Nominations

The Lower Columbia Section (LCS) of the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association (PNCWA) is now accepting nominations for the following awards:

- A. Wastewater treatment plant of the year,
- B. Treatment plant operator of the year,
- C. Collection system operator of the year, and
- D. Project of the year.

These awards are in recognition of exceptional service and performance in the wastewater industry. Eligible for awards are all treatment plants, collection system and treatment plant operators, and wastewater related capital projects in the counties of: Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill, Clackamas, Hood River and Wasco (i.e. the LCS Service Area). Nominations may be made by PNCWA members or any operator, manager, supervisor, city engineer/official, district board/council member, consulting engineer or manufacturer representative.

How to submit a nomination: Simple! First, contact the Awards Chair with a brief, 1-paragraph description of your nomination. The Awards Chair can provide you with a template that may facilitate the application process.

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All nominations should be submitted no later than 15 May 2009. To nominate, demonstrate that the award criteria have been met or supply the following information:

A. Plant of the Year:

1. NPDES or WPCF permit compliance for 2008
2. O&M performance (including staff training, certification, safety program, energy conservation, industrial pretreatment, biosolids management, lab management, maintenance management, etc.)
3. Innovative techniques or superior application of established treatment techniques
4. Significant improvements in operations, maintenance, and plant management made in 2008
5. Other significant accomplishments
6. Support of the Lower Columbia Section (e.g. hosting meetings, and allowing employees to attend section meetings, conferences, and workshops).

Nominations should include a Plant Profile that includes a description of the treatment process, design flows and loadings, and current actual flows and loadings. Photos are encouraged but not required. The nomination must include a letter of recommendation from the person nominating the plant that addresses the above criteria and any other relevant factors.

B & C. Treatment Plant or Collection System Operator of the Year:

Nomination must include the following information:

1. Your full name.
2. Nominee's full name.
3. Which award (WWTP or Collections).
4. Nominee's plant and system information.
5. Your phone number, mailing address, and email address (if available).
6. The daily, weekly, and monthly operations and maintenance duties of the nominee.
7. Operational challenges/problems and how the nominee assisted in solving these problems.
8. Recent Short School courses or participation, correspondence courses, college courses, or other work related training.
9. Nominee's safety involvement.
10. Any other noteworthy activities related to the wastewater field.
11. Any other qualities (job related or otherwise) that make this individual outstanding among his or her peers.

The information submitted should be as detailed as possible. Photos of the nominee, plant, equipment, etc. are not required, but strongly encouraged.

D. Project of the Year:

This award is in recognition of the role capital projects play in the wastewater industry. Awards will be given to the owner (municipality, service district, or other agency), design engineering firm, and prime contractor of the project.

Eligible Projects:

- Capital projects relating to wastewater collection & treatment, stormwater collection & treatment, effluent reuse, environmental mitigation, or related fields
- Project must be within the LCS service area.
- Projects must have been completed between 1 January and 31 December 2008

Nominating Criteria:

- Benefit to the environment
- Benefit to the public
- Application of new techniques or innovative application of existing techniques
- Unique features and/or challenges in design, construction, or financing
- Stakeholder/public involvement
- Cost control
- Quality control
- Coordination between entities involved (owner/designer/builder/others)

Nominations should include a narrative description of the project, including purpose, scope, history, financial information (engineering estimate, budget, final cost, etc.), and how the project meets the criteria listed above. Nominations should include the names of project owner (municipality, service district, etc.), design engineering firm, prime contractor, and the names of the responsible parties from each entity. Photos are encouraged but not required.