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Safety Awards

AWARD PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of the AZ Water Safety Awards is to recognize the efforts accomplished by Arizona utilities toward safe operating practices employed in water treatment plants, wastewater treatment or water reclamation plants, water distribution systems or wastewater collection systems.

BACKGROUND

These awards recognize continued safety performance and as such cumulative data is maintained from previous years' submittals.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

As the State level association of both American Water Works Association (AWWA) and Water Environment Federation (WEF) the AZ Water Association Construction and Safety Committee administers the safety awards under eligibility criteria based upon both organizations. Some of the members of AZ Water Association in Arizona may qualify for awards under both AWWA and WEF categories and will be considered for both by using one common Safety Awards Entry Form found on the AZ Water Awards Program Committee webpage.

GENERAL CRITERIA

Only utilities with a formal safety program are eligible for any of the following awards.

WEF/ AZ Water Association Award Eligibility (Water Treatment Plants, Water Distribution Systems, Wastewater Treatment Facilities & Wastewater Collection Systems)

All facilities in Arizona are divided into two categories. For the purpose of the award criteria, facilities are classified as either Small Systems (<1 MGD) or Large systems (>1 MGD). "Large" systems will be allowed one day lost per man-year (2,080 hours worked) as a maximum lost time before receiving an award. "Small" systems must have at least one man-year (2,080 hours worked), with a maximum of one day lost before an award is given.

Award of Merit: For safe operation of the facility with less than the maximum number of lost days.



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Award of Honor: For safe operation of the facility with zero lost days during the year AND with a minimum of one man-year worked (2,080 hours).

NOMINATION PROCESS

In order to nominate a facility for an award, complete all fields of the Safety Awards Entry Form.

ENTRY FORMS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE ONLY

AWARD PRESENTATION

The award style is determined by the AZ Water Association Awards Committee and is currently a framed certificate titled "Excellence in Safety".

The award is presented to the selected facility at the annual AZ Water Association Conference. Each year, the Safety Committee will select one utility in each of the two categories, if suitable submissions exist, to be submitted for consideration at the national level for AWWA and WEF Safety Awards. Utilities can also apply separately for the WEF safety award known as the Burke Award. The application for the Burke Award is also available on the AZ Water Association website.