AWARD PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Health and Safety Professional of the Year Award recognizes exceptional health and safety professionals representing the water/wastewater industry through the AZ Water Association.

BACKGROUND

2018 will serve as the inaugural year for this award inspired by the AWWA Wendell R. LaDue Utility Safety Award.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection committee consists of the Construction and Safety Committee Members and the Awards Program Committee Representative. The committee shall consist of at least five members. Additional representation from the AZ Water Board or Awards Program Committee may be added if needed. In addition, water and wastewater safety professionals and subject matter experts may be consulted to provide additional insight on award selection if needed.

Entry forms and additional information for each nominee are distributed to the selection committee for review and ranking. A committee meeting (or conference call) is scheduled to discuss the rankings and select an award recipient. For nominees who are not selected, the nomination can be resubmitted in subsequent years; however, a person can receive the award only once. Only one award may be given out each year. An award is not necessarily given out every year if a deserving award recipient cannot be selected from the field of nominees.

Once an award recipient has been selected, the selection committee chair contacts the nominator to request a biographical statement. The selected award recipient will be notified by the committee prior to the annual conference.

GENERAL CRITERIA

The following are general criteria for nominees:

1. Complete all fields of the “Health & Safety Professional of the Year Entry Form” and upload the required additional information indicated below in the Nomination Process Section.
2. Nominees shall be a member in good standing of the AZ Water Association.
3. The AZ Water Award Committee reserves the right to determine eligibility of all entries.
4. Entries received after the posted deadline will not be accepted.

**JUDGING CRITERIA**

Entries will be judged on the basis of individual contributions on the basis of the rating guidelines listed herein.

**Rating Guidelines**

Evaluation criteria will include the nominee’s:

1. Contribution to safety programs within the Water/Wastewater industry related to the following Health and Safety Practices.
   - Commitment to Culture of Safety
   - Training and Development
   - Accountability & Recognition
   - Hazard Identification and Control
   - Accident Investigation
   - Employee Involvement

2. Contributions to the AZ Water Association, WEF, and AWWA

**NOMINATION PROCESS**

In order to enter a nominee for the Health and Safety Professional of the Year Award, complete all fields of the Health and Safety Professional of the Year Entry Form on the Awards Program Committee webpage. In addition, upload scanned copies of up to three (3) letters of recommendation from employers, peers, regulating agencies, or others in the water/wastewater industry along with the entry form.

**ENTRY FORMS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE ONLY**

**AWARD PRESENTATION**

The award style is determined by the Awards Program Committee.

The award is presented at the AZ Water Association Annual Conference by the Association President after the Awards Committee Chair reads a statement about the award recipient. Afterwards, a photo is taken of award recipient with the AZ Water President.