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Come join the GAWP Collection Committee

Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of the month. If you are not able to attend in person, join us by conference call. Sign up on the GAWP website under the Committees tab, and then go to the next scheduled meeting.

The Collection Systems Committee was established to disseminate fundamental and practical knowledge concerning the collection system and mechanical appurtenances used in wastewater systems, provide training opportunities for operators, and create a forum for discussion of the design, construction, maintenance, capacity, rehabilitation, and management of collection systems and associated mechanical equipment.

This committee will accomplish its mission by soliciting papers and developing technical sessions for GAWP conferences and by developing specialty seminars and workshops, as appropriate. The Collection Systems Committee promotes the reduction of sanitary sewer overflows through encouraging utilities throughout the State to use CMOM best management practices. In this regard, the Committee oversees the Collection System Excellence Awards, including promoting the awards, evaluating the candidates, and selecting the recipients. It also selects the recipients of the Golden Manhole Award. These awards are presented at the Fall Conference.

There are numerous benefits to joining the Collection Committee. Hear from Committee member Charles Ecton, Environmental Compliance Coordinator, ***Clayton County Water Authority***.

Charles has been a member of the Collection Committee for 10 years. He has held many positions on the Committee including the Outreach Sub-Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and Committee Chair. Charles likes being able to bounce ideas off of other utilities and also sharing ideas has led to better CMOM Programs all throughout the state. *“Being part of the inspection process both as an inspector and a presenter for the Collection System Awards has given our company exposure as well as insight into how other companies are run. The committee is dedicated to running better Collection Systems as well as giving individuals leadership possibilities. The confidence a person can develop within the committee can lead to a bright career path within their utility. There is a lot of knowledge and insight to be gained at the meetings and conferences as well as the awards process. I highly recommend joining and giving it a try!! Remember we are One Collection System Managed by Multiple Owners”*



In addition, the Collection Committee offers “WASTEWATER COLLECTIONS SYSTEMS BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES” which includes Sewer Mapping; Hydraulic Model; Flow and Rainfall Monitoring; FOG Program; Collection System Maintenance; Sewer System Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation and Contingency and Emergency Response Plan. These will be available on the GAWP website.

We look forward to seeing or hearing from you. If you have any questions, you can contact GAWP, one of the committee members or contact me directly.

Thank you.

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