

GEORGE W. BURKE, JR FACILITY SAFETY AWARD

This award was established in 1982 in honor of George W. Burke, Jr. for his many years of service to both the water and pollution control field and the Federation as staff manager of technical services. Mr. Burke was instrumental in developing the Federation's annual safety survey and assisting in the production of several safety training aids and promotional packets.

The George W. Burke, Jr. Facility Safety Award is given to a wastewater treatment facility which has a documented and illustrated safety program and safety record for the preceding year. Its purpose is to encourage an active and effective safety program in municipal and industrial water facilities.

History: The George W. Burke, Jr. Facility Safety Award was established by the Board of Control on October 3, 1982, to encourage municipal and industrial wastewater facilities to participate in promoting an active and effective safety program and to stimulate the collecting and reporting of injury data. Each Member Association is eligible to nominate a local municipal or industrial wastewater facility to receive the award. The documented and illustrated safety program and safety record of the facility should be the basis for nomination. Additional criteria for the award may be established by each Member Association. The frequency of the award for each Member Association varies from annually to once every third year. The Award is named for George W. Burke, Jr. in recognition of his many years of service to the water pollution control field and to the Federation as staff manager of technical services and committee liaison. He was instrumental in developing the WEF annual safety survey and assisting in the production of several safety training aids and promotional packets. Award presentations will be made at the annual Member Association meetings following Board of Control approval of the nominees.

Award Criteria: The Water Environment Federation's George W. Burke, Jr. Facility Safety Award is presented through the Member Associations to a selected municipal or industrial wastewater facility in recognition of a documented and illustrated safety program and safety record. The purpose of the award is to encourage an active and effective safety program in local wastewater facilities and to stimulate the facilities to collect and report injury data. Each Member Association is allowed full freedom to establish its own additional criteria for the award.

The Water Environment Association has established selection criteria for the George W. Burke, Jr. Facility Safety Award as follows:

1. Wastewater facilities will be categorized by number of persons employed at the facility. Categories will be:
 - a. Large – Those employing greater than 20 persons.
 - b. Intermediate – Those employing between 6 and 20 persons.
 - c. Small – Those employing 5 or less persons.
2. The Burke Award will rotate annually between the three categories. The Small Facility category is eligible for selection as the Burke recipient for 1984. An Association Award will be given in the two categories not eligible for the Burke Award.
3. At least one employee of the wastewater facility must have the Water Environment Federation Honorary, Life, Active or Corporate Member Status.
4. A facility or its parent organization (city, town, authority, sanitation district, etc.) may nominate only one facility annually and may not repeat itself consecutively as the Burke Award recipient.
5. Nominations for selection will be by completion of the application award (Appendix E). Recipients for the two categories not eligible for the Burke Award in any given year will be selected based on the total accumulated points awarded the application by the Selection Awards Committee. The Awards Committee will screen the applications for the Burke Award and select three finalists whose facilities will be inspected and rated by members of the Selection Safety

Committee. The Awards Committee will then make final selection based on the total accumulated points awarded.

Eligibility: To be eligible for this award, at least one employee of the facility must have Water Environment Federation Honorary, Life, Member Association Active, or Corporate Representative member status. An award Plaque will be presented to the recipient at the Member Association annual meeting following Board of Directors approval.

The number and frequency of the award for each Member Association is as follows:

0 to 34 members – By Petition only

35 to 249 members – One award every third year

249 to 299 members – Two awards every three years

500 or more members – Annual award

To submit a nomination: The nomination for the award should be submitted to the Water Environment Federation's Executive Director by the Member Association on or before November 1st in the year in which the nomination is to be recommended to the Board of Directors.