

W.T. LINTON SERVICE AWARD

Background on W.T. Linton:

1. Instrumental in getting first South Carolina Pollution Control Act passed in 1950.
2. Executive Director of Pollution Control Authority 1950 – 1970.
3. Operated on small budgets and staff and often without the support of the municipal and industrial establishment.
4. Started laboratory program with a mobile laboratory in 1951 and later established laboratories in Greenville, Lancaster, Florence, Charleston, and Columbia.
5. Started facilities permit program.
6. During most of his time in Pollution Control, it was a great accomplishment to convert a raw discharge to a stabilization pond.
7. He accomplished a great deal with small resources.

On December 2, 1969, the Water Environment Association established a W.T. Linton Service Award. The first award was presented to Mr. Linton in 1970. The December 2, 1969 Executive Committee minutes stated that beginning in 1971, a service award named the W.T. Linton Service Award would be presented to a Water Environment Federation (Active or PWO) member who has contributed materially to the objectives set forth in the Federation's Constitution and Bylaws (which are consistent with the objectives set forth in the Association's Bylaws). In 2002, the Executive Committee voted to apply eligibility to any Association member.

The award reads as follows:

*For recognition of outstanding service, leadership and devotion to the State of South Carolina in preserving and protecting its valuable water resources.
Presented by the Water Environment Association of South Carolina.*

This award is the highest and most prestigious award presented by the Water Environment Association of South Carolina and is presented on a very selective basis.