



## **THE VWEA FACILITY SAFETY AWARDS**

**First Place Award:** The WEF George W. Burke Facility Safety Award\*

**Second Place Award:** The VWEA Facility Safety Award\*

**Purpose:** The purpose of the VWEA Facility Safety Awards is to encourage members to engage in an active and effective safety program in municipal and industrial wastewater treatment.

### **Benefits of Submitting an Application:**

- Benchmarks your Wastewater Facility's Safety Program
- Helps eliminate or reduce safety hazards
- Promotes facility Safety Awareness amongst staff
- Identifies Safety Program areas that may need improvement
- Reduces workplace accidents
- Mitigates noted Safety Inspection Violations
- Be recognized as a Safe Workplace by Peers
- Prepares your facility staff for a Virginia OSHA (VOSH) Inspection

**Notes:** 1. Facilities that received either award the previous year are not eligible for Safety Award this year.  
2. At least one (1) employee of the nominated facility must have a current Professional, Academic, PWO, Young Professional, Student or Corporate member status in the VWEA.

**Facility Inspection:** Upon receipt of your application, the VWEA Safety Awards Champion will schedule a visit to your facility to review your overall safety program. Wining facilities will be recognized, during WaterJAM each year.

**Areas of Interest** to the inspection team are, but not limited to:

- Evidence of a Good Safety Record
- Facility Written Safety Programs
- Maintenance of all Safety Equipment (Life Safety & Personal Protective Equipment PPE)
- A visual Inspection of the facility for Safety Compliance and Level of Security
- Any other information that would complement the facilities Safety Compliance and Level of Security.
- Safety Training Program & Documentation
- Maintenance of Treatment / Process Equipment



Application Form  
<https://www.vwea.org/page/Awards>