

EPA Recognizes Outstanding Water Quality Achievements of 2007 Clean Water Act To Turn 35

EPA is announcing the recipients of the 2007 National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards aimed at recognizing municipalities and industries for outstanding and creative technological achievements in wastewater treatment and pollution abatement programs. As we get ready to mark the 35th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, water quality has dramatically improved through the use of scientific standards, discharge permits, pre-treatment requirements, state and local funding and watershed planning.

"To mark the 35th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, EPA continues to recognize outstanding stewards across the nation," said Assistant Administrator for Water, Benjamin H. Grumbles. "We celebrate innovative approaches and achievements which protect public health and keep our water clean."

These awards represent first and second place national award recipients for demonstrated outstanding project and program water quality achievements in four categories: operations and maintenance, exemplary biosolids management, national pre-treatment and stormwater management. Each year, the awards are announced during the Water Environment Federations Technical Exposition and Conference (WEFTEC).

Specifically, there are nine winners in the operations and maintenance category; five awardees under exemplary biosolids management; six recipients in the national pre-treatment area; and two in the stormwater management category. Winners were chosen based on water quality compliance screenings and a satisfactory environmental quality record. Oct. 18 is the 35th anniversary of the Clean Water Act. More information about the awards: <http://epa.gov/owm/mtb/intnet.htm>.