

## **EPA awards Town for most improved regional plant**

Dubois Frontier

Staff recognized for efforts in bringing treatment plant into compliance with EPA requirements.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency presented a wastewater management award to the Town of Dubois on Sept. 26.

“This EPA award recognizes innovative processes and practices at wastewater treatment facilities.” said EPA Region 8 Assistant Administrator Steve Tuber. “Well-managed facilities such as this one help ensure a clean environment and protect the public’s health.”

EPA officials presented a Regional First Place Award last week for outstanding and innovative achievements through operations and maintenance at the Dubois wastewater treatment facility.

Eight years ago, the wastewater treatment plant had eight discharge violations in nine months. Due to the efforts of previous town councils to improve the facility over the years, the last discharge violation was in 2005, with none at all in 2006.

During the past year the facility demonstrated outstanding automation, laboratory management, pollution prevention, process control and field monitoring, and septage management practices and operations under the Most Improved Plant category.

In addition to the Town itself, individual certificates were presented last week to Mayor Mark Harrison, former mayor Bob Baker, town employees Supervisor of Quality Control Tim Hayes, Arvin Miller, Scott Christensen, Bill Moore, Amy Cross, Sandy Dailey and former assistant town clerk Adria Trembly.