

Alabama Water and Pollution Control Association

Wastewater Treatment Plant Awards Committee

By-Laws

**Purpose**

The Alabama Water and Pollution Control Association, in its efforts to increase and improve knowledge concerning wastewater treatment, the operation and management of wastewater facilities, to encourage friendly relationships and exchanges of information and experiences among its members, and promoting efficient and effective water supplies for citizens of the State of Alabama, hereby has formed the Wastewater Plants Awards Committee. The name of the committee shall be called AWPCA Wastewater Plants Awards Committee and the award shall be called the "Best Operated Plant Award".

**Members**

The members of this committee must be active members of the AWPCA and in good standing. It shall consist of a Chairperson, Co- Chairperson, Wastewater Director, Field inspectors, and a Member of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management-Municipal Branch, Water Division staff.

**Duties**

The chairperson is a two year position beginning as Co-Chairperson. The Co-Chairperson and director is appointed each year by the Chairperson and President of the AWPCA, and approved by the Executive Board. The ADEM staff member, who shall be appointed by the Chief of the Municipal Branch, shall serve no longer than two year terms at any time.

Chairperson- Serves as director of the committee and shall preside over all Plant Awards Committee meetings. His/her duties consist of forwarding all committee data to the Co-chairperson, submit a list of field inspectors and notify them of the first meeting of the committee. The first meeting location and time shall be of his/her choice.

Co-Chairperson- His/her duties consist of confirming a list of eligible candidates from the preceding year and any request from systems/plants; receive applications, forming field inspectors' assignments, and selection of the second meeting location and time.

ADEM Staff Member- His/her duties shall transmit applications, review the list of applicants and identify any significant regulatory issues which may reflect on a particular candidate's merit to receive an award, and advise the committee of these findings for their consideration.

Wastewater director- His/her duties shall be to assist with the overall duties of the committee, prepare and present a progress report for the Executive Board at each meeting during the year.

### **Meetings**

The committee shall have at least three (3) meetings per year at the location selected by the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson and Director of the committee.

The first meeting shall be no later than February 13 of each year, at which time each field inspector will receive his/her assignments for inspection.

All evaluations forms shall be returned to the CO-chairperson no later than April 17.

The second meeting shall be no later than May1 of each year, at which time the final selections from each category will be determined. All selections made at this meeting shall be final. There will be a meal, paid by the AWPCA, for the members of this committee.

The third meeting shall be held at the AWPCA Conference each year.

### **Award Categories**

#### **Stabilization Lagoon**

Less than 300,000 GPD

Aerated 300,000 GPD or greater

Non-aerated 300,000 GPD or Greater

#### **Mechanical Plant: Bio-filter/Trickling Filter**

Any Size

#### **Mechanical Plant: Activated Sludge**

Less than 2.5 MGD

2.6 MGD – 4.0 MGD

4.1 MGD – 4.5 MGD

4.6 MGD – 5.0 MGD

5.1 MGD – 10.0 MGD

Greater than 10.0 MGD

These awards shall be presented at the Annual AWPCA Awards Banquet. Awards will be made in all categories with eligible winners.

### **Award Requirements**

#### **Preliminary**

1. System must have been in operation for a minimum of two (2) years from their system start-up date prior to application submittal deadline date to be eligible.
2. System shall have met all ADEM requirements for compliance of current NPDES, per ADEM staff member.
3. System should have (a) member/members affiliated with AWPCA.
4. System with combination Trickling Filter/Activated Sludge must compete in the Activated Sludge Category.

#### **Secondary**

1. The CO-Chairperson shall receive applications from the system/plant no later than January 16 of each year.
2. Each system shall be evaluated by a Minimum of two (2) field inspectors, at which time they will be evaluated by an inspector's evaluation sheet for their particular category.
3. All field inspectors shall have all evaluations completed and mailed to the CO-Chairperson no later than April 17.
4. A system/plant that becomes the only one eligible for any category will be evaluated as usual and must score at least 80% or greater of the total points available before receiving award.
5. Systems are eligible to win an award in their category a maximum of three years (3) consecutive years, at which time they will be presented with a plaque for their achievement.

6. After a system/plant has won an award for three (3) consecutive years, they will be ineligible to compete for two (2) years.
7. A system/plant failing to win the award for its category, but scores an average of ninety (90) percent or better of the winning plants score provided, that plant has achieved a score of eighty (80) percent or greater of the total points available, shall be given a certificate "Award of Excellence" by the AWPCA at the annual Awards Banquet.
8. There shall be only one (1) Best Operated Plant and one (1) Award of Excellence per category. The only exception to awarding more than one award per category is a tie, in which case a second award will be given to the system/plant that has the same score.

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