

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual U.S. EPA Clean Water Act Recognition Awards

The winners of the 22nd annual U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Water Act Recognition Awards have demonstrated outstanding achievements in the water quality field. Nominated by regulators and evaluated by specially appointed selection panels, these U.S. wastewater treatment facilities, programs, and projects met EPA's rigorous criteria. These winners were honored at an awards ceremony held during WEFTEC®.07 in San Diego. Complete profiles of the award winners can be viewed online at [www.wef.org/magazine](http://www.wef.org/magazine) as part of the November issue.

For more information on the national awards program, contact Bill Hasselkus in EPA's Office of Wastewater Management at (202) 564-0664.

## OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AWARDS

### Large Advanced Plant

#### 1st Place Award

Kent County Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Milford, Del., EPA Region 3

#### 2nd Place Award

Flat Creek Water Reclamation Facility  
Gainesville, Ga., EPA Region 4

### Medium Advanced Plant

#### 1st Place Award

Kalispell Advanced Wastewater Treatment and Biological Nutrient Removal Facility  
Kalispell, Mont., EPA Region 8

#### 2nd Place Award

City of Groton, Connecticut Water Pollution Control Facility  
Groton, Conn., EPA Region 1

### Small Advanced Plant

#### 1st Place Award

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Ignacio, Colo., EPA Region 8

#### 2nd Place Award

Barona Band of Mission Indians  
Lakeside, Calif., EPA Region 9

### Large Secondary Plant

#### 1st Place Award

Persigo Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Grand Junction, Colo., EPA Region 8



DOUGLASVILLE-DOUGLAS COUNTY  
WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

The Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority South Central Urban Water Reuse Facility discharges its effluent via a 72-ac (29-ha) spray field system. Distribution piping and risers consist of mainly HDPE piping that lead to 1325 spray heads. Each spray head is individually numbered and tagged for identification for maintenance and repairs.

### Small Plant

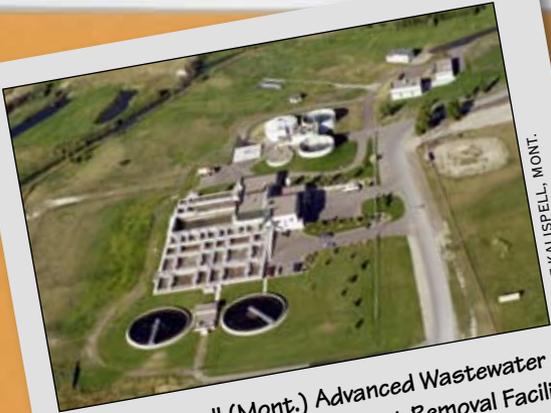
#### 1st Place Award

City of Trempealeau Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Trempealeau, Wis., EPA Region 5

### Small Non-Discharging Plant

#### 1st Place Award

Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority South Central Urban Water Reuse Facility  
Douglasville, Ga., EPA Region 4



CITY OF KALISPELL, MONT.

The Kalispell (Mont.) Advanced Wastewater Treatment & Biological Nutrient Removal Facility consistently provides excellent advanced treatment of domestic wastewater before discharging into the pristine waters of Flathead Valley. The facility won the first place award for a medium advanced plant.



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Biosolids from King County, Wash., are used to fertilize canola seed pods in neighboring Yakima County. The seed pods are then harvested and used to create biodiesel fuel.

### EXEMPLARY BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT AWARDS

**Greater than 5 dry tons per day**  
*1st Place Award*

Ocean County Utilities Authority  
Bayville, N.J., EPA Region 2

*2nd Place Award*

Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Dallas, EPA Region 6

**Less than 5 dry tons per day**  
*1st Place Award*

City of Albany, Ore.  
EPA Region 10

**Research and Innovation Activities**  
*1st Place Award*

University of Washington (Biosolids to Biodiesel)  
Seattle, EPA Region 10

**Technology Development Activities**  
*1st Place Award*

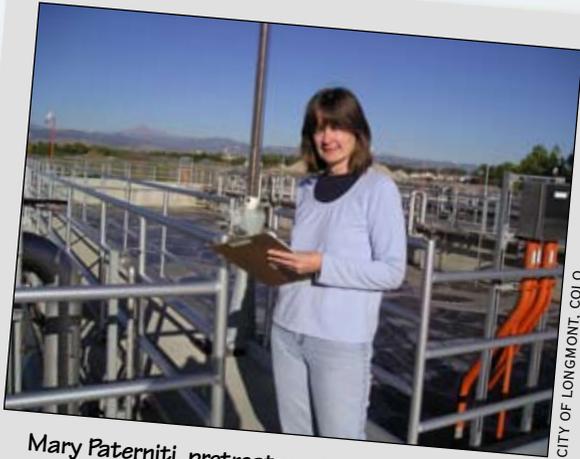
Columbus Water Works  
Atlanta, EPA Region 4



TRI-CITIES NORTH REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY (DAYTON, OHIO)

The Tri-Cities North Regional Wastewater Authority (TCA; Dayton, Ohio) won the first place award for pretreatment (0-5 significant industrial users) for its effective approach for implementing its pretreatment program within three different jurisdictions — Huber Heights, Vandalia, and Tipp City, Ohio. Here Rob Courtney sets a sampler to collect water for testing.





CITY OF LONGMONT, COLO.

Mary Paterniti, pretreatment coordinator, for the City of Longmont (Colo.) Public Works and Water Utilities Industrial Pretreatment Program checks the treatment process. The city received the first place award for pretreatment (6-20 significant industrial users). The city has developed a database program that organizes user information for more than 3,500 commercial locations. Using the database and annual trunkline sampling, the city can quickly identify and resolve excessive pollutant discharge problems.

## PRETREATMENT AWARDS

### 0-5 Significant Industrial Users

*1st Place Award*  
Tri-Cities: Vandalia, Tipp City, Huber Heights, OH  
Dayton, Ohio, EPA Region 5

*2nd Place Award*  
Big Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Westminster, Colo., EPA Region 8

### 6-20 Significant Industrial Users

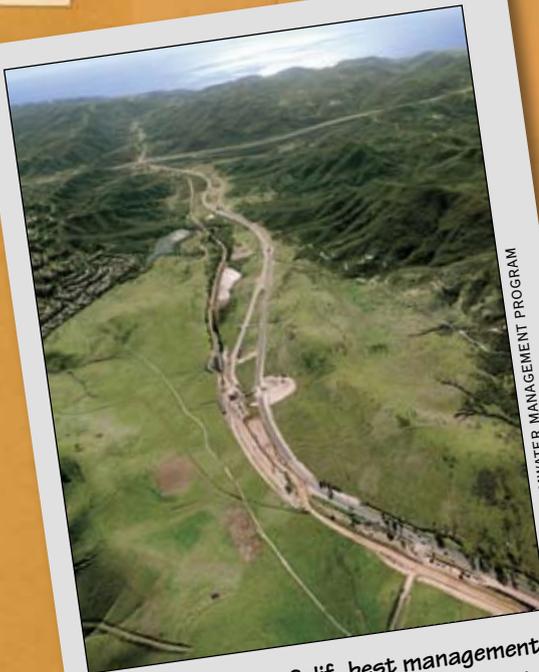
*1st Place Award*  
City of Longmont, Colo.  
EPA Region 8

*2nd Place Award*  
Persigo Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Grand Junction, Colo., EPA Region 8

### 21 or More Significant Industrial Users

*1st Place Award*  
Jacksonville Electric Authority  
Jacksonville, Fla., EPA Region 4

*2nd Place Award*  
Austin Water Utility  
Austin, Texas, EPA Region 6



CALTRANS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

In Sacramento, Calif., best management practices and construction erosion control practices were implemented during the construction of Laguna Canyon Road.



PERSIGO WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

This water quality pond is part of the wastewater treatment system at the Persigo Wastewater Treatment Facility in Grand Junction, Colo.

## STORMWATER AWARDS

### Municipal

*1st Place Award*  
City of Oakland (Calif.) Watershed Improvement Program, EPA Region 9

### Municipal

*1st Place Award*  
Caltrans Stormwater Management Program  
Sacramento, Calif., EPA Region 9