

OPERATOR MERITORIOUS AWARD

- 1. PURPOSE OF THE AWARD:** Recognition of special performance in one or more of the following:
 - a. Continuous compliance with public health standards in finished water.
 - b. Consistent and outstanding contributions to plant maintenance thereby prolonging the useful life of equipment.
 - c. Development of new and/or modified equipment or significant process modifications to provide for a more efficient or effective treatment.
 - d. Special efforts in the training of treatment plant operators.
 - e. Special acts not directly related to water treatment, but which demonstrate dedication to the public beyond the normal operating responsibilities.
 - f. Consistent and outstanding contribution to operation and/or maintenance of distribution lines and reservoirs.
- 2. THE AWARD:** An Operators' Meritorious Service Award Plaque.
- 3. FREQUENCY OF THE AWARD:** No more than one award will normally be given each year per Section. However, larger Sections may give more than one based on one award per thousand Section members or fraction thereof. If there are no meritorious candidates, the Section will not give the award.
- 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE AWARD:** Section members eligible to receive the Operator's Meritorious Service Award should be operators who are presently or during the time period of the meritorious service activities, working in the capacity of shift supervisors or superintendents.
- 5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Submit full name and address and complete biographical information on each nominee on the entry form provided by AWWA along with supporting data concerning the meritorious service performed by the nominee.
- 6. NOMINATION PROCEDURES:** A nomination for the award may be submitted by any AWWA Section member to the Section Secretary who will transmit it to the Section Operator's Meritorious Service Award

Committee for consideration.

7. NOMINATION OR SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Ninety (90) days prior to the Section's Annual Conference.

8. METHOD OF SELECTING AWARD RECIPIENTS: The Section Secretary will refer all nominations to the Section Operator's Meritorious Award Committee for consideration and evaluation, and if warranted, the committee will select the awardee sixty (60) days before the Section's Annual Conference.

9. PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD: The award will be presented at the Section's Annual Conference by the visiting AWWA representative and will be formally announced by publication or otherwise at the American Water Works Association Conference and Exposition.