

AWEA Plant Excellence Awards Program

GENERAL

Domestic facilities will be classified by design of treatments systems according to design flow. Lagoon treatment systems will be classified as either facultative or aerated treatment systems.

CATEGORIES

Category I <1 MGD

Category II 1 to < 5 MGD

Category III 5 to 10 MGD

Category IV >10 MGD

Category V Lagoons

Category VI Bio/Trickling Filter (any size)

The AWEA Awards Committee will administer the Plant Excellence Awards and recognize winners at the annual conference.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

The following rules shall apply:

- Applicant plant must be in Alabama
- At least one employee of applicant plant, company, or utility must be a current member of AWEA
- Nominations may come from a plant employee or owner, ADEM, or other regulatory agency, or others
- For consideration, an application for AWEA Plant Excellence Awards must be completed and received by the AWEA Awards Committee no later than **January 31, 2020**.
- The review period for applicant plants will be the most recently completed 12 month monitoring period
- Systems with combination trickling filters/ activated sludge must compete in the activated sludge category
- There shall be only one (1) award of excellence and one (1) award of recognition per category. The only exception to awarding more than one (1) award per Category is in a tie, in which case a second award will be given to the plant that has the same score
- Systems are eligible to win an award in their category a maximum of two (2) consecutive years, at which time they will be presented with an award for their achievement
- After a system/plant has won an award for two (2) consecutive years, they will be ineligible to compete for one (1) year

EVALUATION RULES

The AWEA Awards Committee will follow these general steps:

- Date stamp and review application for completeness
- Prepare list of plant applicants/ nominees
- Send notification to plant applicants/nominees of receipt of application and request any missing information
- Apply evaluation matrix to be developed by Committee
- Contact two top plant applicants/nominees in each category and schedule site visit
- Tour applicant/nominee's facility and confirm information included on application (note: photographs will be taken of facility and employees for records and to assist in presentation and/or newsletter article)

- Information will be presented to Committee for review and selection of winner in each category
- Award winners will be notified in writing, by letter or email, and information provided regarding participation in Annual Conference

PLANT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Winners of the Plant Excellence Awards will receive the following:

- Free registration for one (1) plant operator at the Annual Conference on the day of the Awards Presentation, includes all meals and access to all technical sessions and exhibits
- Recognition and Plant Excellence Award plaque presented at awards presentation
- Letter of Congratulations to the Mayor/Director and Chairman of the Board of the Awarded Facility

GUIDELINES

- The person in direct responsible charge of the plant should receive a copy of these instructions, along with a copy of the inspection check sheet to help them prepare the plant for inspection
- After an inspection team has been assigned to your plant, one of the inspectors will call to schedule a date and time to inspect your facility. He will request that you submit a copy of your facility's NPDES permit and a map or directions to your plant.
- You will need to be prepared for the inspection team to review your facility records and manuals. Organized materials will expedite the process. Producing evidence after the fact will be cause for negative point values.
- All inspection team members are volunteers and do not receive any compensation for their time and travel

Award of Excellence Inspectors

GUIDELINES

- You must complete an application form to be eligible to inspect plants.
- You must be a member of the AWEA.
- The inspector's application must be submitted by **January 31, 2020**.
- You will be assigned a category to be inspected and supplied with an evaluation sheet.
- All Evaluation sheets must be returned to the Awards Committee Chair no later than **March 2nd, 2020**.
- ADEM will allow 12 CEH's per three year renewal period for certified operators.

AWEA PLANT EXCELLENCE AWARDS APPLICATION FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Deadline to Enter: January 31, 2020

Facility Name: _____

Facility Owner: _____

Facility Address: _____

Telephone Number(s) : (____) _____ (____) _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Board Chairperson / System Superintendent / Director: _____

Main Office Address: _____



Design Flow: _____ MGD Average Flow: _____ MGD

Type of Process: _____ MWPP Score: _____

Have there been any major modifications to the facility in the past three (3) years? If yes, describe below:

Has the facility had any permit violations? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, when and what was the violation?



Please fill out application and return to Wes Cardwell (RWCardwell@GarverUSA.com)

For questions, please contact Wes Cardwell (256-483-0384)