

O&M AWARDS

BACKGROUND:

CWA Section 510(e) and 40 CFR Part 105 establish general requirements for the administration of the EPA's CWA Recognition Awards. Recognition offered by these awards is also consistent with our National Pollution Discharge Elimination (NPDES) regulations.

The O&M Awards category encourages public support for effective operations and maintenance activities at wastewater treatment facilities. Recognition is made for outstanding innovation of processes and practices at wastewater treatment facilities. A list of suggested topics is contained in the questionnaire. These awards recognize communities that continue to meet water quality permit requirements. Additionally, the O&M category recognizes the Most Improved Plant (MIP) which demonstrates the effectiveness of the CWA Section 104(g)(1) program. The best candidates are those that have shown substantial improvements in effluent quality and overall operation and maintenance, that have built a strong foundation for long term, sustained permit compliance and have overcome obstacles in reaching compliance goals.

AWARDS CRITERIA:

Secondary Treatment Plant: Small, Medium, and Large plant capacity categories.

Advanced Treatment Plant: Small, Medium, and Large plant capacity categories.

Non-Discharging Plant: Small and Large plant capacity categories.

Most Improved Treatment Plant: Eligible if less than 5.0 mgd.