



Alabama/Mississippi Section

American Water Works Association

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WATER TREATMENT PLANT OF THE YEAR AWARD

2024 AWARD APPLICATION

Purpose:

The **Awards Committee** is charged with the selection of one treatment plant from Alabama AND one from Mississippi whose outstanding performance during the preceding year merits special recognition by the Section. Recipients of the award will have demonstrated proficiency in providing exceptional quality drinking water to its customers, through the practices of utilizing efficient O&M procedures; use of labor, materials, equipment; personnel training programs; and innovative methods to maintain or improve the overall condition of the plant to minimize health hazards.

Eligibility:

In order for your Utility to qualify for the **Water Treatment Plant of the Year Award**, it must meet the following minimum requirements.

- The Utility must be a member OR an employee of the utility must be a member in good standing with the AL/MS Section of AWWA.
- The Utility must be in compliance with all regulatory agencies.
 - **0.50 points will be deducted for water quality violations.**

Procedure:

The Committee will receive applications until **January 31, 2025**. The **ENTIRE** application **cannot** exceed **10** pages, excluding this application, otherwise **1 penalty point** will be **deducted**. Following the application deadline, the Committee may evaluate each applicant through requests for additional information and/or an evaluation of the plant by way of a site visit. The Committee shall make their own selection, using their best judgment of the nominated plant, based on additional information requested and/or the evaluation completed while visiting the plant.



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Water Treatment Plant Evaluation Criteria

Plants will be graded on the criteria below. Each category will be scored from 1-Poor to 5-Excellent and multiplied by the below percentage weight for a minimum score of 1 and a maximum score of 5. Site visits may be required for obtaining portions of the criteria listed below. Please remit the following information in essay form or a brief description for consideration. Pictures may be attached as deemed necessary. Additional pages may be added to the application as needed. However, the **ENTIRE** application **cannot** exceed **10** pages, excluding this application, otherwise 1 **penalty point** will be **deducted**.

- ❖ Performance Measures (including, but not limited to, overall water quality; optimization and improvements implemented; O&M activities; energy efficiency; NOV's recorded; conformance to regulatory/permit requirements) – 30% weight

- ❖ Operational Recordkeeping / Regulatory Compliance – 25% weight

- ❖ Facility Maintenance Program – 5% weight

- ❖ Operator Training Program – 5% weight

- ❖ Safety Program / Safety Guidelines – 5% weight

- ❖ Plant Instrumentation and Calibration – 5% weight

- ❖ Facility Appearance – 5% weight

- ❖ List of Milestones or Accomplishments in the past year – 20% weight



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Plant Name: _____

Plant Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Information: Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Please indicate type of Plant:

Ground Water

Surface Water

Submitted by: _____

(Signature)

(Print name/Title)

Utility: _____

(Please show name as you would like it to appear on award)

Applications are to be submitted ELECTRONICALLY **on or before January 31, 2025**, to **Lindsay Wright** at the following email address: almssection@gmail.com.

If you DO NOT receive **confirmation of receipt** of this application within one week, please contact Lindsay Wright by phone at (334) 538-4706.

The awards shall be presented at the **2025 AL / MS Water Joint Annual Conference** between Alabama's Water Environment Association, the AL/MS Section of the American Water Works Association, and the Mississippi Water Environment Association to be held at the Mobile Alabama Convention Center on April 6-9, 2025. The awards luncheon will be held on April 7, 2025.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS January 31, 2025