



Section • American Water Works Association

Alabama/Mississippi Section of AWWA

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM of the YEAR AWARD

2025 AWARD APPLICATION

Purpose:

The **Awards Committee** is charged with the selection of one distribution system 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 that it performs quality water system maintenance procedures through the efficient use of labor, materials, equipment, and innovative methods to keep its distribution system in good working condition to minimize health hazards.

Eligibility:

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

- The Utility 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.
 - points will be deducted for water quality violations.

Procedure:

The Committee will receive applications until **February 27, 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 Distribution System Evaluation Criteria

Systems 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. 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, water quality; main breaks/leaks; service breaks/leaks; water loss; incidents of pressure loss within system/boil water notices; record of NOVs; and response procedures) – 30% weight
- ❖ Operational Recordkeeping / Regulatory Compliance – 25% weight
- ❖ System Maintenance Program – 5% weight
- ❖ Operator/Personnel Training Program – 5% weight
- ❖ Safety Program / Safety Guidelines – 5% weight
- ❖ Cross Connection / Control Program – 5% weight
- ❖ Meter Testing Program – 5% weight
- ❖ List of Milestones or Accomplishments in the past year – 20% weight



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System Name: _____

System Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Information: Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Please indicate type of System:

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 **February 27, 2026**, to the online submission portal located at www.almsawwa.org/awards/

The awards shall be presented at the **2026 AL / MS Joint Water 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 12-15, 2026. The awards luncheon will be held on April 13, 2026. The awardees will also be provided with an opportunity to schedule a plant tour for AWWA members and have a write up in Pipeline in 2026.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS February 27, 2026