

MWEA PLANT AND OPERATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD CRITERIA

The MWEA Awards Committee annually selects one operator and one treatment facility each, for large, medium, and small facilities to honor and award as Operator of the Year and Treatment Facility of the Year.

Small facilities are <2.5 MGD; medium facilities are 2.5 to 7.5 MGD, and large facilities are greater than 7.5 MGD.

The operator and facility do not need to be from the same municipality. The Awards are presented at the Annual MWEA Conference in March of each year.

The nomination criteria are simple. Please take a moment to consider if your facility qualifies. Since these mailings go to members only, members are encouraged to send this on to non-member professionals.

Operator of the Year

- Operator must be a member of MWEA
- Operator must have shown at least one of the following traits:
 - Consistent leadership over a number of years
 - Solved a unique or persistent O&M issue in the past year
 - Contributed to the operator profession through activities
 - Any unique circumstance which should be of an outstanding nature

Treatment Plant of the Year

- The treatment facility DOES NOT require anyone at the facility to be a member of MWEA
- The Association will provide one membership for one year to a facility employee.
- There are NO NPDES exceedances or violations in the calendar year ending November 30
- A major expansion and/or upgrade must not have occurred in the last three years
- The treatment facility should demonstrate accomplishment with at least one of the following:
 - Solved a unique or persistent O&M issue in the past year
 - Show consistent operation over a number of years
 - Show creativity in operation and/or maintenance
 - Any unique circumstance which should be recognized

Send nominations or questions to brent.herring@kcmo.org

Nominations are due by January 9, 2026.