



# Partners in PA

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68 Phase I & II Plants  
52 Awarded Phase III  
1 Phase IV  
12 PFSW Distribution Members



## The SPOTLIGHT is on: PA American Water



### PA American Does It Again

It has been a busy time in the Northeast part of the State for PA American Water Company as one of their newer water treatment plants, Stony Garden WTP, has received the coveted Partnership for Safe Water Phase III Award known as the Directors Award for excellence in water treatment.

Additionally, four other facilities under the PA American umbrella; Lake Scranton WTP, Crystal Lake WTP, Watres WTP and the Susquehanna WTP have received an award for maintaining this outstanding level of treatment for an unbelievable ten straight years!

The Directors Award is presented to surface water systems that have successfully completed a rigorous Program intended to surpass State and Federal regulatory requirements, delivering drinking water to its customers that is truly optimized.

"Maintaining Directors Award status for ten years demonstrates Pennsylvania American Water's ongoing commitment to optimizing treatment processes and providing high-quality water to our customers," said Paul Zielinski, Pennsylvania American Water senior director of water



*Lake Scranton Photo L-R: John Yamona, water quality manager, Pennsylvania American Water; Emery Yurko, water quality supervisor, Pennsylvania American Water; Dino Augustini, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; Steve Rakauskas, maintenance relief operator, Pennsylvania American Water; Rich Turano, Lake Scranton plant supervisor, Pennsylvania American Water; John Phillips, maintenance relief operator, Pennsylvania American Water; Jacki Fozard, plant operator, Pennsylvania American Water; Colleen Stutzman, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; Mark Cross, production manager, Pennsylvania American Water; Michael Bedrin, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.*



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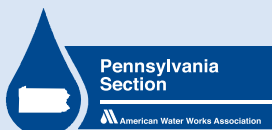
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quality and environmental compliance. "Our professional staff at the plants is the driving force behind our success, and I am thrilled that they have achieved this well-deserved national recognition."

The Partnership currently includes more than 200 water utilities, collectively serving more than 85 million

people nationwide. All 36 of Pennsylvania American Water's water treatment facilities are enrolled and in various phases of the Partnership program. The Partnership for Safe Water is sponsored by the American Water Works Association, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, Department of Environmental Protection, United States Environmental Protection Agency, National Association of Water Companies, and the American Water Works Association Research Foundation.

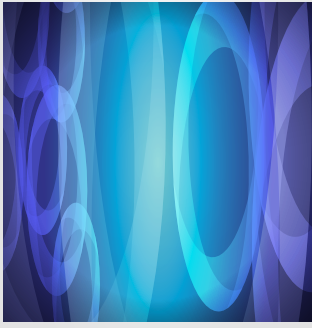
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# Pennsylvania Partnership Summit October 11-12, 2011

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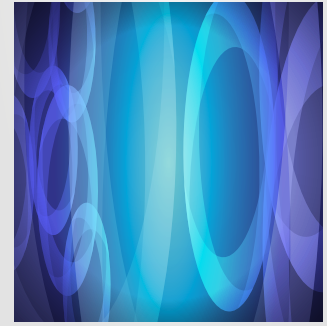
# SUMMIT SCHEDULE

## PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT SCHEDULE (Applying for Total of 8 PA DEP Contact Hours for both days)

TIME	TUESDAY - OCTOBER 11	SPEAKER
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration	
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Welcome & Announcements Introduction	Don Hershey - PA AWWA Kevin Anderson - PA DEP
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	Keynote Speaker Address	Paul Zielinski American Water
9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Why Is the Partnership Important? Fundamentals, Plan How to Optimize, Goals, Annual Reports, Phase I & II	Kevin Anderson - PA DEP John Bartol-Easton, and Reps
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Break-Exhibits	
10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon	Phase III & IV More on Optimization, Troubleshooting, Q & A , DEP & Pennvest Update	Bob Donnelly - PA AWWA PFSW, Mike McFadden - Carlisle, Nicki Kasi - PA DEP & Brion Johnson - Pennvest
12:00 Noon	Lunch	
	<b>Recognition of New Members, Phase III and Phase IV and Vendor Presentation</b>	
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Panel Discussion: Sustaining Optimization, Reliability, Complacency	Ed Chescattie - PA DEP & Others
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Break-Exhibits	
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	National Partnership Update - Where Do We Go From Here?	Ed Chescattie - PA DEP & Others
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Partnership Reps Roundtable - Q & A and Latest Partnership Issues - Troubleshooting	Partnership Reps
	DEP Update: Drinking Water Website Update & Other Program Updates	Deb Rotz - PA DEP
4:00 PM	Adjourn - Visit Exhibit Hall	
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Night at the Races	Dinner and Horse Racing

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## PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT SCHEDULE Technical Sessions Program - Focus Distribution Optimization

TIME	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12	SPEAKER
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast	
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Why is the Distribution Optimization Program Important?	Paul Handke - PA DEP
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Examples: North Penn and Fox Chapel	Paul Handke - PA DEP
	EPA Distribution Sampling - Update	Fox Chapel, North Penn & Repts TBD
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Break -Exhibits	
10:45 AM - 12 Noon	Security Workshop	Mike Snyder - PA AWWA Gregg Haney - Harrisburg (tentative)
12 Noon	Lunch	
	<b>Recognition of Distribution Optimization Charter Members and Vendor Presentation</b>	
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Security Workshop	Mike Snyder - PA AWWA Gregg Haney - Harrisburg (tentative)
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Break-Exhibits	
2:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Security Workshop	Mike Snyder - PA AWWA Gregg Haney - Harrisburg (tentative)

REGISTER NOW!



Stony Garden photo L-R: Nancy Dinger, PA AWWA; John Yamona, water quality manager, Pennsylvania American Water; Craig Hill, plant operator, Pennsylvania American Water; Dave Malloy, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; Guy Findon, supervisor, Pennsylvania American Water; Robert Kline, relief plant operator, Pennsylvania American Water; Mark Cross, production manager, Pennsylvania American Water; Ed Osterhuber, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; Robert Evans, lead plant operator, Pennsylvania American Water.

## North Penn Water Authority first Water Utility to join Distribution Optimization Program in PA

The new Distribution Optimization Program got off with a bang in Pennsylvania recently. Don Hershey, executive Director, PA-AWWA section indicated "we had twelve members sign up for the Program within the first few weeks and keen interest by others as the word got out." The systems that joined early can consider themselves Charter Members under the guidelines set by AWWA. This entitles them to some unique benefits of the Program including participation in the development and input as the Program evolves, a plaque recognizing the utility as a Charter member and recognition by State and Federal Regulators as well as their peers. Don went on to note, "North Penn Water Authority was the first in the state, if not the Nation, to sign on to the Program. Their professionalism and attention to detail made the Program a perfect fit." North Penn and it's sister organization North Wales Water Authority have long been members of the AWWA family participating in the Treatment Plant Optimization Program, attaining the Phase III level of treatment for many years and currently working toward their Phase IV status. Dan Preston, P.E., Director of Operations and Engineering for North Penn stated, "the Partnership Programs have always been a part of our organization, they have set the bar and provided the tools necessary to get the job done. We have accepted the challenge in meeting the optimization goals, both in treatment and now in the distribution area and we feel we owe this to our Customers recognizing that they should expect nothing less."

The objective of the Partnership for Safe Water optimization programs are to identify those opportunities for improvement in system operations and to empower system operators with knowledge to recognize and apply procedures that result in water quality and system reliability improvements. We in the Partnership for Safe Water Program welcome North Penn Water Authority and the eleven other Charter Members to the new Distribution Program. They are: Brodhead Creek Regional Authority, Chester Water Authority, City of Allentown, City of Lancaster, Dover Township Water Dept, Elizabethtown Area Water Authority, Oakmont Water Authority, Pennsylvania American Water multiple counties statewide, Philadelphia Water Dept, Reading Area Water Authority, and Western Berks Water Authority.

## Special Thanks to: Guy Woodard for his hard work and dedication to the Partnership

Guy recently accepted a position at Central Pennsylvania College of Technology. Guy was very instrumental with moving the Partnership for Safe Water program forward in Central Pennsylvania. Greg Haney, Operations Superintendent with The City of Harrisburg, Bureau of Water said, "although we have had our Director's Award for 10 years now, Guy stopped in from time to time and put his talents at our disposal. Guy has encouraged our facility to pursue Phase IV completion, as well as, introducing us to the Partnership's new program designed to improve our distribution system. In my opinion, Guy Woodard was a great asset to the Partnership program and will be missed."

We wish Guy all the best in his new endeavor and hope to see him involved in future Partnership and PA-AWWA events.

*Good Luck Guy!!!*



Ralph Bliss presents Jim McCaskey, Distribution Superintendent of Oakmont a certificate for being one of the charter members in the Distribution Optimization Program

## Partnership for Safe Water Program REPRESENTATIVE WANTED in Central Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Section of the American Water Works Association (PA-AWWA) is seeking a representative for the Partnership for Safe Water program (PFSW).

The PFSW focuses on optimizing the operation of water systems and is supported by both the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Section. The representative will visit water systems in Central Pennsylvania. The representative's primary objective will be to provide technical assistance and training (e.g. report writing and computer software) to systems working through the Partnership's Phase III and IV Self-Assessment process. A secondary objective would be to educate the owners/operators of the benefits of membership in the Partnership, with a goal of enrolling additional water systems in the program.

This is a compensated and part-time position. If you have a strong background in optimizing water system operations, are knowledgeable and supportive of the PFSW, are proficient with Word, Excel, and the internet, have good people skills and a desire to see the Partnership Program flourish, please contact Nancy Dinger at 717-774-8870 or [nancydinger@paawwa.org](mailto:nancydinger@paawwa.org). PA-AWWA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.