



# Partners in PA

Partnership for Safe Water Update



Volume 9 • Issue 2

51 Phase I & II Plants  
46 Awarded Phase III



## The SPOTLIGHT is on: The Municipal Authority of the Township of Robinson PA American - Clarion Plant



(L - R): Ed Ford, Operator Robinson Twp. Municipal Authority, Diane Cox, PFSW Coordinator, Larry Lambo, PA American Manager Field Operations and Kate O'Neill, NW & SW PFSW Representative.

(L - R): Kevin Anderson, PA DEP Water Program Specialist, Ed Ford, Robinson Operator, Diane Cox, PFSW Coordinator, Larry Lambo, PA American Manager Field Operations, Kate O'Neill, NW 7 SW PFSW Preventative, and Glenda Dunn AWWA National Speaker.

### Congratulations to:



Municipal Authority  
of the Township of Robinson



Pennsylvania American Water –  
Clarion Plant

The Partnership for Safe Water Mixer was celebrated at the PA AWWA 60th Annual Conference held in Valley Forge and almost 50 participants dedicated to optimizing filter plant performance were on hand to celebrate with PA two more PA utilities and the Partnership program success. The Municipal Authority of the Township of Robinson, along with PA American - Clarion Plant was presented the prestigious Partnership for Safe Water Phase III Crystal Water Drop Award for successfully completing the Self-Assessment and Peer Review phase of the partnership program, a phase, which consists of identifying factors that limit treatment plant performances.

Robinson is located in the Southwest District, Allegheny County and provides drinking water to approximately 12,000 people, while the Clarion plant is located in Northwest District, Clarion County and provides drinking water to approximately 10,000 people. Congratulations on your accomplishment.



Pennsylvania  
Section



1309 Bridge St., Lower Level  
New Cumberland, PA 17070

Tel: 717-774-8870  
Fax: 717-774-0288  
e-mail: [paawwa@paawwa.org](mailto:paawwa@paawwa.org)  
[www.paawwa.org](http://www.paawwa.org)

# Jersey Shore Joint Water Authority (JSJWA)

The Partnership for Safe Water (PFSW) program advocates a continuous self-assessment approach to the operation and administration of drinking water treatment facilities. This approach was nothing new to the Jersey Shore Joint Water Authority (JSJWA) when they joined the PFSW in 1999 as they had been actively following a continuous improvement course since the Authority's formation in 1984.

Water suppliers must "keep moving, keep making progress," says Mike Zellers, the original and current Manager of the JSJWA. It is an attitude that has been relentlessly followed by Mike and his staff for over twenty years, resulting in facility improvements that include: a reconstructed dam on the system's main raw water source (Larry's Creek); numerous new raw, process and distribution lines; a thoroughly refurbished sedimentation basin; two new potable water storage tanks; and many significant building and process improvements to the 1914 treatment plant that the JSJWA operates on an around-the-clock basis.

Mike explains that these improvements were initiated and completed on a priority basis by "identifying the weak points and the strong points of the system" and then "working to eliminate the weak points." This self-assessment based process was successful in solving previous distribution system pressure problems, improving treatment process effectiveness, and developing back-up facilities and Standard Operating Procedures to quickly and effectively counter events such as floods and rising raw water turbidities.

Although the Jersey Shore Joint Water Authority's continuous improvement philosophy was well established prior to joining the Partnership for Safe Water, the participation in the Partnership program offered the Authority a means to "avoid complacency and maintain high standards," according to Mike. Affirmation of these high standards came in 2004 when the JSJWA's Partnership for Safe Water's Phase III self-assessment report was submitted and approved. The Authority's high standards are also evident in their finished water turbidities that are consistently less than 0.03 NTUs.



(L to R): Operator Jeff Musser and Manager Mike Zellers

Talking about the facilities that he operates and maintains, JSJWA water plant Operator Jeff Musser says that he feels a responsibility to "pass on something good," to future generations, not something that "needs fixed." Authority Manager Mike Zellers echoes those sentiments when he instructs his operators to maintain the facilities of the JSJWA "not only for the current community" but also for the community's "children's children." Based on the JSJWA's past and current sense of mission, future Jersey Shore area generations will indeed be grateful for the foresight and dedication of their ancestors.

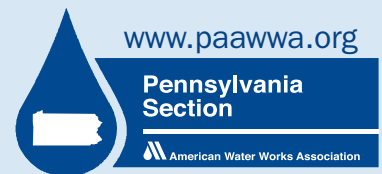
The Jersey Shore Joint Water Authority's staff is comprised of Mike Zellers, Jeff Musser, Sam Musser, Tom Hartranft, Rob Krider, Tim Cohick, Dave Cohick, Dan Hillyard and Judy Cohick. The Authority, which is governed by an eight-member Board, serves Jersey Shore Borough, Salladasburg Borough and portions of Mifflin, Porter, Piatt, Nippenose, Anthony and Pine Creek Townships.



The dam on Larrys Creek. This dam was originally constructed from wood. The JSJWA replaced the wood with concrete in 1988.



The Lorry's Creek Water Treatment Plant. Originally built in 1914, the plant has been exceptionally well maintained and updated



**Please Note the Following:**

**Annual Reports  
Overdue,  
E-mail immediately!**

NO more floppy discs.  
NO more CDs and NO DVD'S.  
Annual report data must be sent to us via e-mail. The Partnership Steering Committee approved this policy to speed communication and reduce cost.

Annual report data must be sent to [dqualls@awwa.org](mailto:dqualls@awwa.org) using the current PFSW software version 4.1.

## NOTICE

If you receive a Notice of Violation you should contact National PFSW within a few days and explain the situation. In addition, all participating plants must include a statement of conformance with regulations in their annual report.

## Update Your Partnership Info

Send any changes to your Partnership contact information to Debby Qualls at [dqualls@awwa.org](mailto:dqualls@awwa.org). If we don't have the correct information you may miss out on upcoming program improvements. Be sure to include current e-mail address if available.