

BCRA Earns Two Awards For Optimization

A Decade of Outstanding Drinking Water Performance

The Partnership for Safe Water takes great pride in awarding Brodhead Creek Regional Authority with its prestigious "10 Year Directors Award". The Partnership for Safe Water is a voluntary program developed by the EPA and the American Water Works Association to guide water suppliers towards improving water quality by maintaining much higher standards than those required by law. "It costs more to adhere to stricter standards and optimize system operations but it's all about the safest possible water for our customers" says water operator Michael Reisenwitz. Notwithstanding, BCRA is still able to deliver safe drinking water right to the customer's door for less than a penny per gallon. The BCRA water treatment plant was one of only a handful of utilities nationwide to receive this award. "Our continual goal is to operate efficiently and improve water quality whenever possible" said Chief Water Operator Patrick Lambert. Working as a team, the BCRA water treatment plant operators have been nationally recognized and honored by the Partnership at this year's AWWA annual conference.



Safer Drinking Water By Using Multi-Barrier Protection

The Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) was developed in 1989 by the USEPA to reduce the risk of waterborne disease. Pennsylvania is one of only 21 states that participate in USEPA's voluntary AWOP program. BCRA was first recognized in 2012 for achieving high filter plant efficiency after a DEP required Filter Plant Performance Evaluation (FPPE). Treatment optimization by BCRA's water treatment plant means that it has consistently exceeded Pennsylvania's strict public drinking water regulations. After the 2012 inspection BCRA was given a "commendable" rating, DEP's highest possible designation. In addition to other water treatment processes, by voluntarily adhering to stricter standards BCRA is able to take the multi-barrier approach to its highest level. This is the 2nd year in a row BCRA has earned this prestigious award.



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