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BGMU RECEIVES AWARDS AT WATER PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE

(Bowling Green, Ky.) BGMU's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) received the Operational Excellence Award for the sixth consecutive year for calendar year 2015. This award is given annually to publicly owned and industrial wastewater treatment facilities that have achieved permit compliance during the previous calendar year by having no more than one violation of their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Each qualifying facility must present written documentation, with the appropriate state agency confirming the applicant's overall regulatory compliance.

Mike Gardner, BGMU Water-Wastewater Systems Manager, was recognized for his service as a delegate to the National Water Environment Federation on behalf of the KY-TN Water Environment Association.

The award and recognition were given by the Kentucky/Tennessee Water Environment Association at the Water Professionals Conference July 17-20 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

BGMU's wastewater treatment system is staffed by professionals in operations, maintenance, industrial systems and instrumentation systems. The industrial pretreatment program works with local industries to ensure waste output complies with standards for environmental protection. Class III and IV treatment plant operators complete 24 CEU training hours every two years to maintain competence on operational procedures and technological advances.

Seven employees operate the plant 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. All operators receive certification in wastewater treatment by the Kentucky Environmental Cabinet, Division of Water. Additionally, eight employees provide maintenance at the water treatment and wastewater treatment facilities, distribution

pump stations, tanks and collection system pump stations. A 23-member team, based at the Water/Wastewater Crew Quarters, performs water distribution and wastewater collection systems repairs, construction and maintenance.



WWTP Chief Operator, Heather Stringfield, accepts the Operational Excellence Award at the Water Professionals Conference.



Mike Gardner, Water/Wastewater Systems Manager, is recognized for his service.

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About BGMU

Bowling Green Municipal Utilities provides electricity, water, wastewater services and high speed commercial data services to the Bowling Green area. The utility serves approximately 29,000 electric customers, 20,000 water/wastewater customers and 550 commercial fiber customers. For more information, please visit our website, www.bgmu.com.
