

BRITISH COLUMBIA WATER AND WASTE ASSOCIATION

DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PROPOSED AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

Award Title: BCWWA Decentralized Wastewater Management Award for Excellence

Purpose of the Award:

To recognize a British Columbia or Yukon decentralized wastewater treatment facility, project, or organization for excellence in innovation and in design, equipment, and/or management practices¹.

The Award:

The award recognition includes a plaque sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, one complimentary individual BCWWA membership, and an opportunity to present a paper on the project².

Frequency of the Award:

The award may be granted annually. If, in the opinion of the judges, there is no submission that warrants recognition, an award need not be given.

Eligibility for the Award:

Decentralized treatment systems can range from independent owner operator systems, through satellite systems that serve a group or cluster of structures on single or multiple parcels, or property of shared interest, and can be either independently or group operated and maintained. They are often located onsite or within the vicinity of the structure or structures being served.

Discharge or reuse of the treated effluent is typically soil based and located near the individual, cluster, or community source of origin.

Eligible systems must be operated/maintained by a Certified Operator or a Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioner.

Criteria

The Award Committee will consider and evaluate each nominated system on the following criteria:

1. Environmental sustainability including ecological impacts, energy, and capital efficiencies
2. Innovation
3. Effectiveness given its specific, unique site conditions

4. Practical applicability for other sites
5. Benefits to the wastewater industry, such as increased public understanding of wastewater management issues, repeatable innovative design, and increased regulatory recognition.

The contact person for the award recipient may subsequently be requested to submit additional data, including supporting or presentation data, for display at the annual BCWWA Annual Conference.

Nomination Procedure:

1. Any BCWWA member in good standing may make a nomination.
2. Nomination forms may be requested from the DWMC or be found on the BCWWA web site³.
3. All nominations must be made to the DWMC by January 15, annually.
4. Nominations should include a description, water quality data, community or environs information, and background

Award Committee Membership:

The award committee will consist of the Chair of the DWMC and two other DWMC members. Award committee members will be selected by the DWMC members at the January meeting of the DWMC and only those members present at the meeting are eligible to put their name forward for selection. If more than two members volunteer, a balloting procedure will be used to select Award Committee members. The two members who receive the most number of votes on the first ballot will be appointed to the Award Committee. No one involved with the project can serve on the committee. The Chair of the DWMC is not permitted to vote except in case of a tie.

Presentation of the Award:

The winner will be announced by March 15 annually. Award plaques will be presented to a representative of the winning system at the BCWWA Annual Conference and Exhibition. Space will be provided at the conference to display material from the winning system. Winners will also be recognized in the *Watermark* and at a local presentation.

¹*Decentralized wastewater treatment* is defined as dispersing treated wastewater that it is of reclaimed quality within a short distance of the area of dispersal with no discernable inimical impacts on or direct discharge to surface waters.

²Generally abstracts must be submitted by November to be eligible for consideration at the following AGM. Consequently the paper may be required to be presented at the subsequent AGM if not submitted on time.

³(<http://www.bcwwa.org/committees/dwmc/index.php>).

**BCWWA DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
ENTRY FORM**

Please complete this form and submit to:

Chair, Decentralized Wastewater Management Committee
BCWWA
221 – 8678 Greenall
Burnaby BC V5J 3M4

Or by fax to (604) 433-9859

Attach reference letters, extra sheets, or pictures, if needed. Please note that a copy of the system's operating permit and operator's certification must be referenced for the nomination to be considered.

Submission deadline is **December 31**, annually.

1. Designated Recipient

2. Name of wastewater system:

3. Address:

4. Name of operator or ROWP and certification level: _____

5. Briefly describe the initial challenges:

6. What are the initiatives taken to develop the decentralized wastewater treatment facility, project, or organization

7. Describe the initiatives developed earlier and those which have completed in the past calendar year, including when they were started:

8. What is unique and innovative about the development and implementation of the system you are nominating? Why does this system deserve to be recognized for excellence in decentralized wastewater management?

9. Identify the results achieved, using quantitative data where possible. If such results are not yet available, describe the criteria that will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the system:

10. How will this project benefit others working in wastewater treatment, future projects or the public? How will others learn about it?

11. Do you have any additional comments?

Nominated by:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

Authorized signature for wastewater system (if different):

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____