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“Wastewater Plant Superintendent Receives National Award”

Todd Boling, City of Norfolk Wastewater Plant Superintendent, recently was awarded the Hatfield Award at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Water Environment Association. This national award is presented by state



Todd Boling, City of Norfolk Wastewater Plant Superintendent, receives a national achievement award from Paul Bowen, vice president of the Water Environment Federation.

organizations to operators of wastewater treatment plants for outstanding performance and professionalism. Recipients are selected according to certain criteria including the documentation of a successful system of reports from the operator to his or her superiors. They must have a good public relations program and help in the dissemination of information concerning advancements in the field of wastewater treatment.

“Boling has regularly submitted reports to City of Norfolk administration for 14 years and has worked at making the City of Norfolk Water Pollution Control (WPC) Plant a model for other members of the organization,” said Dennis Smith, City of Norfolk Public Works Director.

Hired in 1982 as a Water Plant Operator, Boling has been plant superintendent for 18 years where he oversees nine employees and the treatment of 3.5 million gallons of wastewater per day. The NWEA has been in existence for 61 years as a non-profit group of professionals dedicated to protecting Nebraska’s water quality. Boling currently serves as NWEA Delegate and is chairman of the membership and publications committees in the organization. He was awarded the organization’s Arthur Sidney Bell Award in 2009. According to NWEA officials, Boling is only the third person in the organization who has received both the Bell and the Hatfield awards.

For the ninth year in a row the City of Norfolk Water Pollution Control Plant staff was awarded the “Scott Wilbur Award.” This award recognizes well-operated and maintained facilities within the state for the category of one to five million gallons per day flow. They were also awarded the “Gold Safety Award” for excellence in accident prevention and for the way they promote safety in their facilities with meetings, materials, and program safety upgrades. This is the ninth year the staff has received the safety award.

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