“Wastewater Plant Awards”

Todd Boling, manager of the City of Norfolk Wastewater facility, recently accepted two awards at the Nebraska Water Environment Association annual conference in Kearney.

For the sixth year in a row, Norfolk’s wastewater plant team was awarded the “Scott Wilbur Award” which recognizes the best operated and maintained wastewater facilities in Nebraska.

To win this award in the category of one to five million gallons of flow per day, a committee came to the plant and inspected it according to permit limit compliance and standard condition compliance; effective performance based on design of facility; effective management; organization; and plant upkeep and appearance. Additional points were awarded for improving safety, improving safety needs, improving community relations, mitigating design or loading problems and improving operation and management.

Only 15 of 700 wastewater treatment plants in the state of Nebraska received this award.

Management and staff at the Norfolk’s Wastewater facility also received the Gold “Safety Award” for the sixth year in a row at the conference. Criteria for this award include excellence in accident prevention and how safety is promoted at the facility through meetings, materials, programs and safety upgrades.

Marsha Louthan was also awarded the “WEF Laboratory Analyst Award” that recognizes individuals for outstanding performance, professionalism and contributions to the water quality analysis profession. Louthan is a chemical technician at the Norfolk plant.

The Nebraska Water Environment Association (NWEA) is a non-profit organization comprised of professionals dedicated to protecting Nebraska’s water quality.