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"City of Norfolk Water Pollution Control Plant receives awards"



Lonnie Tucker, WPC plant operator, checks some of the screened material at the plant. The plant staff recently received two awards at a state conference.

Staff at the City of Norfolk Water Pollution Control (WPC) Plant recently received two prestigious awards at the Nebraska Water Environment Association (NWEA) Fall Conference.

The 2016 Scott Wilber Outstanding Facility Award was presented to Todd Boling, Wastewater Plant Superintendent, in recognition of "exemplary operations and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities in the State of Nebraska." This is the 12th year in a row that the WPC plant has received this award.

In addition, the Norfolk WPC plant was awarded the Best In Class Award for Medium Sized Facilities in Nebraska. This award is given to a city in Nebraska that treats between two and five million gallons of wastewater per day. There are about 30 cities in the state in this category.

According to a press release from Andrew Synhorst, Scott Wilber award committee chair, "the committee felt the Norfolk facility had exemplary operations, maintenance, and the forethought to look to begin treating for future permit limits. Todd Boling and his staff showed exemplary knowledge and pride in the wastewater facility, as shown by the work that the employees perform on a day-to-day basis. The Norfolk staff is able to achieve this

exemplary status despite ranging issues, such as future permit limits and wide flow variations, which challenge the staff and the community that they serve."

The Norfolk WPC plant treats three and a half million gallons of wastewater per day. There are currently nine employees at the plant located at 610 East Monroe Avenue.