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## Norfolk Wastewater Treatment Facility Awarded the Scott Wilber Outstanding Facility Award, Best In Class and Gold Safety Awards at Recent Nebraska Water Environment Federation Conference in Kearney



The 2017 Scott Wilbur Outstanding Facility Award was presented to Norfolk on November 8, 2017 at the Nebraska Water Environment Federation fall conference in Kearney.

The award is named after Scott Wilber, a wastewater facility operator who worked for the City of Omaha and routinely exceeded operations and maintenance expectations to ensure his facility remained in compliance.

The Scott Wilber Awards Committee of the Nebraska Water Environment Association (NWEA) is a group dedicated to providing recognition for exemplary operations and maintenance of wastewater treatment facilities in the State of Nebraska.

The awards committee reviews each applicant's facility and discusses day to day activities that occur at the plant. The committee awards each facility receiving a score of 75 or higher an "Outstanding Facility Award." As well, each facility is reviewed in comparison to other similarly sized facilities for a "Best in Class Award." Lastly, the committee awards an "Innovative Facility Award" to the most forward thinking wastewater plant across the state who is utilizing a new immerging technology, is modifying the treatment process to achieve additional treatment, or is on the cutting edge of technology in the industry.

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

The Nebraska Water Environment Association congratulates the City of Norfolk and its treatment facility staff for being awarded the 2017 Scott Wilber Outstanding Facility, Best in Class and Gold Safety Awards.