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BGMU RECEIVES OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

BGMU's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) received the Operational Excellence Award from the Kentucky/Tennessee Water Environment Association for calendar years 2009 and 2010. This award is given annually to publicly owned and industrial wastewater treatment facilities that have achieved permit compliance during the previous calendar year by having no more than one violation of their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Each qualifying facility must present written documentation, and the appropriate state agency will be asked to confirm the applicant's overall regulatory compliance.

BGMU's Wastewater Treatment Plant offers a fully approved industrial pretreatment program. Through the program, trained operators work with local industries to assure that waste output complies with standards for environmental protection. Nineteen employees operate the plant. All operators receive certification by the State Division of Water in the wastewater field. In addition to treatment plant personnel, a three-person crew performs routine maintenance on the distribution system, pumping stations, lift stations, storage tanks and sewer collection system. A sixteen-member team, based at the Water/Sewer Crew Quarters, performs system repairs, construction and maintenance.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant was built in 1964 and received renovations in 1976 and 1992 to reach its capacity of 10.6 million gallons per day. The plant has been undergoing its current renovations since July 2009. Average daily flow is 8 million gallons.

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