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### **BGMU RECEIVES AWARDS AT WATER PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE**

(Bowling Green, Ky.) BGMU received awards at the Water Professionals Conference July 8-11 in Nashville, Tennessee. Employee James Dillon, a Class IV Water Treatment Plant Operator, was awarded KY AWWA Operator of the Year by the Kentucky/Tennessee Water Environment. This award is given annually to a Water Treatment Plant operator who has demonstrated leadership and excellence in the operation of a water treatment plant and/or a water distribution system. The recipient exemplifies the highest standard of technical knowledge and regulatory compliance.

Scott Neighbors, Senior Project Manager in the Water Engineering Department, was recognized for completing the Water Professionals Leadership Academy (WPLA). The WPLA was established to identify and develop the next generation of leaders in the water industry. The development process occurs through training sessions and team building activities that incorporate personal and professional development. The Academy's aim is to prepare the best and brightest for water industry leadership roles.

BGMU's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) received the Operational Excellence Award for the eighth consecutive year for calendar year 2017. 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, with the appropriate state agency confirming the applicant's overall regulatory compliance.

BGMU's wastewater treatment system is staffed by professionals in engineering, operations, maintenance, industrial systems and instrumentation systems. The industrial pretreatment program works with local industries to ensure waste output

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complies with standards for environmental protection. Class III and IV treatment plant operators complete 24 CEU training hours every two years to maintain competence on operational procedures and technological advances.

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### **About BGMU**

*Bowling Green Municipal Utilities provides electricity, water, wastewater services and high speed commercial data services to the Bowling Green area. The utility serves approximately 30,000 electric customers, 20,000 water/wastewater customers and 550 commercial fiber customers. For more information, please visit our website, [www.bgmu.com](http://www.bgmu.com).*

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