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### **BOWLING GREEN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

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### **BGMU AWARDED OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE, WATER HEROES AWARDS**

Bowling Green Municipal Utilities received an Operational Excellence Award for continued outstanding operation of its Water Recovery Facility (WRF) from The Clean Water Professionals of Kentucky & Tennessee for calendar year 2021. This is BGMU's twelfth consecutive year for receiving this distinction.

This award is given annually to publicly owned and industrial water recovery 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 has had zero violations during its twelve years of receiving this award.

Professionals in engineering, operations, maintenance, industrial systems and instrumentation systems staff BGMU's water recovery system. The industrial pretreatment program works with local industries to ensure waste output 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.

Additionally, BGMU was recognized nationally as one of two recipients to receive a Water Heroes Award from the Water Environment Federation. The purpose of the Water Heroes program is to recognize individuals or municipalities who performed duties beyond the usual call of duty during an emergency to continue to protect the public and the environment. BGMU water professionals were recognized for their efforts following the December 2021 tornadoes that devastated parts of Bowling Green. While most of Bowling Green's water and wastewater systems were undamaged by the tornadoes, water crews stepped up by clearing streets for other emergency personnel, assisting electric line crews with new pole installation and working as groundmen and

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warehouse personnel. These activities helped return the community to normal utility operations sooner.

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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 800 commercial fiber customers. For more information, please visit our website, [www.bgmu.com](http://www.bgmu.com).*

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