



# NEWS RELEASE

## **BOWLING GREEN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

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## **BGMU HONORED AT WATER PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE**

(Bowling Green, Ky.) The Water Division of Bowling Green Municipal Utilities (BGMU) received several awards at the KY/TN Water Professionals Conference, held September 8-11 in Louisville, Kentucky. This event is the annual joint conference of the Kentucky/Tennessee section of the American Water Works Association and the Clean Water Professionals of Kentucky and Tennessee and is the largest annual water technical conference and exhibition in both states.

BGMU received an **Operational Excellence Award** for continued outstanding operation of its Water Recovery Facility (WRF) for calendar year 2024. BGMU has received this award for 16 of the last 17 years. 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.

Our Water Treatment Plant received the **Award of Excellence for Plant Operations, Large Plant Category**. The criteria considered for this award include management, records, appearance, and the overall results of the evaluation by the Honors and Awards Committee. Only one award is given to a plant that produces over 20 million gallons per day. BGMU's Water Treatment Plant can treat up to 45 million gallons of water per day.

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Additionally, several employees were recognized for their contributions to the water industry. **Eddie Jones**, Chief Operator of our Water Treatment Plant, received the **Operator's Meritorious Service Award** for outstanding accomplishments and service in providing a quality water supply to the public and dedication to leadership in the water industry.

**Joe Pavoni**, Water Systems Manager, was awarded the **Bedell Award**. The Bedell Award was established to acknowledge extraordinary personal service to a Water Environment Federation Member Association. Recipients are selected by the Bedell committee comprised of past Bedell award winners.

**Heather Stringfield**, Chief Operator of our Water Recovery Facility, was awarded the **Hatfield Award**. The Hatfield Award is presented to operators of water resource recovery facilities for outstanding performance and professionalism. Recipients are selected by the Hatfield committee comprised of past Hatfield award winners.

**Doug Kimbler**, Treatment Plants Superintendent, was awarded the **S. Leary Jones Award**. This award was established in 1990 as a special recognition of many years of dedicated service to the Clean Water Professionals of Kentucky and Tennessee and/or to the field of environmental engineering. It is looked upon as a CWP-KT Hall of Fame honor and named after its first recipient.

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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 over 30,000 electric customers, 22,000 water/wastewater customers and 900 commercial fiber customers. For more information, please visit our website, [www.bgm.com](http://www.bgm.com).*

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