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BGMU HONORED AT WATER PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE

(Bowling Green, Ky.) The Water Division of Bowling Green Municipal Utilities (BGMU) received recognition at the KY/TN Water Professionals Conference, held July 19-22 in Lexington, 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. It is the largest annual water technical conference and exhibition in both states.

BGMU was awarded the **Operational Excellence Award** for continued outstanding operation of its Water Recovery Facility (WRF) for calendar year 2025. BGMU has received this award for 18 of the last 19 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.

Joe Pavoni, Water Systems Manager, received the prestigious S. Leary Jones Award from the Clean Water Professionals of Kentucky & Tennessee (CWP-KT), recognizing his outstanding contributions to wastewater treatment through exceptional expertise, dedication, and service. Established in 1990, the award is the organization's highest honor, celebrating decades of leadership and commitment to the water industry. Pavoni joined BGMU in August 2023 after working in the water sector for 24 years in various engineering and management roles at both GRW Engineers and R.D. Zande and Associates.

Doug Kimbler, Special Projects Coordinator for BGMU's Water Division, was the recipient of the Bedell Award, which was established to acknowledge extraordinary personal service to a Water Environment Federation Member Association. It is named



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after Arthur Sidney Bedell, who was the second president of WEF and dedicated significant service to the New York Sewage and Industrial Wastes Association, now known as the New York Water Environment Association.

Additionally, Kimbler is also a past recipient of both the S. Leary Jones Award and the William D. Hatfield Award. He has been with BGMU for 30 years, previously serving as Treatment Plants Superintendent.

Shelley Lowe, Marketing Coordinator, graduated from the Water Professionals Leadership Academy. WPLA identifies and develops the next generation of leaders in the water industry through training sessions and team building activities that incorporate personal and professional development during six two-day sessions between October and May. Since the program's inception in 2017, seven BGMU employees have participated in WPLA.

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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 33,000 electric customers, 22,000 water/wastewater customers and 1,000 commercial fiber customers. For more information, please visit our website, www.bgmui.com.

About CWP-KT

Clean Water Professionals of Kentucky & Tennessee (CWP-KT), formerly KYTN Water Environment Association, is the local Member Association (MA) of the national Water Environment Federation (WEF). WEF is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization of 34,000 individual members and 75 affiliated Member Associations representing water quality professionals around the world. Since 1928, WEF and its members have protected public health and the environment. CWP-KT's mission is to boldly lead a professional community dedicated to safe and clean water through education, innovation, and advocacy.

To learn more about CWP-KT, please visit www.cleanwaterprofessionals.org.
