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## **GLENBARD WASTEWATER AUTHORITY RECEIVES MULTIPLE AWARDS FOR SAFETY AND CLEAN WATER**

**Glen Ellyn, IL** – The Glenbard Wastewater Authority recently received two distinguishable awards for their efforts made during the 2015 calendar year. The wastewater treatment facility received the George W. Burk, Jr. Safety Award from the Central States Water Environment Association (CSWEA) and the Clean Water Award from The Conservation Foundation.

On May 19, 2016, the Authority was awarded the George W. Burke, Jr. Award at the CSWEA annual meeting and banquet. This award is one of the region's highest safety program honors in the wastewater industry and recognizes an active and effective safety program and safety record. The award was established in 1982 in honor of George W. Burk, Jr. for his many years of service both to the water pollution control field and the Water Environment Federation as staff manager of technical services.

“Safety is a top priority and we were honored to receive this award,” said Erik Lanphier, Executive Director for the Glenbard Wastewater Authority. “It is a continuous effort for the Authority to create a culture for employee safety. At the end of the day, we want to be sure our facility is a safe and healthy place to work for our entire team.”

More recently, The Conservation Foundation awarded the Authority, City of Elmhurst, Downers Grove Sanitary District and the Wheaton Sanitary District with the Clean Water Award at their Annual Spring Luncheon on June 2, 2016, for outstanding work safeguarding the environment. The award, established in 1997, recognizes wastewater treatment facilities that perform above and beyond permit standards and show ongoing commitment to keeping local rivers clean and healthy.

During 2015, the Authority provided informational tours of their facility, laboratory and their Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System which monitors water transport, distribution and treatment. Local schools, organizations and industry professionals toured including the College of DuPage, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and Glenbard East High School. The Authority also worked closely with local schools to educate students about water conservation.

Over the past year, the Authority was also recognized as Plant of the Year for the Illinois Section of the CSWEA and won the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Peak Performance Gold Award for 100 percent National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit compliance.

“The dedicated and highly skilled operations, maintenance and electrical teams are the people who make these awards possible,” said Lanphier. “We strive to create a culture of achievement by working smarter, listening to each other and of course celebrating success.”



### **About the Glenbard Wastewater Authority**

The Glenbard Wastewater Authority was created in 1977 by an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Lombard and the Village of Glen Ellyn for the purpose of jointly constructing and operating an advanced wastewater treatment facility. The current facility opened in 1982 and operates 24 hours per day, 365 days a year removing pollutants, and recovering resources from an average daily flow of approximately 12 million gallons of wastewater from Glen Ellyn and Lombard.

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