

## **2014 Operation and Maintenance Wastewater Treatment Awards**

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) announced the recipients of the 2014 Operation and Maintenance Wastewater Treatment Awards. This award is for outstanding operation of the wastewater system and environmental compliance with its state surface water discharge permit during the past year.

The awards were presented during the 2015 South Dakota Water and Wastewater Association Wastewater Operators Seminar held April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse Hotel & Suites in Pierre.

“Wastewater treatment systems are essential services that we all use every day, but are taken for granted unless there is a malfunction,” said DENR Secretary Steve Pirner. “These award winners are the certified wastewater operation specialists who went the extra mile last year to ensure there were no malfunctions.”

Qualifications for the Operation and Maintenance Wastewater Treatment Award are based on a system's compliance with state environmental requirements, the quality of the treated and discharged wastewater, monitoring reports, state inspections, and proper operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment facility.

The following systems received awards from DENR:

- Alcester
- Aurora
- Belle Fourche
- Big Stone City
- Brookings Municipal Utilities
- Bryant
- Canova
- Castlewood
- Centerville
- Chester Sanitary District
- Corona
- Ethan
- Groton
- Harrisburg
- Hartford
- Highmore
- Hot Springs
- Hudson
- Huron
- Kimball

- Lake Cochrane Sanitary District
- Lake Madison Sanitary District
- Madison
- Milbank
- Mitchell
- Mobridge
- Philip
- Pickerel Lake Sanitary District
- Pierpont
- Presho
- Rapid City
- Selby
- Sioux Falls
- South Dakota Department of Transportation
  - Mitchell Region
  - Rapid City Region
  - Pierre Region
- South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
  - Blue Bell (Custer State Park)
- STAR Academy
  - East Campus
  - West Campus
- Stickney
- Sturgis
- Tripp
- Tyndall
- U. S. Air Force - Ellsworth Air Force Base
- U. S. Forest Service - Boxelder JCCCC
- U. S. Geological Survey - EROS Data Center
- U. S. National Park Service
  - Badlands National Park
  - Jewel Cave National Monument
  - Mt. Rushmore National Monument
  - Wind Cave National Park
- Vermillion
- Watertown
- Waubay
- Webster
- Wentworth
- Weston Heights Sanitary District
- Yankton