



# NM Water & Wastewater ASSOCIATION

## Award Nominations



★ HONORING EXCELLENCE. CELEBRATING COMMITMENT. ★



**NOTE: MUST BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF NMWWA**

New Mexico Water & Wastewater Association (NMWWA) is seeking your valuable assistance in selecting nominees for our esteemed facility awards, which will be presented at the January Awards Banquet. These awards serve to honor the dedication, skill, and commitment required to effectively operate, maintain, or own water and wastewater systems. Your expertise in this area is invaluable, and we would greatly appreciate your recommendations for deserving facilities. Please submit the names of your nominees by **August 31, 2026**, to ensure their consideration for this recognition. Thank you for your contributions and helping us celebrate excellence in the water and wastewater field.

*(Nomination forms & criteria will be emailed to you once selection (s) below have been made)*



**FOR INFORMATION ON NOMINATIONS, CONTACT: [rmtz.nmwwa@gmail.com](mailto:rmtz.nmwwa@gmail.com)**

### BELOW ARE THE CATEGORIES WE ARE SEEKING NOMINEES FOR:



**GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AWARD:** The Good Housekeeping Awards are presented in eight categories:

- a Surface Water Treatment (20 yrs. & under)
- b Ground Water Treatment
- c Lagoon Wastewater Treatment
- d Mechanical Wastewater Treatment (20 yrs. & under)
- e Activated Sludge Wastewater Treatment (20 yrs. & under)



**OUTSTANDING OPERATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD:** The five categories of awards are:

- a Water Production Facility Operator
- b Water Distribution System Operator
- c Wastewater Collection System Operator
- d Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator
- e Lab Analyst Operator



#### MAX N. SUMMERLOT AWARD:

This award alternates between water and wastewater each year. It is given to the facility/system that demonstrates excellence in the operations, maintenance, management, safety, and professionalism.

**(1) nomination from each Section:**  
(This year is in Wastewater)



#### CAROLINE SANCHEZ ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Presented to an individual or facility that best demonstrates a significant or outstanding achievement or accomplishment during that year. An operator, through his or her outstanding performance, deserves commendation or a facility that has significantly improved has merit for nomination.



#### ARTHUR TORREZ OUTSTANDING FACILITY MANAGER AWARD:

The Arthur Torrez Outstanding Facility Manager Award recognizes exceptional leadership, dedication, and excellence in managing water and wastewater facilities. This award honors facility managers who demonstrate outstanding performance, innovation, and a commitment to environmental stewardship and public health.



#### SECTION PRESIDENT'S MOST IMPROVED FACILITY AWARD:

Presented to a water or wastewater facility, municipality or small system that has demonstrated significant improvement during that year. (1) selection from each section.



**YOUR NOMINATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**  
HELP US RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONALS IN OUR INDUSTRY!

**TOGETHER WE BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES!**

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 ★ **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.**  
 Your participation will insure a great awards program and recognitions at the  
 ★ **2027 NMWWA AWARDS BANQUET**  
 Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces  
 ★ **January 27, 2027** ★  
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Regards,

**J.J. Gutierrez**, NMWWA President  
**Victor Gonzales**, President-Elect

*Excellence in Water.  
Stronger Communities.*