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DEP Employees of the Month for July 2010

The Employee of the Month program recognizes DEP staff members that have exhibited outstanding personal effort, and have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve the people of New York City.

DEP is a great agency that delivers services that millions of New Yorkers depend on daily. Making good on that daily promise requires dedication and hard work of the nearly 6,000 employees of DEP. To nominate someone who has demonstrated uncommon dedication and excellence, fill out the nomination form with some basic information, such as the nominee's responsibilities, examples of extraordinary performance, and ways that they have set an example for others. The form is available online, and you'll need to submit it by the tenth day following the end of the month. For more information, contact Herbert Roth or visit the program's website ([here](#)).

The Employees of the Month for July, featured in this Weekly Pipeline Extra edition, were honored at a breakfast on August 27, with Commissioner Holloway, received a certificate, and had their names added to the Employee of the Month Board on the 3rd and 19th floors at LeFrak, and at the Kingston Office. These men and women set a standard for all of us to emulate and appreciate.



EDC & Sustainability - Diane Doesserich

Diane Doesserich started with DEP in September 2009. She is responsible for preparing Standards of Practice for permitting within the Bureau of Engineering Design and Construction. What does that mean? Here's a recent example: Diane took the lead in defending a claim issued by a contractor against DEP. The contractor filed a change order to collect 1.8 million dollars for disposing of contaminated waste, which was denied. Providing a detailed analysis based upon contract language and supporting documentation, Diane prepared an argument that the contractor was well aware that the materials they would encounter—and be responsible for removing—would be hazardous waste and that the removal was part of their original bid price. Her hard work, research, and defense supported DEP's position and the Comptroller denied the contractor's change order claim and no additional monies were awarded. Diane is now working tirelessly on the Croton Water Filtration Plant, facilitating meetings with critical approval agencies and obtaining the numerous approvals required to get this project completed.



WT - Anthony DiMascio

Anthony DiMascio began his career at DEP as a Sewage Treatment Worker (STW) at the Hunts Point Wastewater Treatment Plant in December 1983. After being the lead safety man at the North River Wastewater Treatment Plant in 1991, he transferred to Collections Facilities North as a Senior STW in 2003, and was promoted to Stationary Engineer in 2007. Anthony has distinguished himself by his diligence and patience in dealing with problems and people. Supportive and patient, he instructs new employees about Collections Facilities North infrastructure, including pump stations and regulators. Anthony capably coordinates work among his staff, contractors, BWSO, and Lefrak engineers, clearly communicating the main issues and always suggesting well thought-out solutions. These tremendous attributes came into play during recent incidents at a Wards Island outfall and regulator, a site of recurring dry weather bypasses. Taking the lead in scheduling the crews (and himself!), BWSO staff worked around the clock on multiple days, providing work zone safety traffic controls, while also investigating the area to find possible blockages in the interceptor, and shutting off hydrants opened by the community during the heat wave.



WS - Lori Tsladaris

Lori Tsladaris began working with DEP as a Summer College Intern on May 21, 2001. After graduation, Lori became an Industrial Hygienist and now serves as an Associate Project Manager within the Bureau of Water Supply. Currently, Lori manages the environmental, health & safety (EHS) activities on a daily basis for the Eastern Operations Division for the Bureau. Her administrative and organizational skills are exemplary and she facilitates and fosters communication among division personnel from management to technical workgroups on EHS issues. This is illustrated in her ability to manage five SPDES permits for Eastern Operations and administer compliance of more than 15 petroleum bulk storage facilities as well as maintain the potable water monitoring program. These programs require an enormous amount of data collection and compilation for timely submission to our regulators. These programs are challenging and require her to use her expertise in the area of EHS compliance which she acquired while working in the laboratory and in the field conducting audits and investigations. Lori has shown herself to be a confident and exceptional leader in Eastern Operations as is shown through her communication and development of her team as they investigate EHS incidents, concerns, and compliance matters.



WSO - Louis Occhiuto

Louis Occhiuto began his career as a Watershed Maintainer on August 7, 2006. He serves at the Hillview Reservoir where he diligently oversees chemical deliveries and accurately performs various chemical treatment operations during the night shift. He is a leader and positive influence on his shift and is well respected by his co-workers for his attention to detail, timely submission of required paperwork, logbook entries, and for supporting the EHS initiatives and Risk Management Programs (RMP) at the Hillview Reservoir as a member of the Employee Participation Committee. This committee and their continued efforts have had a significant impact on improved operations at the Hillview Reservoir. In addition, it is interesting to note that Louis has such a passion for this work and DEP that he researched and wrote a 10-page report on the water supply system of New York City dating back to the 1700s.



Administration & Support Bureaus - Jose Torres

Jose began his career with DEP on August 25, 2003 and serves as a Computer Systems Manager in the Office of Information Technology. Over the course of his career, he has played a leading role in helping to develop, enhance, and support CIS (Customer Information System), BAPPS (Browser Applications), ARTS (Asbestos Reporting Tracking System), and AMR (Automated Meter Reading) applications. His contribution to the design of the database architecture and processing, which is at the heart of the AMR application, is one of the main reasons for the success of this project. The AMR project is particularly significant because it allows DEP to closely monitor Citywide water consumption and more effectively manage the City's water supply systems. As evidence of his commitment to excellence in service and to the success of the project team, one need not look any further than the 24/7 support he has provided over the years to DEP's end-users.

Commissioner's Award:



BEPA - John McLaughlin

John has been with DEP since 1992 and provides restoration oversight of multiple environmental projects and conservation ecology expertise in conjunction with the protection and enhancement of natural areas that may be affected by private development and public works projects. Over the years, John has developed, implemented, and collaborated on many large scale ecological designs for freshwater and tidal wetlands, coastal woodlands, and grassland restorations related to DEP's Capital Program. He was the point person for the development of a complex ecological restoration plan of nearly 400 acres for two landfills (Pennsylvania and Fountain landfills) along Jamaica Bay and led the development of the ecological and water quality strategies of DEP's Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan. In addition, as part of DEP's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) team, John assists in the implementation and monitoring of several highly innovative technologies that will be important in guiding DEP and other environmental stakeholder groups in the development of future wider scale applications.