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DEP Employees of the Month for December 2010

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

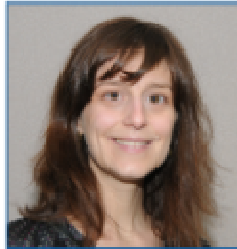
DEP is a great agency that delivers services that millions of New Yorkers depend on daily. Making good on that daily promise requires dedication and hard work of the nearly 6,000 employees of DEP. To nominate someone who has demonstrated uncommon dedication and excellence, fill out the nomination form 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 on Pipeline, and you'll need to submit it by the tenth day following the end of the month. For more information, email Herb Roth at hroth@dep.nyc.gov.

The Employees of the Month for December, featured in this Weekly Pipeline Extra edition, were honored at a breakfast on January 19th 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.



Water Supply - Steven Boek

Steven began his career with DEP in July 1997. Currently, he serves as the Supervisor of the West-of-Hudson (WOH) Regulatory Compliance and Inspection Program. His unit is responsible for approving and inspecting all residential septic systems as they are designed and constructed throughout the entire WOH watershed. He has distinguished himself as a detail oriented, proactive supervisor who instills dedication and motivation within his staff to do their very best every day. One example is Steven's involvement with the establishment of DEP's regulatory engineering database system, Watershed Lands Information System (WaLIS). He worked closely with a vendor to develop a database to track regulatory projects under review including all field visit correspondence, maps, and Filtration Avoidance Deliverable (FAD) reports. As a result of his efforts and commitment to producing an outstanding product, this very important tool will continue to be a critical part of the city's regulatory compliance programs for many years to come.



Environmental Planning & Analysis - Julie Stein

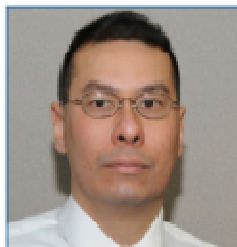
Julie began her employment with DEP in September 2005 and has been a leader in the development of green infrastructure starting with the Jamaica Bay Plan in 2006. She has worked tirelessly to develop the support for a stormwater performance standard that will significantly reduce on-site runoff from new development into the sewer system. She has directed three groundbreaking efforts to install innovative stormwater management measures on existing city properties and has worked on the development of design guidelines that are used to design stormwater management systems.

Julie also served as project manager for the Hunts Point Environmental Impact Study, the City Environmental Quality Review Technical Manual Infrastructure Chapter, and impact reviews of outfall projects. She has the foundation for critical partnerships with the School Construction Authority and the New York City Housing Authority, and has streamlined the method for siting, design, permitting, and construction processes for green infrastructure pilots installed. DEP's green team will benefit for years to come from the partnerships and pilots that Julie has made a reality on the ground (and roof).



Wastewater Treatment - Ronald Lochan

Ronald began his career with DEP in March 1992 and currently serves as an Administrative Engineer who leads BWT's Interceptor Improvement team. Interceptors are large pipes that convey wastewater from the 7,400 miles of lateral sewers to one of the 14 treatment plants. It is Ronald's responsibility to identify conditions that could impede flow or reduce capacity within our interceptors, and to work with DEP staff and contractors to promptly correct these situations. In December, Ronald completed a physical assessment of the interceptors in the 26th Ward drainage area, using both a closed-circuit TV camera to examine the structure of the pipes that are at the surface of the wastewater and a sonar device to see beneath the surface. Ronald reported that the pipe was structurally in good condition but debris was causing partial blockages. As a result, our Vactor trucks were brought in to do a thorough cleaning of the partially blocked pipes thus alleviating potentially more serious issues and clearing the way for repairs down the road.

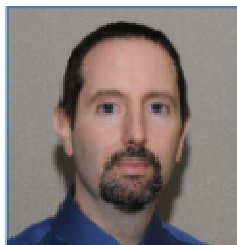


Engineering Audits - Carlton Lou

Carlton began his career with DEP in August 1989. He serves as an Associate Project Manager and is responsible for the audit of payments for construction contracts to determine if contractors have given the city appropriate value for the work specified. Doing so involves field work and inspection of completed projects and in-office review of payments to ensure compliance with the contract provisions.

Carlton's outstanding efforts in monitoring payments has resulted in substantial savings for the city and kept the project management staff vigilant on construction quality and accuracy of amounts billed. He is responsible for 21 contracts valued at over \$881 million. Some of the projects audited by Carlton include the Tailman Island Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade and plant-wide stabilization and nitrogen removal at the Boerum Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant. Carlton's audits have resulted in the savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars; during the month of November 2010, he discovered an incredible \$400,000 in errors and overcharges by various contractors.

Commissioner's Award:



Wastewater Treatment - Keith Mahoney

Keith began his career with DEP as a Civil Engineer Intern in June 1992. Today he serves in the capacity of Administrative Engineer. Under agreements with NYS DEC related to our CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) program, DEP was required to comply with six milestones that were due on December 31, 2010 including:

1- Waterbody plan for Flushing Bay; 2- Waterbody plan for the 26th Ward drainage area; 3- Citywide CSO system hydraulic capacity analysis; 4- Tailman Island wet weather maximization plan; 5- Paerdegat Basin CSO variance plan; and 6- certification of construction completion of SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) systems. In addition, DEP had to meet two SPDES (State Pollution Discharge Elimination System) milestones for Total Chlorine Residual systems at the Jamaica and Oakwood Beach wastewater treatment plants, which were also due December 31. Keith, who leads BWT's Regulatory Planning team, worked tirelessly throughout December