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DEP Employees of the Month for February 2011

The Employee of the Month program recognizes DEP staff members that have exhibited outstanding personal dedication and excellence, going 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 promise requires dedication and hard work of the nearly 6,000 employees of DEP. To nominate someone who has demonstrated dedication and excellence, fill out the nomination form with some basic information, such as the nominee's responsibilities, a description of their extraordinary performance, and ways that they have set an example for others. The form is available on Pipeline, and you can 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 February, featured in this Weekly Pipeline Extra edition, were honored at a breakfast ceremony on March 15, 2011. Commissioner Holloway, received a certificate, and had their names added to the Employee of the Month Board on the 15th floor at Lefrak, and at the Kingston Office. These men and women set a standard for all of us to emulate and appreciate.



Police & Security - Christopher Gallina

Christopher began his career with DEP in December 2005 and serves as an Environmental Police Officer out of the Ashokan Precinct. EPO Gallina patrols and secures the watershed and aqueduct system, preventing environmental crimes and terrorism threats among other things. On several occasions his vigilance and attention to detail while conducting mission-focused patrols have resulted in locating subjects based on information received over the police radio. One particular instance involved a possibly suicidal subject who was pulled over and who then began convulsing due to a drug overdose. He radioed for medical assistance and provided support to the operator until the subject was turned over to Emergency Medical Services, who transported the subject to the hospital thus averting a potentially fatal outcome.



Engineering, Design & Construction - **Patrick O'Connor**

Patrick started at DEP in July 1984 as an engineering intern. He currently serves as Director of Design (IHD) for the Bureau of Engineering, Design & Construction. He manages more than 100 projects and is responsible for providing specialized design engineering services for \$13 billion in project planning, design and construction phases, and another \$14 billion planned in the next 10 years. He is currently progressing on City Water Tunnel No. 3 in Manhattan, IHD is embarking on a design project for two shafts on City Water Tunnel No. 3 in Queens. One billion in design work has already started on the West Branch Bypass Tunnel project, which will ensure continued reliability of the Delaware Aqueduct.



Wastewater Treatment - **Purnima Dixit**

Purnima began her career with DEP in September 1985. She currently serves as Administrator of Environmental Laboratories managing three process control, one microbiology and two special projects laboratories as a Quality Analysis/Quality Control (QA/QC) section. In 2009, Purnima planned and oversaw the construction of two brand new laboratories: the Newtown Creek Process Control Laboratory and the Newtown Creek Microbiology Laboratory.

On the morning of February 8, 2011 auditors from the New York State Department of Health (DOH) unannounced to begin a two-day audit of the bureau's laboratories. DOH is responsible for auditing environmental laboratories and the standards are very high. The audit found that DEP has knowledge and excellent data quality. Those findings are a reflection of Purnima's leadership and dedication to the work of her team.



Office of Environmental Health & Safety - **Konstantin Zaviyalov**

Konstantin started at DEP in September 2007 and serves as an Environmental Health and Safety Auditor in the Office of Environmental Health and Safety. He works with a team of Environmental Health and Safety auditors, who are responsible for ensuring that the agency is in regulatory compliance with EHS regulations, identifying deficiencies and recommending corrective actions.

Konstantin saw a need to expand the office's ability to assess air compliance status at DEP and quickly grasped the complexity of air regulations and the challenges to maintaining compliance. He has taken the initiative to educate himself in air compliance and as a result, the agency has successfully met targeted audit goals. He has also assisted the entire Audit team to make the transition from traditional type audits to the new "programmatic" type EHS audits. This new audit format allows the EHS team to assess EHS program effectiveness in addition to required compliance parameters. Konstantin has a good rapport with DEP employees during audit situations and, as a result, is able to build trust and communicate the importance of a strong EHS program.

Commissioner's Award:



Office of Information Technology - **Alberto Hurtado**

Alberto began his career with DEP as a College Aide in April 2005 and currently serves as a Computer Analyst. Alberto has proven to be an extremely valuable asset to the OIT team. Combining his experience and education (Master's Degree in Software Development and Engineering), Alberto was responsible for developing several vital components of the agency's technology infrastructure, including a Recreational Application, GEO-Code Web Service, Asbestos Reporting and Tracking System and a Water and