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2016 Operations Challenge



Workers Showcase Their Skills and Expertise in Wastewater Treatment Operations


Photos and Videos of the Event are Available on [DEP's Flickr Page](#)

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today held the 29th annual Operations Challenge competition in which teams of wastewater treatment plant operators compete in events that test the skills and expertise required to operate and maintain New York City's 14 wastewater treatment plants and 96 pump stations. After competing in six events that represent a cross section of essential wastewater treatment operations, the two highest scoring teams will go on to compete against teams from across the northeast in a regional contest. The winners of that event will go on to compete in the national competition, which will be held in New Orleans this fall. Today's event was held at the City's Jamaica Wastewater Treatment Plant in Queens, and was sponsored by DEP and the Water Environment Association. A team from DEP has advanced to the national competition in each of the last 20 years.

"DEP employs 1,900 highly skilled men and women who protect public health and the environment by properly treating the 1.3 billion gallons of wastewater produced in New York City every day," said **DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd**.

"The Operations Challenge competition is a terrific opportunity for the teams to showcase their specialized skills and knowledge while building camaraderie that will serve them well in the future."

"This Operations Challenge event brings the much needed awareness to the daily responsibilities water resource recovery professionals' experience," said

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