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DEP Employees of the Month for March 2014

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 promise requires the dedication and hard work of the nearly 6,000 employees at 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 candidates set an example for others. The form is available on The Source, and you'll need to submit it by the tenth day of each month. For more information, email Herb Roth at hroth@dep.nyc.gov.

The Employees of the Month for March, featured in this Weekly Pipeline Extra edition, were honored at a breakfast on April 30 with Deputy Commissioner for Organizational Development Diana Jones Ritter, during which they 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 - **Robert Diaz**

Robert began his career with DEP in March 1993 and currently serves as an Auto Mechanic for the bureau's Fleet Services Division. He is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the vehicles, including heavy duty trucks and equipment assigned within the Grahamsville Region. Robert is a dedicated mechanic who strives to ensure that the vehicles and equipment are properly maintained and up and running. Recently, Robert was contacted at 10:00 pm to respond to a call that a K-9 police vehicle would not start. He reported to the shop, drove to the location, and towed the vehicle back—returning home at 3:30 am. He then reported back to work at 7:00 am, diagnosed the problem and repaired the vehicle. Robert has also been operating the shop by himself for the last six months during the absence of the other mechanic. It is this type of dedication that truly demonstrates Robert's professionalism. He is always willing to go above and beyond the call of duty.



Environmental Planning and Analysis - **Lorraine Farrell**

Lorraine began her career with DEP in August 2012 and currently serves as an Environmental Engineer. In this capacity, Lorraine thoroughly examines all aspects of the projects assigned to her and ensures that her environmental review documents are clear. Recently, Lorraine worked closely with the Bureau of Environmental Compliance during the development of the proposed revisions to the Air Code to ensure that the environmental reviews would be accurate and ready for publication to support the legislation.

In addition, Lorraine works diligently to support projects submitted to DEP for review by other City agencies. For example, she worked with the Taxi and Limousine Commission to evaluate the potential air quality impacts from adding up to 2,000 new taxis. Using her modeling expertise, Lorraine determined that the new taxis would not significantly impact air quality in NYC.

Lorraine has also become the bureau's resident expert on the Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator. This new emission modeling system estimates emissions from mobile sources, such as cars, trucks and motorcycles, and covers a broad range of pollutants and allows multiple scale analysis.



Water & Sewer Operations - **Benjamin Mancell**

Benjamin began his career with DEP in November 2012 and currently serves as a Computer Associate. In this role he performs geospatial analysis and creates maps of complaints and system problems, which support the Sewer Operations and Analysis Program and degreasing efforts.

In March, Benjamin worked on several infrastructure risk assessment analyses in which he located areas with the highest concentrations of water main and sewer breaks. He actively participated in the development of the methodology that allows these issues to be analyzed quickly and accurately for the purpose of estimating the cost to upgrade or rehabilitate the infrastructure. Benjamin has advanced expertise in geographic information systems and uses this knowledge to help the bureau target its work efforts. His maps and analyses are always of the highest quality and his ability to meet tight deadlines is impressive.



Customer Services - **William Angelini**

William began his career with DEP in June 2003 and currently serves as the lead Permits Supervisor for the Bureau of Customer Services' Queens Borough office. He ensures that permit applications follow DEP policies and procedures, and also closes out permits that are returned by plumbers.

The depth of William's knowledge and his attention to detail were two of the main reasons that he was selected as the bureau's lead on the Water and Sewer Permitting System (WSPS) project, which will allow plumbers and other parties to obtain permits on line without the need to visit a DEP office.

In addition to his normal work, William was also responsible for making sure that accounts shut off due to Hurricane Sandy were not charged the regular shut off fee and were billed correctly. His work during the aftermath of the storm was particularly impressive given the short time frame for reviewing accounts and compiling data.



Wastewater Treatment - Rockaway Cover Team - **Robert Phan, Minaz David, Ethan Li and Sanjith Somanathan**

In response to odor complaints from the community surrounding the Rockaway Wastewater Treatment Plant, the multi-disciplinary Rockaway Cover Team was established and tasked with designing and installing airtight, surface-mounted, removable aluminum covers and an odor control system. The team, including Robert Phan, Minaz David, Ethan Li and Sanjith Somanathan, developed covers to route the odors generated from the influent channel and the primary tank launders through activated carbon filters. Robert Phan served as the Lead Engineer, Structural Engineer Minaz David oversaw the structural design and mounting of the covers, and Mechanical Engineer Ethan Li and Electrical Engineer Sanjith Somanathan designed the odor control system, including ductwork and electrical connections.

The community had been promised that the project would be completed by Memorial Day 2014—the unofficial start of summer. As the lead engineer, Robert closely monitored the manufacturing, delivery and installation of the aluminum covers and associated equipment. He conducted frequent meetings with different manufacturers and contractors that proved to be vital in the success of the project. Due to Robert's leadership and his team's efforts, the tanks were covered more than a month ahead of schedule and the remaining mechanical and electrical work continues at a pace that is sure to meet the Memorial Day deadline.

Commissioner's Award:



Water and Sewer Operations Budget Team

The New York City Minority/Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Program is an initiative designed to promote government contracting opportunities for businesses owned by minorities and women and DEP has set M/WBE award participation goals for professional and construction contracts under \$1 million.

The bureau's budget team has successfully secured a number of M/WBE vendors and has exceeded the agency's goal for the last three fiscal years. The bureau awarded a total of 59 percent (\$415,013.27), which was the highest percentage of total dollars over \$300,000 awarded to M/WBE vendors for FY'13. In addition, the team has exceeded the department's goal for the first two quarters of FY'14 and, in the third quarter of this fiscal year, the bureau is on course to exceed its previous efforts with 60 percent (\$666,046.17) of total dollars awarded to M/WBE vendors.

Water and Sewer Operations Budget Team: **Betty Miller, George Mathai, Maria Beltran, Judy Gentile, Jeanine Herdsman, Effie Kelly, J'von Owens, Wendy Moore and Angelina Aminova.**



Employee Experience Site Tour Drawing

At today's ceremony, three lucky awardees and their nominators, and two Commissioner Awardees, won passes, which they will use to participate in one of the upcoming DEP Employee Experience Site Tours. These tours will be scheduled quarterly and the winners will receive one pass each to be used within the next year.

These tours are an additional bonus to EOM recipients in recognition of their outstanding achievements and we want to offer them and their nominators excused time from their day-to-day work to venture out and experience one of the many other vital workplaces in DEP's vast network of operations. On the tour list might be a visit to the Gilboa dam, to Newtown Creek's digester eggs, to the new \$1.6 billion UV plant, or to one of DEP's exciting green infrastructure projects. These tours are guaranteed to inspire even more excitement about the contributions that employees make every day to the DEP mission. And, as word gets around, the chance to win a tour should encourage even more employees to submit worthy EOM nominations.

EOM Awardees: **Minaz David and Robert Phan/Enam Haque-Nominator, and Lorraine Farrell/Mark Paige-Nominator.** Commissioner Awardees: **Judy Gentile and Effie Kelly.**