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DEP Employees of the Month for January 2011

The Employee of the Month program recognizes DEP staff members that have exhibited outstanding personal performance 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 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 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 January, featured in this Weekly Pipeline Extra edition, were honored at a breakfast on January 27. Commissioner Holloway, received a certificate, and had their names added to the Employee of the Month Board on the 10th 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 - Michael Allen

Michael began his career with DEP in November 1997 and currently serves as a Regional Supervisor for the Westchester Region for Water Supply Operations. Michael provides technical support to a variety of operations and maintenance in the region, including work on the Rondout Effluent Chamber Intake Chamber. Michael's efforts have led to significant improvement in his group's prevent maintenance performance, which has in turn contributed to the region's improved water delivery.

In addition, Michael has provided invaluable technical and professional advice as the bureau supervisor during the shutdown of the Rondout-West Branch Tunnel, including on the Lime Plant Pilot Project at the Effluent Chamber. He also facilitated investigations in preparation for a new low-flow valve at the Effluent Chamber, which will expedite the city's continuing program to repair the Rondout-West Branch Tunnel.



Environmental Compliance - **Shailendra (Sonny) Koya**

Sonny began his career with DEP in May 1993 and currently serves as the Chief for the Technical Sources. Sonny was in charge of coordinating DEP's response to a new set of Local Laws that include regulation of all sightseeing buses for engine and emissions standards, including a tracking system. Although compliance was slow when the law went into effect in 2005, today sightseeing buses are in compliance due to Sonny's great work.

In recent months, Sonny has responded to a series of citizens' complaints by using a tool that helped create to quickly and efficiently identify the offending vehicles and order the necessary repairs. Sonny has also made great strides in getting city agencies to comply with the compliance requirements of the Local Laws that were previously unregulated.



Wastewater Treatment - **Maximilliano (Max) Erickson**

Max began his career with DEP in December 1996 and currently serves as a Sewage Treatment Operator at the Red Hook Wastewater Treatment Plant. During this snowy winter, DEP employees at the New York City Department of Sanitation plow and clear snow. Max went above and beyond by operating a plow for a total of 63 hours between December 27th and January 26th. His hard work helped clear the roads so that vital services, such as ambulances and fire trucks, could quickly respond and provide critical assistance to New Yorkers in need.



ACCO - **Aileen Hernandez**

Aileen began her career with DEP in September 1996 as a High School Cooperative Education student. She currently serves as a Bid Administrator. In this capacity, Aileen is responsible for ensuring that all bids are complete and in compliance with all procurement rules. Recently, Aileen represented the Department of Environmental Protection Office of Contract Services (MOCS) when they launched the Automated Procurement Tracking System (APTS) citywide program to track the bidding and procurement process. Aileen quickly became the "go-to" person for her technical expertise and patience made the transition seem easy.

Commissioner's Award:



WSO - **Manhattan Field Operations Crew**

Michah Tillman
William Giles
Richard Prado Jr.
Alex Roskowinski
Gregory Tolwinski
Joseph Nicoletti
Admir Popovic
Paul Solano

James Trapanese
Gregory Nichols
Luis Velez
John Vergara
John Lobello
Wendell Quidley
Terence Nickelson
Samuel Hidalgo

The night of January 27 was one of this winter's worst blizzard white-out conditions and freezing temperatures. Despite this, the WSO Field Operations worked through the night to repair a large water main break.