EDWARD DUNBAR RICH SERVICE AWARDS

Each year the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), in cooperation with the Michigan Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA), presents the Edward Dunbar Rich Service Awards during the Michigan Section, AWWA Annual Conference.

The prerequisite for eligibility is 25 years of meritorious and faithful service in the waterworks industry in Michigan in any capacity whether it is a plant operator, meter reader, billing clerk, etc., regardless of a full- or part-time basis. The 25 years do not have to be consecutive, nor does the time have to be spent in the service of only one municipality. The important thing is that the employee was, in some capacity, with a water department and that the cumulative period totals 25 or more years.

If you or any of your employees meet the above qualifications and have not previously received this service award, please fill out an application form located at http://www.michigan.gov/deq and click on the following: Water, then Drinking Water, then Community Water Supply. Under the “Information” section of the Community Water Supply page is a pdf of this letter and the application form is located on page two. If you do not have internet access, please call 517-284-6544 to request an application form via U.S. Mail. A separate application must be completed for each eligible candidate and be certified by a responsible local official. Do not submit an application for an employee who has received the service award in the past, as only one award is presented to an individual.

Completed applications should be mailed to the DEQ, Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance, Field Operations Section, Attn: Ms. Kristen Philip, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741. Applications must be received by July 15th of each year, to be considered for that year’s award. Applications received after this date will be considered for the following award year. All applicants will be notified of their eligibility by August 5th of the current application year.

The Michigan Section, AWWA, will provide one free ticket for each awardee to attend the Awards Luncheon at the Annual Conference. Awardees are encouraged to attend the entire conference; however, fees other than those associated with the Awards Luncheon are the responsibility of the awardee. Information pertaining to the Annual Conference along with registration and hotel details will be posted on the Michigan Section AWWA Web site at http://www.mi-water.org. Award recipients not able to attend the Awards Luncheon will have their awards mailed to them following the conference.

If you should have any questions, please call 517-284-6544.
APPLICATION FOR THE EDWARD DUNBAR RICH SERVICE AWARD

Qualified applicants must have 25 or more years of meritorious and faithful service in the Public Water Supply Field in Michigan. Completion of this form is voluntary.

I hereby certify that:

NAME: __________________________________________________________________

STREET: __________________________________________________________________

CITY/STATE: _________________________ ZIP CODE: _________________

E-MAIL: _______________________________________ PHONE: _________________

has in my estimation qualified for this award by virtue of having completed 25 or more years of service in the Public Water Supply Field in Michigan as follows:

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(Additional information pertinent hereto may be appended on separate sheets.)

Certified by: ________________________________

Title: ____________________________________ Phone: ____________________

(Superintendent, Mayor, Other)

Municipality: ______________________________

Approved by: ______________________________

Title: ____________________________________ Phone: ____________________

(Chairman of Water Board or similar Administrative Body)

RETURN TO:  DEQ, Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance
Field Operations Section
Attn:  Ms. Kristen Philip
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