



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

NATIONAL HONOR AWARDS

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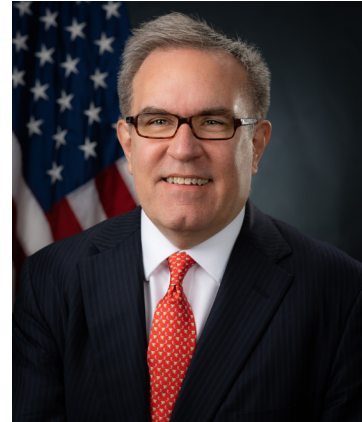
MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATOR WHEELER

July 10, 2019

Greetings,

Welcome to the EPA National Honor Awards Ceremony.

It is with tremendous pride that I present to you the EPA employees – our colleagues – who today will receive the Agency’s highest awards for their extraordinary achievements during Fiscal Year 2018. They are an exceptional group of over 700 staff who deserve to be recognized and celebrated for their contributions to EPA’s mission of protecting human health and the environment.



It’s been 10 years since EPA last hosted this national ceremony, and we are especially pleased to be joined by many of our regional award recipients.

A new addition to the EPA awards program is the Gears of Government (GoG) category. Last year, the Executive Office of the President launched the GoG Awards to honor federal employees and teams who deliver on important objectives, including mission results, customer service, and accountable stewardship. EPA is committed to advancing these objectives through its implementation of the EPA Lean Management System, and we are pleased to announce our second round of GoG honorees.

As we look forward to celebrating EPA’s 50th year of environmental progress in 2020, I know that you are our Agency’s most important asset, and you represent the finest in public service. Congratulations to all that we honor here today, and my sincere thanks to all EPA staff for all that you do to achieve EPA’s mission. The American public is grateful for your good work.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Wheeler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Andrew Wheeler
Administrator

2018 NATIONAL HONOR AWARDS

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Program

Our Master of Ceremonies today is Walter Mugdan, Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 2

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

United States Honor Guard

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Debra Thomas, OA-OCR

REMARKS

Andrew Wheeler
Administrator

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Donna Vizian
Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Mission Support

Mary Walker
Regional Administrator, Region 4

GEARS OF GOVERNMENT AWARDS

Henry Darwin
Acting Deputy Administrator

RECEPTION

PRESIDENTIAL RANK AWARDS

Presidential Rank Awards

This award recognizes career SES appointees who have demonstrated unusual accomplishments and significant contributions in cost reduction or avoidance, successful use of human resources, demonstration of personal initiative and innovation, unusual levels of cooperative effort with other Federal agencies and the private sector, and/or successful efforts in affirmative action.

Distinguished Executives

Michelle Pirzadeh, Region 10

Eric Schaff, Region 2

Michael Slimack, ORD

Meritorious Executives

Peter Grevatt, OW (retired)

Donna Vizian, OMS

GOLD MEDAL FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE NOMINATIONS (INDIVIDUALS)

Gold Medal for Exceptional Service Nominations (Individuals)

This is EPA's highest honor award and can be granted to an individual or team. It is given on a highly selective basis for distinguished service of major significance to environmental improvement or public service. Recipients must demonstrate outstanding abilities devising and implementing major agency programs, or show special skills and achievements in managerial excellence.

Elizabeth Dutrow, OAR

For outstanding leadership and contributions to improving industrial energy efficiency.

Joseph Ferrante, OITA

For outstanding contributions in modernizing the environmental provisions of free trade agreements.

Kristina Garber, OCSPP

For extraordinary dedication and outstanding contributions to advance the science and ensure the protection of pollinators and endangered species.

Ramon Mendoza, Region 5

For leadership, problem solving, and bravery in responding to two 2018 Wisconsin explosive-related incidents.

Tracie-Lynn Nadeau, Region 10

For efforts to develop and provide training on the Stream Function Assessment Method.

Jody Shoemaker, ORD

For leading the efforts in developing method 537.1 within extreme time constraints and successfully making the method publicly available.

Katie Stewart, Region 9

For exemplary vision, entrepreneurship, and leadership in developing new wood/coal stove technology to improve indoor air quality and the health of the Navajo people.

Sharon E. Weeks, Region 4

For performance and selfless sacrifices in the administration of emergency preparedness, employee safety initiatives and space reduction initiatives.

GOLD MEDAL FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

Gold Medal for Exceptional Service Nominations (Teams)

Amazon Enforcement Team, Region 10

For pioneering accomplishments protecting American consumers from the dangers of unregistered pesticides in e-commerce.

Tom Charlton, OECA
Brett Dugan, Region 10
Bill Dunbar, Region 10
Yvette Hellyer, OECA
Julie Matthews, Region 10
Chad Schulze, Region 10

Brownfields BUILD Act Implementation Team, OLEM

For outstanding technical assistance in support of Congress in the development of the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act of 2018.

Craig Boehr, OECA
Susan Boushell, OECA
Patrick Chang, OGC
Rachel Congdon, OLEM
Kelly Gorini, OLEM
Jackie Harwood, OLEM
Rachel Lentz, OLEM
Lucille Liem, OGC
Joseph Macula, OLEM
Jerry Minor-Gordon, OLEM
Megan Quinn, OLEM
Matthew Sander, OECA
Aimee Storm, OLEM

GOLD MEDAL FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

Chesapeake Bay TMDL Midpoint Assessment Team, Region 3

For incorporating cutting-edge scientific information and tools into collaborative decision-making and ensuring unprecedented local engagement in accelerating implementation.

Greg Allen, Region 3
Rich Batiuk, Region 3
Carin Bisland, Region 3
Peter Claggett, USGS
Christopher Day, Region 3
James Edward, Region 3
Kelly Gable, Region 3
Rebecca Hindin, Region 3
Ruth L. Izraeli, Region 2
Zoe Johnson, Department of Navy
Lewis Linker, Region 3
Dianne McNally, Region 3
Scott Phillips, USGS
Lucinda Power, Region 3
Kim Scalia, Region 3
Gary Shenk, USGS
Kelly Shenk, Region 3
Jennifer Sincock, Region 3
Jeff Sweeney, Region 3
Peter Tango, USGS
Suzanne Trevena, Region 3
John Wolf, USGS

E-Manifest Headquarters Team, OLEM

For providing the crucial knowledge, expertise, and technical support that made the design, collection, and tracking of e-Manifest fees possible.

David Charbonneau, OLEM
Scott Christian, OLEM
Stephen Donnelly, OLEM
Lori Furr, OLEM
John Gibson, OEI
Bryan Groce, OLEM
Mimi Guernica, OLEM
Fred Jenkins, OLEM
Amanda Kohler, OLEM

GOLD MEDAL FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

Rich LaShier, OLEM
Alyssa Malcolm, OLEM
Chris McMinimy, OLEM
Meghan Thomas Meyers, OARM
Katherine Nam, OGC
David Nicholas, OLEM
Meghan Radtke, OLEM
Thomas Reaves, OLEM
Paula Rodriguez, OLEM
Elizabeth Sundin, OLEM
Tim Thorpe, OEI
Darnell Wilson, OLEM
Jimmy Yin, OLEM

EPA WIFIA Team, OW

For implementing the successful Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program.

Kirsten Anderer, OW
Robert Barles, OW
Danusha Chandy, OW
Robin Danesi, OW
Jordan Dorfman, OW
Alejandro Escobar, OW
Karen Fligger, OW
Jim Gebhardt, OW
Arielle Gerstein, OW
George Kohutiak, OGC
Hana Kong, OW
Jorianne Jernberg, OW
Marnin Lebovits, OW
Alaina McCurdy, Region 3
Kevin McDonald, OW
Alex Mourant, OW
Dan-Tam Nguyen, OW
Lan-Anh Phan, OW
Gustavo Queiroz, Region 7
Kathleen Rechenberg, OARM
Peter Shanaghan, OW
Amit Srivastava, OW

GOLD MEDAL FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

Federal Lead Action Plan Development Team, AO

For exceptional and timely team effort, project management, cross-agency and public outreach, and critical leadership in support of the development of the Federal Action Plan to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposure.

Angela Bandemehr, OITA
Stephanie Brown, OECA
Lisa Christ, OW
Victoria Ellenbogen, OW
Michael Firestone, AO
Stiven Foster, OLEM
Angela Hackel, AO
Amanda Hauff, OCSPP
Marion Hoyer, OAR
Hayley Hughes, OCSPP
Darlene Leonard, OCSPP
Deirdre Murphy, OAR
Christy Parsons, OAR
Manthan Shah, AO
Maryann Suero, Region 5
Valerie Zartarian, Region 1

Hyundai Construction Equipment Americas CAA Criminal/Civil Enforcement Matter Team, Region 4

For extraordinary efforts by both the Criminal and Civil teams in pursuit of enforcement actions against Hyundai Construction Equipment Americas.

Eric Albert, U.S. Department of Justice
Evan Belser, OECA
Krishna Dighe, U.S. Department of Justice
Christopher Huber, United States Attorney's Office
Catherine Lavender, OECA
Jennifer Lewis, Region 4
James S. Long, DHS
Sonna McWilliams, DHS
Derrick Nobles, DHS
Gregory Orehowsky, OECA
Mark Palermo, OECA
Alan Powell, Region 4
Nydia Reyes-Morales, OAR

GOLD MEDAL FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

Michael Sparks, Region 4
Providence Spina, OECA
Melvis Strickland, OAR
Jeff Walton, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Jennifer Youngberg, OECA

Idaho NPDES Approval Team, Region 10

For outstanding efforts in working with the State of Idaho and other stakeholders to develop and ultimately approve a State of Idaho NPDES Permit Program.

Nizanna Bathersfield, OW
Karen Burgess, Region 10
Gary Hidiburgh, OW
Sylvia Horwitz, OGC
Tara Martich, Region 10
Peter Moore, OECA
James Morgan, OECA
Heidi Nalven, OGC
Greg Savitske, OECA
Audrey Washington, Region 10
Courtney Weber, Region 10

International Petroleum Criminal Prosecution Team, Region 3

For outstanding prosecution of two decades of environmental crime at a used oil refinery using multiple investigatory tools and federal, state, and local cooperation.

Jason Burgess, Region 3
Tracy Y. Busch, U.S. Attorney's Office
Edmond Falgowski, U.S. Attorney's Office
Martin Harrell, Region 3
Jim Lorah, Region 3
Shawn A. Weede, U.S. Attorney's Office

Iron Mountain Mine Response Team, Region 9

For successful implementation of the Iron Mountain Mine Carr Fire emergency response that required time-critical planning, coordination, and courageous actions under unprecedented circumstances.

Barbara Lee, Region 9
Eric Nuchims, Region 10
Chris Reiner, Region 9

GOLD MEDAL FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

Michelle Rogow, Region 9
Lily Tavassoli, Region 9
Josh Wirtschafter, Region 9
Anabel Yo-Eco, Region 9
Gwen Yoshimura, Region 9

Lead & Arsenic Bioavailability Team, ORD

For providing methods, models, and data to reduce the uncertainty of lead and arsenic bioavailability risk calculations used in Agency decision making.

Karen Bradham, ORD
Michele Burgess, OLEM
Matthew Lambert, OLEM
Clay Nelson, ORD
Kirk Scheckel, ORD
David Thomas, ORD

MS4 Compliance Assistance Team, Region 1

For outstanding efforts to ensure maximum compliance by hundreds of cities and towns with the 2018 Stormwater General Permit requirements.

Todd Borci, Region 1
Cindy Brown, Region 1
Jorge Burgos, Region 1
Deborah Cohen, Region 1
Samantha Couture, Region 1
Thelma Murphy, Region 1
Kevin Pechulis, Region 1
Joshua Secunda, Region 1
Myra Schwartz, Region 1
Kristi Rea Simoneau, Region 1
Elise Simons, Region 1
Michelle Vuto, Region 1
Suzanne Warner, Region 1

GOLD MEDAL FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

NGL Crude Logistics Case Team, OECA

For dedication and tireless efforts in securing a successful resolution for violations of the RFS program.

James Bezio, U.S. Department of Justice
Whitlee Dean, U.S. Department Justice
James Freeman, U.S. Department of Justice
Jeffrey Kimes, OECA
Jeff Kodish, OECA
Matthew Kryman, OECA
Ben Larson, OAR
Sharyn Lie, OAR
Kate Matthews, U.S. Department of Justice
Anthony Miller, OECA
Alexandra Sherertz, U.S. Department of Justice
Christopher Thompson, Region 8
Laura Thoms, U.S. Department of Justice
Katherine Tribbett, U.S. Department of Justice
John Weihrauch, OAR

Pharmaceutical Waste Final Rule Team, OLEM

For successfully developing new regulations and policy that improve hazardous waste pharmaceutical management, increase environmental protection while providing a common-sense approach to regulation.

Christine Arcari, OLEM
Narendra Chaudhari, OLEM
Jace Cuje, ORD
Elizabeth Deabay, Region 1
Kristin Fitzgerald, OLEM
Megan Fleming, ORD
Meghan Hessenauer, OW
Glynis Hill, AO
Brian Knieser, OLEM
Richard Mattick, OLEM
Catherine McGoldrick, Region 3
Tim McMahon, OCSPP
Katherine Nam, OGC
Marcus Rivas, Region 7
Charlene Spells, OAR
Laura Stanley, OLEM

GOLD MEDAL FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

Ann Stephanos, OECA
Elizabeth Sundin, OLEM
Chen Wen, OCSPP
Jessica Young, OLEM

Puerto Rico State Revolving Fund Team, Region 2

For ensuring Puerto Rico's Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs continue to be viable sources of water infrastructure financing for the benefit of the people of Puerto Rico.

Nick Chamberlain, OW
Phyllis Feinmark, Region 2
Helen Ferrara, Region 2
Maria Flores, Region 2
Jose Font, Region 2
Jaime Geliga, Region 2
Jeff Gratz, Region 2
Leo Gueriguian, OW
Joanne Hogan, OGC
Yasmin Laguer, Region 2
Stephanie Montrallos, Region 2
Myrek Nunez, Region 2
Rudnell O'Neal, Region 2
Douglas Pabst, Region 2
Sheila Platt, OW
Nancy Spickofsky, Region 2
Stephen Vida, Region 2

Syngenta Case Team, Region 9

For efforts to protect agricultural workers from pesticide exposure, and to provide training for small growers in the Pacific.

Christina Cobb, OECA
Dean Higuchi, Region 9 (retired)
Eric Magnan, Region 9
Scott McWhorter, Region 9
James Miles, OECA
Amy Miller-Bowen, Region 9
Adrienne Trivedi, OECA
Katy Wilcoxon, Region 9

GOLD MEDAL FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

Terminix Enforcement Criminal Team, OECA

For outstanding support to the Terminix Criminal Enforcement Case.

David Barlow, OECA
Gustavo Betancourt, OECA
Kim L. Chisholm, U.S. Department of Justice
Cris D'Onofrio, OLEM
David Dugan, OECA
Richard Helmich, OECA
Patricia Hick, Region 2
Geoffrey Garrison, Region 2
Tara Glynn, Region 2
John Gorman, Region 2
Kristen Keteles, OECA
Ricky Knight, OECA
Meredith Laws, OCSP
Lizette Lugo, Region 2
Ralphie Miro, OECA
Brad Ostendorf, OECA
Jimmy Seidel, OECA
Naomi Shapiro, Region 2
Howard P. Stewart, U.S. Department of Justice
Renee Stewart, OECA

SILVER MEDAL FOR SUPERIOR SERVICE NOMINATIONS (INDIVIDUALS)

Silver Medal for Superior Service Nominations (Individuals)

This award ranks second among the EPA's honor awards and can be used to recognize an individual or team for highly meritorious service to the mission of environmental protection, unusual courage or competence in an employment-related emergency, or for excellence in supervision and leadership.

Richard Allen, OEI

For enabling better decision making and communication via Qlik Sense, an enterprise data visualization & analytics platform, and creating a data visualization community of practice to advance its use.

Kilty Baskin, Region 6

For using her in-depth program understanding and professional commitment. The nominee has steered the EPA-TCEQ ELMS review and led the agencies to a leaner & speedier Texas NPDES permit issuance process.

Samir Bukhari, Region 1

For outstanding work defending EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits and shaping the law governing nutrient pollution controls.

Donna Downing, OW

For sustained, exceptional service in providing national expertise and critical leadership on Clean Water Act priorities and commitments to environmental federalism.

Dr. Amy Shields, Region 7

For extraordinary contributions toward collaborative development of Region 7's science priorities and technical portfolio.

Jennifer Sutton, OLEM

For outstanding accomplishments as a visionary Informational Technology Leader.

George Zachos, Region 2

For 47 years of exemplary public service in Region 2, including 23 years as the Regional Public Liaison, responding fully, courteously, and quickly to thousands of citizen inquiries every year.

SILVER MEDAL FOR SUPERIOR SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

Silver Medal for Superior Service Nominations (Teams)

Agency IPv6 Team, OEI

For commitment and creativity in overcoming challenges to successfully deploy IPv6, which enabled EPA's First Responders to execute critical mission functions during national emergencies in 2018.

Roland Alexander, OEI
Steve Brosseau, OEI
Robert Eckman, Region 2
Mark Fisher, OEI
Craig Fosnock, OEI
Brian Gallant, Region 1
Deshelia Hall, OEI
Liza Hearn, OEI
Maja Lee, OEI
Linda Saunders-Gadri, OEI
Jeff Tackett, Region 9
James Taliaferro, ORD
Tim Thorpe, OEI
Billy Vaughan, OEI
Michael Whiting, OEI
Jody Zeugner, OEI
Gregory Zurla, OEI

Centredale Settlement Team, Region 1

For proactively avoiding litigation by reaching a common-sense agreement, which included a \$100 million cleanup and 100% recovery of past and future EPA costs.

Anne Berube, OECA
Bob Cianciarulo, Region 1
Clarence Featherson, OECA
Myles Flint, U.S. Department of Justice
Anna Krasko, Region 1
Jerry Maclaughlin, U.S. Department of Justice
Joy Sun, Region 1
Melissa Taylor, Region 1
Eve Vaudo, Region 1
Chau Vu, Region 1
Audrey Zucker, Region 1

SILVER MEDAL FOR SUPERIOR SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

Contracting Team, Region 7

For their strong commitment and consistent high achievement of socio-economic goals.

Leeanna Balsley, Region 7
Daniel Beery, Region 7
Scott Dandy, Region 7
Donald Denn, Region 7
Shaneka Dickerson, Region 7
Koni Fritz, Region 7
Vernon Hoobler, Region 7
Arlo Hurst, Region 7
Amber Krueger, Region 7
Stacy McAvoy, Region 7
Marie Noel, Region 7
Chester Stovall, Region 7

Derive Defeat Device Case, Region 9

For reaching the Derive settlement, a major milestone for mobile source enforcement and public health gains, which provides a critical template for compliance in the automotive aftermarket products industry.

Margaret Alkon, Region 9
Evan Belser, OECA
Kathryn Caballero, OECA
Kara Christenson, Region 9
Jason Gumbs, OAR
Natalie G. Harrison, U.S. Department of Justice
Joel E. Jones, Region 9
Patricia McKenna, U.S. Department of Justice
Matt Salazar, Region 9
Andrew Zellinger, Region 9

SILVER MEDAL FOR SUPERIOR SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

DuPont East Chicago RCRA Team, Region 5

For collaborating with the public and other stakeholders to expeditiously finalize its \$26.6M cleanup decision and support economic revitalization under intense scrutiny.

Justin Abrams, Region 5
Francisco Arcaute, Region 5
Donald Ayres, Region 5
Rachel Bassler, Region 5
Eileen Deamer, Region 5
Naeha Dixit, Region 5
Jennifer Dodds, Region 5
Mary Fulghum, Region 5
Rafael Gonzalez, Region 5
Tammy Moore, Region 5
Conor Neal, Region 5
Todd Quesada, Region 5
Bhooma Sundar, Region 5
Katherine Thomas, Region 5

EPA Language Access Team, OGC

For the groundbreaking work of ensuring that the promise of EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment is available to all Americans.

Waleska Nieves-Munoz, OGC
Brittany Robinson, OGC
Lina Younes, AO

E-Manifest Fee Infrastructure, OCFO

For providing the crucial knowledge, expertise and technical support that made the design, collection and tracking of e-Manifest fees possible.

Robert Aaronson, OCFO
JosephE Bailey, OCFO
Kiran Chandu, OCFO
Stacey Church, OCFO
Laura Collier, OCFO
Joe Doogan, OCFO
Alan Eng, OCFO
Christina Ertel, OCFO
Simranjeet Jassal, OCFO

SILVER MEDAL FOR SUPERIOR SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

Valerie Love, OCFO
Laura Ripley, OCFO
Jeanne Shepitka, OCFO
Robert Shields, OCFO
Vickie Spencer, OCFO

HP Gas Cylinder Emergency Response Team, Region 6

For their collaborative efforts with federal, state, and local responders to safely remove and dispose of over 1300 highly-toxic compressed gas cylinders.

Adam Adams, Region 6
Stephen Blaze, OLEM
Nicolas Brescia, Region 6
Eric Delgado, Region 6
David Eppler, Region 6
Christopher Gallo, OLEM
Frank Garcia-Miro, Region 6
Mark Hayes, Region 6
Michael Hoppe, OLEM
John Martin, Region 6
Steve Mason, Region 6
Gary Newhart, OLEM
Greg Powell, OLEM
William Rhotenberry, Region 6
Warren Zehner, Region 6

North Ridge Estates Superfund Remediation Team, Region 10

For exemplary service in completing the remediation and facilitation of two rounds of the Superfund Jobs Training Initiative at the North Ridge Estates Superfund Site.

Shawn Blocker, Region 10
Anne Christopher, Region 10
Cami Grandinetti, Region 10
Kristin Leefers, Region 10
Linda Meyer, Region 10
Elizabeth Pendleton, Region 10
Robert Tan, Region 10
Julie Wroble, Region 10

SILVER MEDAL FOR SUPERIOR SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

PFAS National Leadership Summit, Community Engagement, & Action Plan Development Team, OW

For exceptional leadership of EPA's national effort to understand and address PFAS, one of the great public health and environmental challenges of our time.

Ryan Albert, OW
Linda Anderson-Carnahan, Region 10
Emily Bender, Region 1
Meghan Cassidy, Region 1
Tiffany Cooper, OW
Andrea Drinkard, OW
Victoria Ellenbogen, OW
Stiven Foster, OLEM
George Gardenier, OW
Kara Goodwin, OW
Ashley Greene, OW
Kimberly Harris, Region 5
Hannah Holsinger, OW
Brandi Jenkins, Region 4
Lisa Kahn, Region 8
Jeff Kelley, Region 5
Matthew Klasen, AO
Alexis Lan, OW
Elizabeth Murphy, Region 5
Kathleen Raffaele, OLEM
Amy Shields, Region 7
Christina Wadlington, OW

TSCA User Fee Team, OCSPP

For implementing the Agency's Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act User Fee program.

Mike Burns, OCSPP
Megan Carroll, OCSPP
Andrea Cherepy, OAR
Melissa Chun, OCSPP
Sharon Cooperstein, AO
Chris Gorder, OCSPP

SILVER MEDAL FOR SUPERIOR SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

Erin Koch, OGC
Tyler Lloyd, OCSPP
Julia Ortiz, OCSPP
Vickie Richardson, OCSPP
Dinethea Rollerson, OCSPP
Adam Ross, OCSPP
Hans Scheifele, OCSPP
Ryan Schmit, OCSPP
Gregory Scott, OCSPP
Vickie Spencer, OCFO
Stephanie Suazo, OCSPP
Larona Washington, OCSPP
Harlan Weir, OCSPP
Tracy Williamson, OCSPP
Chandler Sirmons, OCSPP
Mark Seltzer, OECA

Water PFAS Team, ORD

For its responsive, high priority, and visible work toward helping homeowners and communities understand and treat PFAS contamination in drinking water.

Jonathan Burkhardt, ORD
Stephen Dymont, Region 8
Steve Jones, ORD
Rajiv Khera, OW
Danielle Kleinmaier, Region 5
Steven Merritt, Region 8
John Olszewski, ORD
Craig Patterson, ORD
Thomas Speth, ORD
Lawrence Zintek, Region 5

SILVER MEDAL FOR SUPERIOR SERVICE NOMINATIONS (TEAMS)

Wyoming Stream Quantification Tool Team, Region 8

For outstanding effort toward the advancement of stream restoration science and improvement of stream assessment methodologies in Wyoming.

William Burch, Region 8
Aaron Eilers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Ken Fritz, ORD
Rachel Harrington, OW
Thomas B. Johnson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers WY Regulatory Office
Julia McCarthy, Region 8
Sarah J. Miller, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Eric Somerville, Region 4
Brian Topping, OW
Paige M. Wolken, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Zephyr Great Lakes Remediation Team, Region 5

For exemplary problem-solving and project management in the successful remediation of an extremely toxic contaminated sediment site under extreme pressure and tight timelines.

Louis Blume, Region 5
Rhonda Flynn, Region 5
Kristen Isom, Region 5
Mark Loomis, Region 5
Caitlin Nigrelli, Region 5
Susan Prout, Region 5
Loreen Targos, Region 5
Heather Williams, Region 5



AGENCY AWARDS

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING

Award for Outstanding Leadership in Collaborative Problem-Solving

This award is designed to recognize the achievements of an employee who demonstrates exceptional leadership, skill and commitment in collaborating with other EPA employees and/or states, tribes, other federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, communities or other external stakeholders to effectively solve a significant problem (either an environmental problem or any other type of problem facing the Agency). The award may also be used to recognize outstanding individual efforts of environmental stewardship and cooperative conservation.

Rochelle Marceillars, Region 5

For extraordinary collaboration with federal, state and local partners to improve the environment of the City of East St. Louis, Illinois.

Drinking Water Providers Partnership, Region 10

For the hard work in helping local communities, utility operators, and land managers connect to improve drinking water quality.

Mike Brown, Bureau of Land Management
Jim Capurso, U.S. Forest Service, Region 6
Christine Hirsch, U.S. Forest Service, Region 6
Teresa Kubo, Region 10
Scott Lightcap, Bureau of Land Management
Michelle Tucker, Region 10

Improved Endangered Species Act Consultations through Collaborative Efforts, Region 4

For improved Endangered Species Act Consultations through collaborative efforts.

Suzanne Armor, Region 4
Tom Augspurger, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Jamal Cooper, Region 4
Gina Fonzi, Region 4
Annie Godfrey, Region 4
Lisa Gordon, Region 4
Joel Hansel, Region 4
Cecelia Harper, Region 4
Greg Masson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (retired)
Lydia Mayo, Region 4

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING

Lauren Petter, Region 4
Duncan Powell, Region 4
Pat Shaw-Allen, National Marine Fisheries Service
Anthony Sowers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Coastal Georgia Sub Office
Katherine Snyder, Region 4
Channing St. Aubin, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Panama City Field Office,
Jerry Ziewitz, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region
Eve Zimmerman, Region 4

Invasive Asian Carp Team, OCSPP

For the Invasive Asian Carp Team and their exceptional leadership and collaboration to protect the Great Lakes from the invasive species.

Gene Benbow, OCSPP
Jason Hewitt, Region 5
Margaret Jones, Region 5
Kathleen Kowal, Region 5
Thomas Krueger, Region 5
Meredith Laws, OCSPP
Katharine Marko, Region 5
Janet Pellegrini, Region 5
Thomas Steeger, OCSPP

Multi-Federal Agency Team, Region 7

For the collaborative federal, state, and local problem solving at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency - West Site.

Heather Adams, Region 7
Todd Davis, Region 7
Laurie Farmer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Stephanie Hall, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
David Hoefler, Region 7
Charles A. Hooper, Region 7
Tom Mahler, Region 7
Jean Schumacher, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer
Paul E. Takacs, U.S. Air Force
Richard Trevino, U.S. Air Force

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING

New England Wetland Functional Assessment Team, Region 1

For extensive and effective leadership and collaboration with the development of a methodology for use in assessing functional impacts to wetlands.

Paul Minkin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Erica Sachs, Region 1

Puerto Rico State Revolving Funds Relaunch, OW

For outstanding leadership in collaborative problem solving in the unparalleled role they played in relaunching the Puerto Rico State Revolving Fund programs.

Nick Chamberlain, OW
Phyllis Feinmark, Region 2
Sheila Platt, OW

EXEMPLARY CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

Exemplary Customer Service Award

Established in 2000, this award recognizes an EPA employee or team whose outstanding commitment, efforts, and examples have significantly advanced customer service within the Agency. Employees must demonstrate outstanding leadership and accomplishments in the area of customer service for advancing EPA's mission.

Magdalene Cunningham, Region 3

For outstanding customer service while carrying out the mission of advancing clean and safe water.

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EXEMPLARY CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

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PAUL G. KEOUGH AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXCELLENCE

Paul G. Keough Award for Administrative Excellence

Established in 1995 in honor of Paul G. Keough, former Deputy Regional Administrator and Acting Regional Administrator for Region 1, this award is designed to recognize employees in clerical or administrative support positions at Grades 1-12 (generally one-grade interval job series, e.g., secretaries, clerk-typists, office automation clerks, administrative assistants, office managers, and the like).

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Melissa Gantt, OARM

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Samantha Hooks, OGC

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TRUDY A. SPECINER NON-SUPERVISORY AWARD FOR ADVANCING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Trudy A. Speciner Non-Supervisory Award for Advancing Environmental Protection

Established in 1982 in honor of Trudy A. Speciner, an Environmental Protection Specialist in the Office of Policy and Resource Management, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, this award is designed to honor a non-supervisory professional employee at the GS/GM-13 level or below. The employee must have less than four years of the EPA service and no more than seven years of total Government service.

Treasure Bailey, Region 8

For outstanding initiative, leadership of diverse employees, and analytical achievements that advanced water quality protection and scientific competency in support of EPA's mission.

Brianna Besch, OITA

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Zachary Lowenstein, OW

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For outstanding initiative, creativity, and interpersonal skills in implementing the Natural Gas STAR Methane Challenge Program and advancing EPA's mission to reduce air pollution.

Calista Mills, Region 4

For exceptional work to improve water quality in the Gulf of Mexico.

TRUDY A. SPECINER NON-SUPERVISORY AWARD FOR ADVANCING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Natalie Topp, Region 5

For developing a new system that enhanced the Superfund Division's ability to successfully compete for national funding and will serve to ease the transition to the new national suite of contracts.

Amanda Van Epps, OLEM

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Noelle Watanabe, Region 3

For her outstanding vision and efforts in educating communities and industry on lead-based paint and significantly contributing to lead-based paint Federal enforcement and State programs.

EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP IN HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AWARD

Exemplary Leadership in Human Resources Management Award

Established in 1986 in honor of former Deputy Administrator Jim Barnes, this award is designed to recognize a senior leader, member of the senior executive service (career & non-career) or appointed official whose efforts and example have significantly advanced human resources management, leadership and diversity in the agency. Program Management Officers, Human Resources Officers, and OHR staff are not eligible to receive this award.

Dawn Datcher, OLEM

For exceptional leadership of OLEM's Human Resources Program.

Cynthia Greene, Region 1

For diligent efforts to recruit very talented and diverse candidates for EPA positions and for her extra effort to improve staff development and employee relations.

Denise Polk, OARM

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Glenda A. Farmer Award for Exemplary Technical Support

Established in 1992 in honor of Glenda A. Farmer, a charter member of the agency and former secretary to the general counsel, this award is designed to recognize employees in technical support positions (grades 1-12, and wage grade equivalents) who provide specialized technical operations services (generally one-grade interval job series, e.g., facilities, laboratory support, information technology support staff, accounting technicians and financial specialists, paralegals, and the like).

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Hawaii Team, Region 9

For providing the State of Hawaii with much-needed expertise to solve complex challenges with specialized and exceptional technical support.

Randy Chang, Region 9

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SUZANNE E. OLIVE AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP IN NATIONAL EEO

Suzanne E. Olive Award for Exemplary Leadership in National EEO (Supervisory/Managerial)

Established in 1993 in honor of Suzanne E. Olive, former deputy director of the Office of Civil Rights, these awards are designed to recognize employees for exemplary achievements and contributions to the agency in fostering and promoting the tenets of equal employment opportunity and civil rights, and for demonstrated commitment to workforce diversity through actions that clearly exceed the responsibilities of their immediate position or assignment. Agency employees through the senior executive service are eligible, as are teams – which may consist of both managerial and non-managerial staff. For team awards, the position level of the majority of the team will dictate in which category the nomination is placed.

Anthony Talton, Region 6

For his dedicated commitment to workforce diversity and for promoting the tenets of equal employment on and off the job.

Suzanne E. Olive Award for Exemplary Leadership in National EEO (Non-Managerial)

Chetan Gala, Region 4

For his achievements and contributions to EPA in promoting EEO and for demonstrated commitment to workforce diversity.

Gina Grier, Region 7

For exemplary leadership and support of EPA Region 7's Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights Program.

Shonda Moore, Region 6

For exemplary leadership in promoting diversity and inclusion in the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Program.

SUZANNE E. OLIVE AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP IN NATIONAL EEO

Reasonable Accommodations Program, AO

For exemplifying the highest standards of customer service and dedication in managing EPA's Reasonable Accommodations program.

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JAMES W. CRAIG POLLUTION PREVENTION LEADERSHIP AWARD

James W. Craig Pollution Prevention Leadership Award

Established in 1996 in honor of James W. Craig, chief of the Prevention Analysis Branch, Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, this award is designed to recognize demonstration of exceptional efforts and accomplishments in the advancement of pollution prevention in EPA's core programs. Nominees must have brought about fundamental and sustained improvement in the Agency's core programs and processes through the identification and integration of practical pollution prevention solutions to environmental problems. These accomplishments may have been achieved through improved project management by fostering new technology or applying administrative enhancements. The award may be granted to an individual or a team of up to ten individuals, whose efforts have resulted in real and substantial improvements in environmental management and performance.

Excess Food Opportunities Map Team, OLEM

For outstanding achievements in using technology solutions to reduce food loss and waste through development of a new national tool, the Excess Food Opportunities Map.

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For serving as a model for U.S. ports, industry, state and local governments, tribes, and communities to reduce air pollution and protect public health.

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NPDES Compliance Training Team for Indiana Coal Mining, Region 5

For developing and delivering training to Indiana staff to increase NPDES inspection capacity and provide compliance training to coal mine operators.

Jonathan Moody, Region 5
Janet Pellegrini, Region 5

MANAGERIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Managerial Leadership Award

Established in 1997 in honor of former Administrator Lee M. Thomas, this award is designed to recognize supervisors and managers whose vision and leadership skills have produced major results for the agency. In addition, the manager's abilities in coaching, empowering, fairly compensating and rewarding employees should be emphasized. To be eligible, nominees must be in a supervisory or management position (and be so designated in personnel records), and must have received a rating of outstanding during the last performance evaluation.

Nancy Barmakian, Region 1

For unwavering dedication to Region 1 staff, and working proactively to build stronger teams, increase diversity, and improve morale.

Gretchen Busterud, Region 9

For extraordinary leadership in Region 9's ORC and providing a national roadmap for leading the Regions toward a more efficient approach for managing FOIA responses.

John M. Hall, OCFO

For demonstrated managerial excellence and contributions to developing staff Agencywide and advancing new approaches under EPA's Lean Management System to assess progress toward mission results.

Gilberto Irizarry, OLEM

For exemplary leadership skills, vision and accomplishments that have produced important efficiencies and results for the Agency.

Beverly Spagg, Region 4

For nationally recognized enforcement actions and development of strong and successful leaders.

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Award for Outstanding Performance Management

Established in 2008, this award is designed to recognize the achievements of an employee or team of employees who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, skill and commitment in advancing the implementation of performance management in the Agency. This award not only recognizes the creation of systems for capturing the measures, but also the use of the performance measurement system to improve business processes and advance environmental progress. Employees through the senior executive service are eligible.

Erica Canzler, OECA

For increasing performance management and improving operational efficiency resulting in enhanced environmental protection.

Disaster Response Dashboard Development and Implementation Team, Region 4

For leading a paradigm shift in Region 4's process for disaster response data management during hurricanes Florence and Michael.

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AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Underground Storage Tank Program Cleanup Backlog Reduction Team, Region 9

For extensive and effective leadership and collaboration with the development of a methodology for use in assessing functional impacts to wetlands.

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Alison Fong, Region 9

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Omer Shalev, Region 9

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RUSSELL TRAIN SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Russell Train Sustainability Award

Brownfields Team, Region 7

For building an everlasting relationship with the City of Springfield and the State of Missouri resulting in continuous redevelopment and revitalization.

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Cincinnati Environmental Management System Team, OARM

For demonstrating how EPA can walk the talk of environmental performance.

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For innovative and successful promotion of sustainability among federal government facilities.

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IRA W. LEIGHTON, JR. LEADERSHIP AWARD VIVIAN MALONE JONES LEGACY AWARD

Ira W. Leighton, Jr. Leadership Award

Established in 2014 in honor of former Deputy Regional Administrator, Ira W. Leighton, Jr., an innovative, practical and results-oriented leader who improved the quality of life for millions of people across the country. This award recognizes the achievements of a regional office leader who demonstrated an innovative, practical and results-oriented commitment to achieving greater environmental results through better science, pollution prevention, enforcement, environmental justice and collaboration. This award is intended to recognize accomplishments over an extended period, some of which will have an impact beyond a nominee's home region. This award may be granted to a senior level EPA regional office employee (GS-15 or higher).

Dave Cozad, Region 7

In recognition of his visionary leadership, keen innovation, and outstanding collaboration in Region 7 and across EPA.

Gene Gunn, Region 7

For remarkable career achievements in human health protection, leadership, and fiscal management.

Pam Phillips, Region 6 (in memoriam)

For encouraging teams to use insightful and innovative problem solving and teamwork to create opportunities and unique solutions for the communities that we serve.

Vivian Malone Jones Legacy Award

Established in 2014 in honor of Vivian Malone Jones, former Director of Civil Rights and Urban Affairs and director of Environmental Justice in Region 4. This award will be given to an individual who has demonstrated consistent integrity and regular contributions to social justice in the agency or in the community at large, through personal leadership, mentoring and/or program management. This award is honoring a body of work, not a single incident.

Laura Ebbert, Region 9

For transforming the Region 9 Tribal Program by helping tribes achieve unprecedented financial and environmental improvements.

Steve Mason, Region 6

For demonstrating leadership and commitment to strengthening local emergency preparedness, ensuring all communities located near industry are prepared for an incident.

Vicki Maynard, Region 1

For exceptional commitment to volunteering locally, nationally, and around the world to improve social justice and quality of life for a diverse group of disadvantaged individuals.

FIRST LINE SUPERVISOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

First Line Supervisor Excellence Award

Tabatha Adkins, Region 7

For motivating and empowering the laboratory staff resulting in high productivity and morale.

Shari Barash, OW

For her efforts that routinely go above and beyond required duties to provide unparalleled leadership in directing staff to accomplish their work.

Wendy Blake, OGC

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Marie Nichols, ORD

For excellence in leadership to motivate and inspire staff at all levels and fostering an inclusive atmosphere to enhance personal growth.

Chris Villarreal, Region 6

For leadership and developing a workforce that is ready to take on new challenges while adjusting to current Agency needs.

Davis Zhen, Region 10

For setting the bar for first-line supervisors with concurrent focus on the work, staff morale, and other duties as assigned, and for being fair, level-headed, and approachable.

LEAN GOVERNMENT IMPROVEMENT AWARD

Lean Government Improvement Award

Since 2013, when EPA formally committed itself to the pursuit of Lean practices, the agency has eliminated waste from over 100 processes and has published a series of highly-regarded Lean resources. Candidates and teams for the award should generally fit either of two profiles: (1) Champions of Business Process Improvement or Lean practices at the EPA: These champions are most likely senior-level managers who have visibly promoted the value of Lean and have proactively and tangibly supported Lean projects; or (2) lean project leaders and team members who generated notable results in measurable and lasting efficiencies in the way the EPA performs its mission.

CAA Permit Lean Team, Region 5

For reducing the permit issuance time of federally issued air permits in half while maintaining quality and customer service standards.

Charmagne Ackerman, Region 5
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LEAN GOVERNMENT IMPROVEMENT AWARD

National Enforcement Investigation Center Civil and Laboratory LEAN Team, OECA

For Utilizing LEAN Methodologies to Streamline Laboratory and Inspection Processes.

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Gears of Government Awards

Last year, the Executive Office of the President launched the GoG Awards to honor federal employees and teams who deliver on important objectives on behalf of the American public, including mission results, customer service, and accountable stewardship. EPA is committed to advancing these values through its implementation of the EPA Lean Management System.

Brenda Bachman

For creating a culture of continuous improvement in the Risk Evaluation Unit by carefully monitoring the progress of projects and staff's ability to produce timely and quality deliverables.

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GEARS OF GOVERNMENT AWARDS

UIC Class II Permit Streamlining Leaders

For streamlining the UIC Program permitting process through the development of tools to increase transparency, accountability and improve the customer experience.

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National Honor Awards Automation

For significantly reducing the administrative processing associated with the NHA Program thereby improving the EPA customer's experience.

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