

DEC 2008 DENALI AWARD NOMINEES

With notes from nominators

LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINEES:

- SHARMON STAMBAUGH, WASTEWATER DISCHARGE AUTHORIZATIONS, WATER, ANCHORAGE

Sharmon assumed a new position in 2007 and was immediately involved, by legislative mandate, with establishing a new program. In developing the cruise ship program, including hiring a program manager, supervising, hiring and training of ocean rangers and managing all other duties of her position, Sharmon has done a great job shouldering a tremendous workload with significant public involvement and interest. Sharmon leads by example and is an inspiration to her co-workers.

- CINDY CHRISTIAN, DRINKING WATER, EH, FAIRBANKS

Cindy oversees 24 staff in 5 offices that provide compliance oversight as well as technical assistance to approximately 1600 federally regulated Alaska public water systems. She encourages and motivates staff to “think outside the box,” has completed the Public Health Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Disease Control and was one of five graduation candidates (out of 40) selected to present her special project. Cindy is highly skilled at recognizing and developing potential leaders as well as rewarding staff for their good work. She has single-handedly facilitated increased harmony, recruitment, retention and communications within the DEC Drinking Water program.

- JOHN HALVERSON, CONTAMINATED SITES, SPAR, ANCHORAGE

John Halverson has worked tirelessly for DEC’s Contaminated Sites Program for over 20 years, serving as an integral component in establishing the Federal Facilities Section of the program. John is well recognized within DEC and by his peers outside of the department as possessing impeccable judgment, unquestionable character and exceptional competence in a very complex field. John’s work in relation to the cleanup of Department of Defense contaminated sites in Alaska is particularly noteworthy resulting in the Air Force taking emergency actions to halt releases (from eroding military landfills) to Alaska’s waters.

- THOMAS HATHAWAY, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH LAB, ANCHORAGE

Since accepting the position in October 2003 as Chief, Environmental Health Laboratory, Dr. Hathaway has been fully dedicated to the construction of a sixteen million dollar laboratory facility that has become a source of pride and sound

responsible science for staff and all Alaskan. His dedication and leadership have paid off with multi-disciplinary federal certifications from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,, Food & Drug Administration, and the National Animal Health Laboratory Network within the first two operational years, giving us national recognition and a leadership role in Avian Influenza and Marine Toxins method development. Dr. Hathaway consults with staff, drawing on their expertise to build and implement new programs. He consistently exhibits exemplary leadership qualities, recognizing and harnessing the capabilities of staff to put together an outstanding team and develop a high quality laboratory service program for which the employees, the State and all Alaskans can be proud.

CO-WORKER AWARD NOMINEES:

- SCOT TIERNAN, PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE, SPAR, JUNEAU

Scot serves as a senior Environmental Specialist III oil spill responder. Scot is integral to the close and cordial team relationship with spill stakeholders, especially the USCG. Scot addresses difficult assignments in a positive manner showing exceptional foresight and a strong presence to handle difficult situations with dignity and effectiveness. His interpersonal skills are impressive in encouraging the desired reactions and responses from difficult personalities while setting firm boundaries. Scot brings extraordinary marine response expertise to the Southeast Area Response Team.

- CHRISTOPHER CLARK, DRINKING WATER, EH, ANCHORAGE

Chris is an Environmental Engineer responsible for the regulatory oversight of engineering design and operation of public water systems of the southwest region of Alaska. Chris aspires to the personal measure of performance of knowing that the public can drink water straight from a tap with confidence in its safety. Chris is an exceptional employee. He knows that the more effective his team functions, the better that public health will be protected. Combined with his personal work ethic, his presence within a team is a powerful and positive force that raises the performance of the entire team.

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE NOMINEE

- BILL STEELE, INDUSTRY PREPAREDNESS, SPAR, ANCHORAGE

Bill has been recognized by an industry client (Chevron) for providing excellent guidance in the development/revision of their Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan. This achievement furthers the Department's objectives of conserving and protecting Alaska's natural resources for present and future generations and fulfills the Department's mission of preventing oil spills. Bill's

guidance and professional oversight have resulted in an improved Port of Anchorage response plan to protect the people and environment from potential spills.

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE TEAM NOMINEES

Newtok Planning Group – DEC members

- GREG MAGEE, GREG GOULD, JON MENOUGH, VILLAGE SAFE WATER, ANCHORAGE

Greg Magee, Greg Gould and Jon Menough, Village Safe, are members of the Newtok Planning Group, a cross-agency team acting in highly original and creative ways to develop effective, innovative approaches to helping Newtok move to their new location, Mertarvik. Mike Black, Deputy Commissioner at DCCED, observes: “...this effort is the best multi-agency (DEC, DCCED, COT, DNR EED, AIDEA and MVA,) collaboration I have observed in 27 years of working with agencies and communities”.