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## **Renewable Water Resources Employees Recognized with Blue Ridge Awards**

Greenville, S.C. (February 3, 2010) – Renewable Water Resources (ReWa) was recently recognized by the local chapter of the Water Environment Association of South Carolina with the 2009 Blue Ridge Foothills District (BRFD) Awards. The BRFD held its annual awards banquet Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at the Mauldin Shrine Club and had more than 150 in attendance.

The following ReWa employees were recognized at the awards banquet:

Fred Nesbitt, Plant Lead Operator for the Mauldin facility, was awarded the Wastewater Operator of the Year. This award is presented annually to a wastewater treatment plant operator for excellent achievement in the direct operation of a wastewater system in SC. ReWa nominated Nesbitt for his ongoing participation in maintaining safe and successful operations throughout the extensive rehabilitation of the Mauldin facility, which is ReWa's largest. Nesbitt brings more than 20 years of experience to his position at ReWa.



Karen Sprinkle, Pretreatment Data Control Technician, was awarded the Young Professional of the Year. This award is given annually to a WEASC member who has demonstrated an active commitment to the organization and to the profession as a whole. ReWa nominated Karen for ongoing support of ReWa's education programs such as the Girls Scouts Environmental Awareness Day and the Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) program. She is also a key member of the Upstate Roundtable's Strategic Planning Technical Committee.

Angela Allen, Engineering Project Supervisor, was awarded the Engineer of the Year. This award is presented annually to an engineer who is responsible for the design or a facility, or has demonstrated excellence by managing or directing a project in the wastewater field. ReWa nominated Angela for her

leadership in the multi-faceted design team of the Mauldin facility rehabilitation, as well as her hands on approach with more than 45 other engineering projects throughout 2009.

Samantha Bartow, Administrative Assistance for the Collection System Department, was awarded the Collection System of the Year. This award is given annually to a WEASC member for excellent achievement in the maintenance of a wastewater collection system. Bartow was nominated for her exceptional ability to manage and multi-task the needs of the department, as well as her dedication to professional improvement and education. Bartow has more than 14 years of experience in her position at ReWa.



ReWa would like to congratulate each individual for their accomplishments, as well as the collective performance of the organization, winning four out of seven regional awards. For more information about ReWa, visit [www.rewaonline.org](http://www.rewaonline.org).

### **Renewable Water Resources (ReWa)**

ReWa's goal is to promote a cleaner environment, and to protect the public health and water quality of the Upstate waterways, while providing and developing the necessary sewer infrastructure for the growing economy. ReWa serves more than 400,000 industrial, commercial and residential customers in Greenville County and parts of Anderson, Spartanburg, Pickens and Laurens Counties.

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