

Mayor Wilking

Person Submitting Nomination: Amy Fontenot

Place an X in the box next to the category in which you are making the nomination:

System Awards List	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy Conservation System of the Year, North
<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy Conservation System of the Year, South
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Source Water Protection System of the Year
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Complete this information as it appears on your member list for **SYSTEM** that you wish to nominate:

System Award Nominee:			
System Name:	Town of Ball		
Member #:	771	ACT	
Mailing Address:	100 Municipal Drive		
City:	Ball		
Zip:	71405		
Phone #:	318-640-9605		
Any Violations?:	No		
WS Letter Grade:		% Grade:	

Complete this information as it appears on your member list for **INDIVIDUAL** that you wish to nominate:

Individual Award Nominee:			
Nominee:			
Title:			
System Name:			
Member #:			
Mailing Address:			
City:			
Zip:			
Phone #:			
Categories and Levels of Certifications Held			
Years as an Operator			
WS Letter Grade:		% Grade:	

Write a narrative here as to why you feel the above nominee is worthy of the award:

Simply type the information below, the text will wrap as you type. It is NOT necessary to try to put into paragraphs.

The Town of Ball's Wastewater System received \$3.35 million in WSP funding, serving over 4,500 customers. This project features new pumps, piping, electrical systems, and structures, enhancing reliability and performance. Upgrades will increase pumping capacity, ensure reliable standby generator operation, improve safety and security, and modernize electrical and lighting systems. Thanks to Mayor Gail Wilking's leadership, wastewater rates will remain unchanged despite the new project—highlighting the Town of Ball's strong financial management

Person Submitting Nomination: Colby Isom

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System Award Nominee:			
System Name:	Town of Plain Dealing		
Member #:	1145		
Mailing Address:	Po Box 426		
City:	Plain Dealing		
Zip:	71064		
Phone #:	318-326-4234		
Any Violations?:			
WS Letter Grade:		% Grade:	

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Individual Award Nominee:			
Nominee:			
Title:			
System Name:			
Member #:			
Mailing Address:			
City:			
Zip:			
Phone #:			
Categories and Levels of Certifications Held			
Years as an Operator:			
WS Letter Grade:		% Grade:	

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The Town of Plain dealing is always willing to perform surveys to better the sewer collection system they operate. The town is currently planning a smoke survey for the entire town to check infiltration issues and are willing to make the necessary repairs. They also are sending a current employee to the apprenticeship program at LRWA and looking to always make their sewer system more efficient.

Mayor Gay

Wastewater System of the Year Award *North*

- System/Facility Name --- **Town of Pollock**
- Address (provide mailing and physical) --- 3911 Highway 8 (Physical), P.O. Box 189 ,
Mailing), Pollock, LA 71467
- Parish System in which System is Located --- Grant
- Office Phone (copy) --- (318) 765-3796
- Email --- wastewater@townofpolluckla.com
- Name of person submitting nomination --- Kenneth Trent
- Title of person submitting nomination --- Wastewater Technician
- Legal operating name of system being nominated: --- The Town of Polluck
- How long has system been in operation? --- 25
- How many employees does the system have? --- 9
- How many customers does the system serve? --- 210
- Has system ever been out of compliance? If yes, when and for what reason? --- 2022,
NOD, has since been repaired.
- What do you believe entitles this system to receive this award --- Proactiveness, pride,
and diligence in the work.
- Provide a brief background on the system being nominated --- Being built in '99 and
expanded in '05, the town of Polluck's wastewater system takes great pride in assuring that
all equipment, personnel, and functionality remains ahead of the curb so that its
customers have the best quality wastewater collection treatment possible. All employees
are trained in all aspects of the job including operation and mechanic competence, thus
contributing to the excellence of town's wastewater system.

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Mayor Beavers

Wastewater System of the Year Award

--- System/Facility Name --- **Village of Hessmer Wastewater Treatment Plant**

--- Address (provide mailing and physical) --- 4142 Bordelon Street, Hessmer, LA, 71341

--- Parish System in which System is Located --- Avoyelles

--- Office Phone (copy) --- (318) 563-4511

--- Email --- hessmervillage@gmail.com

--- Name of person submitting nomination --- Joy Pearson

--- Title of person submitting nomination --- Utility Advisor - Moonshot Missions

--- Legal operating name of system being nominated: --- Village of Hessmer WWTP

--- How long has system been in operation? --- 25 years

--- How many employees does the system have? --- 3

--- How many customers does the system serve? --- 300

--- Has system ever been out of compliance? If yes, when and for what reason? --- Yes, the system has been out of compliance for exceeding the permitted effluent limits primarily for ammonia and total solids. The system has been out of compliance from 2020-2023.

--- What do you believe entitles this system to receive this award --- My team has been working with the Village of Hessmer since the fall of 2023 as a technical assistance provider. In the initial site visit we conducted in February of 2024 their operator had recently quit, and the Village of Hessmer had received an Administrative Order from the EPA to get their wastewater system back into compliance. The SBR system was not operating as designed, debris filled the basins and littered the ground surrounding the basins. The on-site office was disorganized with trash littering the floor and an outdated calendar on the wall and the control panel wiring was in disarray.

Part of the AO was for the system to work with a technical assistance provider, which is the role Moonshot Missions has been serving. I have been very involved with this project and while I can say as a technical assistance provider we have been offering guidance and assisting with the EPA deliverables, it is the staff and council members of the Village of Hessmer who have rallied together to understand their SBR system, take both little and big steps to improve their system and have continuously worked to use their existing resources more effectively and efficiently. In the past year their system is unrecognizable to the one we walked into. They have an operator on staff and are cross training their water operators to be able to work on both systems, the office on site is one that is well kept and clearly used now as a place for the operators. They have installed a debris basket at the primary lift station to minimize debris entering the plant and they complete an entire cleanout of the SBR system which required them to fully drain all basins, clean the interior of the dead sludge and repair parts that had broken. Additionally, they completed wire management on the system control panel to help extend its life and the operators underwent a training in November of 2024 intended to help them better understand the health of their sludge and how to adjust the plant settings as required. The final step that is currently being worked on is a capital improvement plan for the wastewater system so the Village of Hessmer can be proactive in their planning and operations.

I am also very happy to say that the Village of Hessmer has met and exceeded all of the deadlines listed in the AO and are back in compliance. This is all due to the hard work of each person with the Village of Hessmer, I can think of no one more deserving of this award.

Village of Hessmer Wastewater Treatment Plant CONTINUED

--- Provide a brief background on the system being nominated ---The facility was designed and constructed between 2000 and 2004. The facility employs a US Filter design that incorporates the Jet Mix and Omniflow Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) process. According to the design specifications, the facility can handle an average daily flow of .15 MGD, with a peak flow of .6 MGD. The operations manual indicates that the daily average influent chemical oxygen demand (COD) design is 420 mg/l, with a biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) of 210 mg/l. Additional influent average daily design criteria specify 220 mg/l total suspended solids, 38 mg/l total Kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), and 6 mg/l phosphorus. Based on the design data, the facility appears to have sufficient organic loading capacity to meet the community's requirements and the estimated 300 customer connections.

The facility has a gas disinfection system with flow monitoring before discharge. The permit for the facility is governed to protect discharge to Les Gran Cote Canal, which feeds the Bayou Du Lac, and to Bayou Des Glaises, designated as waters of the United States.

North	South
Water System Grade (Letter/Percentage)	n/a
Member Type & #	ACT 493
Mayor Dauzat	

Person Submitting Nomination: Ted Barnes

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System Award Nominee:			
System Name:	West Ouachita Sewerage District No. 5		
Member #:	2223	ACT 10	
Mailing Address:	327 Wallace Rd.		
City:	West Monroe		
Zip:	71291		
Phone #:	3183964711		
Any Violations?:			
WS Letter Grade:	n/a	% Grade:	n/a



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West Ouachita Sewerage District No 5 has in the last few years has been upgrading their system in order to send their wastewater to the new West Monroe Wastewater Facility that provides treatment to the point that the wastewater can be reused and is being reused at the West Monroe Paper Mill. This process not only provides clean water for the Paper Mill but relieves the draw down of the aquifers that were being depleted by million or so gallons of water necessary to run the paper mill.