

2013 Steve Crosman Award

Susan Butts, City of Falmouth Water Treatment Plant



The Kentucky Division of Compliance Assistance (DCA), located within the Department for Environmental Protection, announced the winner of the first annual Steve Crosman Award for Outstanding Environmental Professionalism. Susan Butts, supervisor at the Augusta Regional Water Treatment Plant and former lead operator for the City of Falmouth Water Treatment Plant, received the award from Julia Kays, assistant director of DCA.

Butts, who holds certifications in Class IV-A Drinking Water Treatment, Class III Distribution and Class I Wastewater Treatment, was nominated by each of the two plants where she has worked.

The Steve Crosman Award for Outstanding Environmental Professionalism is presented in honor of Steve Crosman, a trainer with the Certification and Licensing Branch of DCA, who passed away in December of 2011. Steve devoted himself to ensuring safe water for Kentucky by making sure he did his best to assist and train operators. The purpose of the award is to recognize those individuals who value professionalism in their work and see the importance of providing quality service to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Susan Butts has devoted most of her professional life to the Water Treatment profession, having spent 22 years at the Falmouth plant and 12 years at the Augusta facility. In 1997 when a major flood hit Falmouth, she lived at the flooded plant for more than a month in order to work closely with officials to clean up and reestablish safe drinking water for the city.

Butts has created an education program through the Augusta Independent Schools to conduct tours of the plant while educating students about proper environmental techniques to treat and conserve potable water. Since Butts has been supervisor, there have been no Notice of Violations at the Augusta Water Treatment Plant.