

Our Water Quality Awards

In 2015, we achieved two water quality awards.

1. The 15-year Directors Award for the [Partnership for Safe Water](#). The Partnership is a voluntary program through six different organizations which are the EPA, American Water Works Association, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, National Association of Water Companies, and Association of State Drinking Water Administrators.

With the Partnership for Safe Water we exceed EPA requirements by achieving greater clarity of water also known as turbidity. This means we perform additional testing in addition to the over 100 tests we perform daily.

2. Tennessee American Water was awarded the Water Quality Award by the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry at their 33rd annual Environment and Energy Awards dinner.

Tennessee American Water's entry highlighted the \$17 million capital investment this year for a dewatering facility which extracts the water left in the residuals of dirt and minerals when drawn from the Tennessee River. A portion of the extracted water will be recycled back to the plant for treatment. The residuals byproduct will be removed by a contractor for land application and allow the City of Chattanooga's wastewater treatment facility to be in compliance with Clean Water Act requirements.

Along the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), the Tennessee Chamber recognized nine companies for their environmental performance and outstanding energy management efforts. The awards were organized by category: Water Quality, Air Quality, Solid & Hazardous Waste Management, Environmental Excellence, and Energy Excellence.

Recipients were chosen based on their efforts to go beyond compliance to implement sustainable environmental improvements including the capital investment dedicated to the improvement, reduction of consumption/releases of energy, water, fuel and/or emissions, degree of innovation, long-term environmental benefits and overall significance of the achievement.

The complete list of all honorees and Information about the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry can be found [here](#).

