

WATER DROP

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Where Is It? Water Plant is Recognized

It's hard to see, but the Water Plant Staff is holding an Award they just received from the Kentucky Division of Water recognizing them as a "Totally Optimized Plant".

There are over 100 water plants in the state of Kentucky, Only 26 water plants received this honor.

The Franklin Water Plant volunteered several years ago to be involved in a new program the State was spearheading. This program was called Performance Based Training.

Performance Based Training was a pilot program that the Division of Water and the Federal EPA organized.

Ten Water Plants across the state were selected to undergo monthly training for approximately 2 years.

The State was divided into two regions - Western and Eastern. The Franklin Water Plant was in the Western Division.

Each month, a different Water Plant would host the training. This allowed us to see how other plants

operated and to get hands on experience.

The training was conducted by the Division of Water and each Plant was given two Training Supervisors from the Division of Water and/or the EPA. We actually had one from each.

Training topics included everything from pump calibrations to special studies.

At the beginning of each training event, each Water Plant would give a summary in front of all the guests on what they had learned since the previous

meeting and shared what worked and didn't work at their plant.

At the end of the 2 year training period, the Franklin Water Plant was asked to go on a "tour" and promote what they had accomplished by the Kentucky Water & Waste Water Association and the Kentucky Rural Water Association.

Performance Based Training set the foundation for many of the practices that we perform at the Water Plant today and has led us to several recognitions.