



National Tribal Water Systems Programs

Nominations Requested for TRIBAL OPERATOR OF THE YEAR 2024 AWARD

Attention Tribal Water and Wastewater Professionals:

Have you noticed a water/wastewater operator working in Indian Country...

- Going above and beyond their assigned job duties?
- Lending support to a co-worker or staff member?
- Providing assistance to another utility?
- Volunteering in the community?
- Going the extra mile in any form?

Here is your chance to acknowledge and celebrate their efforts and hard work. The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA) is requesting nominations for the **2024 Tribal Water / Wastewater Operator of the Year Award**.

Anyone is welcome to submit a nomination to show appreciation for the quality and integrity of the work done by an **operator** of a water or wastewater system serving fewer than 5,501 people and that is located on Tribal lands within the ITCA National Tribal Water Systems Programs service area, which includes USEPA Regions 5 through 10. Nominations should be submitted by those who have personally witnessed the great work of the operator being nominated. Nomination of a utility manager is welcome if the person conducts the day to day operations and maintenance of a small rural Tribal water/wastewater system.

How to Nominate an Operator

Complete the attached *Nomination Form* and return it to ITCA either by:

- **Email:** TWSInfo@itcaonline.com
- **Fax:** (602) 258-4825, or
- **Mail:** Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.
NATIONAL TRIBAL WATER SYSTEMS PROGRAMS
Attention: Anisa Flores
2214 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

The deadline for submitting nominations is July 10, 2024.

All nominees will be recognized at the Award Ceremony on September 13, 2024.

For more information, contact the ITCA National Tribal Water Systems Programs.

**2024 Tribal Water/Wastewater Operator of the Year
Award NOMINATION FORM**

Deadline for submitting nominations is **July 10, 2024**.

(Please print legibly or type)

(A) CANDIDATE / NOMINEE NAME:

_____ (First)

_____ (Last)

Title/Position: _____

Utility Program/Organization: _____

Tribal Nation: _____

Business Address: _____
(Regular Mailing Address)

_____ (Physical Street Address, for deliveries)

_____ (City)

_____ (State)

_____ (Zip Code)

Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _____ Fax Number: (____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address*: _____

**Please Note: We will be giving the nominees an opportunity to explain what the position of W/WW operator means to them, please include their email address (if available).*

(B) NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

_____ (First)

_____ (Last)

Title/Position: _____ Organization: _____

Relation/Affiliation to the Nominee: _____
(e.g., supervisor, co-worker, colleague, board member, regulator, circuit rider, friend, relative)

Business Address: _____
(Mailing Address)

_____ (City)

_____ (State)

_____ (Zip Code)

Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _____ Fax Number: (____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name of Candidate/Nominee: _____

(E) Please describe any challenges the operator has overcome. *Examples may include: the operator's performance under abnormal/adverse working conditions or instances when the operator proactively assumed additional responsibilities to improve regulatory compliance and the protection of public health.*

(Please add more lines or pages if needed)

(F) Please describe instances of the operator lending aid to others? *Examples may include: a personal sacrifice for the benefit of others, mentoring/training others, outreach efforts or community involvement, performing other (non-operations or maintenance) tasks/responsibilities for the benefit of the community, or generally serving as a role model through positive interactions.*

(Please add more lines or pages if needed)

(G) Special Achievements/Recognition within the Tribal Community. *How does the operator exhibit a spirit of service to others?*

(Please add more lines or pages if needed)