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2024	Richmond Water Resources	Town of Middlebury, Richmond Water Resources, Village of Ludlow, Village of Johnson	Jeremy Rathbun, Town of Middlebury	Steve Cote, Richmond Water Resources	Nathan Fraser, Town of Springfield				Otter Creek Engineering, Inc.	Chris Robinson, Town of Shelburne	Jeff Strong, Town of Springfield	Brad Snow, Richmond Water Resources, and Hannah Yates, City of Burlington			Jay Nadeau, Champlain Water District		Bernie Fleury, City of Essex Junction	Matt Dow, City of Burlington
2023		City of Winooski WWTF	Bill Wager, Simmonds Precision Products Inc.	Travis Sheldon, Champlain Water District		Steve Miller, Alchemist Brewery			Weston & Sampson	Robert Fischer, City of South Burlington	Amy Macrellis, Stone Environmental	Amelia McClure, City of Burlington					Steve Perron, City of Burlington	Rick Chaput, City of Vergennes
2022					Will Sheffer, City of South Burlington			Jamie Goddette, City of South Burlington	Endyne, Inc.		Tom DiPietro, City of South Burlington			Jim Jutras, Village of Essex Junction	Elizabeth Walker, VRWA			
2021		Richmond Water Resources Department	Mat Cunningham, Champlain Water District	Tim Mills, Town of Bethel	Bernie Fleury, Village of Essex Junction			Joe Gebo, City of South Burlington	Ti-Sales	Tom DiPietro, City of South Burlington	Chris Robinson, Town of Shelburne	Annie Costandi, Town of Essex					Richard Kenney, Town of Hartford	Robert Protivansky, City of Rutland
2020	Randolph Center Water System	Newport WWTF	Endyne Laboratory Services, Inc.	Vilas Gentes, wholesale maintenance technician, Champlain Water District	Peter Laramie, chief operator, Fair Haven WWTF AND Robert Wheeler, chief operator Bellows-Falls-Rockingham			David Wheeler, stormwater project manager, City of South Burlington		Liz Royer, executive director, Vermont Rural Water Association	Daniel Hecht, executive director, GMWEA	Cody Grimm, wastewater operator, Simon Operation Systems	N/A				Margaret Dwyer, Stratton Mountain Resort	Marty Frizzell, Town of Brighton
2019		Town of Ludlow WWTF	Rod Munroe, lab director, City of Rutland WW	Peter Krolczyk, operator, Town of Waterbury		Kevin Corliss, operator, Drew's All Naturals LLC, Chester	Global Foundries WWTF, Essex Junction	Chelsea Mandigo, stormwater coordinator- operator, Village of Essex Junction			Chris Cox, chief operator, Montpelier WRRF	Ashleigh Belrose, operator, S. Burlington Airport Parkway WRRF	N/A	Jim Fay, Champlain Water District (retiring)			Christopher Cox, City of Montpelier	Bob Fischer, City of South Burlington
2018	Grand Isle Consolidated Water District (SOS)	Town of Richford WWTF	Mike Swindell, operator, City of Burlington Main Wastewater Plant	1. Mike Barsotti, director of water quality & production, Champlain Water District; 2. George Donovan, operator, Fair Haven Water Dept.	Timothy Kingston, operator, Town of Brandon	Gary Audy, Contact Operations	Stone Corral Brewery, Richmond	Annie Costandi, stormwater coordinator / staff engineer, Essex Town	Clean Waters, Inc.	Mark Simon, Simon Operation Services (posthumous)	1. Eileen Toomey, customer service specialist, Endyne Labs; 2. Town of Hartford					Town of Milton	Wayne Elliott, Aldrich + Elliott, PC	Wayne Graham, Vermont Rural Water Association
2017	Swanton Village Water	Montpelier Water Resource Recovery Facility	Matt Lamson, Assistant Chief Operator, Montpelier WRRF	Jeff Stone, Water Operator Vergennes-Panton Water District	Randy Devine, Chief Operator, Town of Fairfax	Hasper Kuno, Chief Operator, Purpose Energy (Wastewater)	Alchemy Holding LLC, Stowe Brewery	Everett Hammond, Town of Hartford				Chris Chambers, Randolph Water/Wastewater Dept.	Daryl Bartlett, Public Works Director, Town of Brandon				John Lazelle, Town of Wilmington	John Alexander
2016	Brandon Fire District/Ray Counter	Enosburg Falls (nominated by DEC)	Jennifer Garrison, South Burlington	Ed Devino: Tritown (nominated by DEC)	Tim Mills; Bethel (nominated by DEC)	Jodi Girard; AgriMark (nominated by DEC)	AgriMark; Middlebury (nominated by DEC)	James Sherrard; Williston	Aldrich and Elliott	Jim Jutras; Essex Junction	Lisa Goodell, VLCT admin liaison	William Sanderson; Milton (nominated by Nate LaVallee)	Essex Junction (nominated by A&E)				Ernie Kelley, VTDEC	Robert Baillargon
2015	Vergennes- Panton Water District	Lyndon Town	Brian Ovitt, Enosburg WWTP	Jay Nadeau, Winooski City	Jim Irish, Swanton Village	John Phillips, Energizer Battery Co., Inc.	Energizer Battery Co., Inc.	Lisa Sheltra, Williston Town	Ferguson Water Works	Charlie Tyler, MWRA - Deer Island Treatment Plant	Wayne Elliott	Christopher Cox, Montpelier City	Montpelier City WWTF				Tom DiPietro, City of South Burlington	Christopher Cox, City of Montpelier
2014	Town of Bristol operated by Simon Operation Services	South Burlington - Airport Parkway	George Packard & Randy Herrin - Hartford, White River Junction WWTF	Jonathan Thornton Bradford Town	Phil Laramie - Lyndon Town	Bill Wager - Goodrich Corporation		Bruce Hoar - Williston Town	Statewide Aquastore, Inc.	Jim Fay	Vermont Rural Water Association & Rick Kenney	Kirk Patch - Simon Operating Systems					Bob Fischer, City of South Burlington	Kevin McLaughlin
2013	n/a	Johnson WWTF	Tim Hurteau	Brian Bishop	Robert Baillargeon	Ms. Billie Davis	Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc. Process Wastewater Pretreatment Facility - St. Albans	Les Benoit	Stantec	Steve Crosby	Jean Nicolai, Tom DiPietro	James Desorda		n/a	n/a		Chris Robinson, Town of Shelburne	Erik Bailey, Town of Hinesburg
2012	Putney Town/Joe Tetreault (SOS)	Milton Town	Jason Scott, CWD	Raymond Counter, Brandon FD #1	Douglas Hull, Montpelier			James Pease, Vermont DEC	E.J. Prescott	Ashley Lucht, Vermont DEC	All Vermont Operators	Jason Cairelli, CWD		n/a	n/a	Separate list	Nathan LaVallee, Town of Milton	Thomas Ciolfi & Steve Perron
2011	Springfield Town	City of St. Albans	Jerry Smith	Daniel Gray	Gordon Bennett	Randy Thompson	Ben & Jerry's, Waterbury Plant	Chittenden County Regional Stormwater Education Program	n/a	Andy Fish	Norton True & Michele Eisenstein	Jeremy Delisle		Mark Simon			Gail Tiffany, Town of Bennington	Christopher Hayes
2010	North Bennington Village	Bennington Town	Dr. Joseph Comeau	Casey Spaulding	Rodney Allen Sr.	No Nominees	IBM Corporation	Allen Robtoy	Aquacheck	Jay Nadeau	Jessica Hill & Rick Kenney	Tom DiPietro					Steve Button, Town of Hinesburg	David Upson, Jr.
2009	South Hero Fire District #4	Benson WWTF	Ken Westney	Anthony Higgins	Harvey Dix II	Bob Wood	IBM Corporation		n/a	n/a	?	Matt Dow and Alicia Duprey		Don Garrett			Steve Roy, City of Burlington	Harry Benner
2008	No Nominees	No Nominees	Howard Kimball	Roy Fifield	James Brimblecombe	No Nominees	No Nominees		Godwin Pumps	n/a	R. Steven Button and George Dow				George Dow (Posthumously)		Steve Crosby, City of South Burlington	James Brimblecombe
2007	Newport City	West Rutland Town	JoAnn Wood	R. Steve Button	Edward Tracey	Mark Mucia	Goodrich Corporation		n/a	Michele Eisenstein	Gail Tiffany and Richard Perez	Gene Forbes					Michele Eisenstein	Edward Tracey
2006	Burlington, Francis O'Brien Plant	Bennington Town	Robert Fischer	Tim Leahy	Jerry Skira	David Kost	IBM Corporation		Hartigan Company	Robert Wood							Rick Chaput, City of Vergennes	Leroy Houghton
2005	No Nominees	Randolph Town	William Malloy	Ed Gilman	Steve Perron	No Nominees	No Nominees		n/a	Sam Gates	?						Jessica Hill, VLCT	Tim Grover
2004	Cabot Water	Springfield WWTP	Eileen Toomey	Chris Collins	Tim Grover	No Nominees	No Nominees		Holland Company	Gene Forbes	?				Don Garrett		Kendall Chamberlin, Town of Richmond	Michael Fortin
2003	St. Albans City	Orleans Village	Harry Locker	Mark Hamel	Kevin Wooster	No Nominees	No Nominees		Efficiency Vermont	Ruth Taylor	Carl Crawford						Bob Wood	John West
2002	No Nominees	So. Burlington Bartlett's Bay WWTF	Dave O'Neill	Warren Steadman	Bruce Atkinson and Dennis Hillier	Dick St. Pierre	Lucille Farm Products WWTF		Hoyle, Tanner & Assoc.	Tony Torchia	GMWEA Board of Directors						George Dow, City of South Burlington	Steven Foster
2001	Champlain Water District	Bridgewater WWTF	Scott Bradley	Mark Breznick	Bob Wells	Victor R. (Rick) Chaput	Saputo Cheese		Simon Operation Services	Peter Putis	John Choate						John Choate	Robert Wells
2000	Tri-Town Water District	Kimberly-Clark Corporation E. Ryegate Mill WWTF	Steve Crosby and Stephen Lang	Brent Palmer	Daniel Wright	Larry Rogacki	General Electric Aircraft Engines, Rutland WWTF		P.E. Glazier	Elizabeth Walker	Robert Wood						John West	Donald Whitten

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1999	Rutland City	Windsor Main WWTF	Heather Frost-Holloway	John Highter	Garry Shover, Tom Moreau	No Nominees	No Nominees		E.J. Prescott	Jessica Hill	Andy Fish						Ed Savage	Donald Garrett
1998	Grand Isle Consolidate Water	Brattleboro WWTF	Brady Van Zile and Michael Garafano	Loran Greenslet	George LeBlanc, Jr.	Norman Longmoore	No Nominees		Dufresne- Henry, Inc.	Larry Rogacki	None						Gary Champy	Robert Wood
1997	No Nominees	City of Burlington Main WWTF and Village of Johnson WWTF	Gail Tiffany	Gary Elwell and Peter Lauzon	Donald Garrett	Robert Wood	No Nominees			Ed Savage and Ron Maxwell	Jim Jutras						Robert Urban	Donald Ward