

INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION AWARD - Government/Municipal category:
Eric Stoltz and the Valley Forge Sewer Authority for their outstanding leadership in advancing sustainable wastewater management and their strong spirit of collaboration. By collaborating with Temple University researchers and other regional stakeholders, they have helped translate research into practical solutions that protect water quality, address emerging contaminants, and support healthier communities.

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Eric is a Senior Construction Inspector for Valley Forge Sewer Authority (VFSA), the largest wastewater treatment plant in Chester County. Over the course of his 27+ years at VFSA, he has become certified as a Class A Operator and is an Accredited Wastewater Lab Technician. Eric's diverse duties have included serving as laboratory analysis for NPDES compliance and process control samples and has received the WEF Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award. He has been active in the implementation and enforcement of all aspects of the Authority's EPA approved industrial pretreatment program for both connected and trucked waste users. Currently, in his role in the engineering department, he manages all aspects of the PA ACT 537 and oversees compliance with all new connections to the Authority's collection system and all upgrades to the treatment plant and pumping stations. He also serves as a tour guide at the treatment plant, giving tours to nearly 1000 middle school, high school and college students annually.

Eric received his BS in Marine Science at Kutztown University and his Master's Degree in Environmental Pollution Control from Penn State University.