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NYWEA Honors Robert Ballard of Albion, NY

Syracuse -- The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) honored Robert F. Ballard of Albion, NY with the Quarter Century Operators' Club Award at its 80th Annual Meeting held in New York City in February. Ballard has been a member of NYWEA's Genesee Valley Chapter since 1976 and is the senior operator and laboratory director for the Village of Albion's Joint Municipal-Industrial Pollution Control Facility.

With the facility since 1975, Ballard is involved with its operation and maintenance as well as the biosolids land application program. He is a Grade 4A NYS Certified Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. He holds an AAS degree in natural resources conservation from Finger Lakes Community College and attended SUNY Brockport, majoring in biology. Ballard also is a member of the AFSCME Council 66 - Local 1436A, holding several office positions and on past contract negotiating teams. Ballard resides in Albion with his wife, Laurie, and their two children.

NYWEA is a statewide, nonprofit organization of 2,300 environmental engineers and water quality management professionals that promotes clean water programs and related technical and public education. It also sponsors a scholarship program to encourage careers in science and engineering and supports humanitarian assistance to provide clean water. Headquartered in Syracuse, NY, the NYWEA has seven regional chapters, 12 college student chapters and is a Member Association of the international Water Environment Federation (WEF).

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