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The Maine Wastewater Control Association (MWWCA) kicked the year off recognizing the following people at the NEWEA 2005 Annual Conference for their contributions to water quality throughout Maine and New England:

- WEF Service Award - John Hart, Saco WWTP
- 2004 WEF Operations Challenge Competition, Pump Fiction, Pump Maintenance Event
- 2004 EPA New England Regional O&M Excellence Award Caribou Utility District, Medium Advanced Secondary Plant Category
- 2004 EPA State On-Site Technical Assistance Provider Award - MeDEP, Donald Albert, Dick Darling, Ken Jones, Sterling Pierce
- 2004 NEWEA Operator Award - Gary Stetson, Old Town WWTF
- 2004 NEWEA Alfred E. Peloquin Award - Janet Abrahamson, Thorndike, ME
- WEF Quarter Century Operators' Club - Allan Moir, Kennebunkport WWTF, Dennis Thayer, Wells Sanitary District

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Later this spring we participated in the Water Environment Federation's Annual Congressional Briefing on April 26th and 27th in Washington D.C. Attending this year's briefing on behalf of the MWWCA were Vivian Matkivich, President; Andy Rudzinski, Vice President; Greg Cataldo, NEWEA Government Affairs Committee Chair; and Howard Carter, NEWEA Maine State Director.

The congressional briefing included meetings with Maine's congressional representatives and senators. The group presented position papers on EPA's Blending Policy and Clean Water Federal Funding. Also, a framed Maine Clean Water Week poster was presented to each congressional official.

On Saturday, April 30th, MWWCA sent a new Operations Challenge team to Springfield, Massachusetts to take part in the NEWEA-sponsored Operations Challenge Training Day. The team went on to participate at the NEWEA spring conference in Ogunquit. The Operations Challenge always provides a fun and competitive atmosphere while allowing the teams throughout New England to showcase their skills and compete for the opportunity to advance to the national Operations Challenge at WEFTEC.

For more information on the MWWCA please visit the website at www.mwwca.org. ■