



# CHESTER WATER AUTHORITY

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### **Chester Water Authority's Russell C. Williams Recognized with the Samuel S. Baxter Award**

**Chester, PA** – Russell C. Williams, Executive Manager and Chief Engineer of the Chester Water Authority (CWA), received the Samuel S. Baxter Award of the Pennsylvania Section of the American Water Works Association at the state conference recently held in Hershey, Pennsylvania. This award is made in recognition of outstanding personal service in the water supply field and in commemoration of leadership in the development of safe public water facilities, the advancement of improved water supply practices, the promotion of a water works industry of high esteem and service to the American Water Works Association.

CWA is a regional authority which began in 1939 as the third municipal authority formed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Authority's facilities stretch from the Susquehanna River to the Delaware River. The Octoraro Treatment Plant has the capacity to treat 60 million gallons of water per day.

Mr. Williams (BS Civil Engineering, The Pennsylvania State University) has worked for CWA since 1978 and is a licensed professional engineer in Pennsylvania. Starting as a distribution engineer, Williams progressed through different positions assuming more responsibility to his current position as Executive Manager and Chief Engineer in 2007. Under Williams' leadership, prompt, courteous and quality service for CWA's 42,000 plus customers is a constant goal.

Williams served as the President of the Board of Directors of the Boys' and Girls' Club of Chester from 2007-2013; on the Institute of Economic Development Board since 2007; as President of Water Works Operators Association of PA during 1996-1997; as Chair of the PA Section of American Water Works Association (AWWA) during 2007-2008; and as Chair of the PA AWWA David Long Scholarship Committee from 2008-2015. He is the recipient of several other awards including the Rupert Koontz Memorial Scholarship Award (The Pennsylvania State University) in 1973; the Elton D. Walker Award (Water Works Operators Association of PA) from 1991-1994; the prestigious National AWWA George Warren Fuller Award in 2013, and the Delaware County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers Award (PSPE) in 2015. Mr. Williams is a resident of Concord Township.