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Minnesota Rural Water Association presents the Small Systems Achievement Award for Very Small Systems to Webster Water Association.

The Achievement Award for Very Small Systems

The criteria is for a system and/or person who have applied innovative ideas, inventions or procedures that have benefited the operation of a public water/wastewater system and/or its customer.

This is the ninth year that the Minnesota Rural Water Association has given out an achievement award to a nonmunicipal or noncommunity water or wastewater system.

This year's award goes to a water system that serves approximately 190 residents. This water system is owned by the residents and managed by a water association.

The operator of this water system has gone beyond the call of duty to operate this system. This community's wells were contaminated by a nearby agri-buisness. The project was placed on the MPCA's Superfund list. Two new wells were drilled and placed into operation. However, these wells were also high in contaminants and unsuitable for domestic use. After much work and perseverance by the water operator, another two new wells were drilled. Finally, after over ten years, the residents of this community have a safe water supply.

The residents of this small community owe this person a big "Thank You" for the years of dedication it took to provide them with safe drinking water. This water operator receives no payment for his service, but we recognize the value that he has provided.

The Board of Directors and the Staff of Minnesota Rural Water Association proudly presents the 2010 Annual Small System's Achievement Award to the Webster Water Association, Dwayne Harnack, water operator.

