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First Annual EOCP Operator of the Year Award

The EOCP has participated in an Operator of the Year recognition award for many years but has never had its own award. As the EOCP moves closer to a Professional Operator designation, it was decided to create such an award that recognizes a true leader among the certified Operators. The 2012 EOCP Operator of the Year Award is the first such award from EOCP that recognizes an individual Operator as the epitome of what it means to be an Operator.

For years it has been recognized that there are a few Operators in BC and Yukon who go above and beyond doing a good job; they provide an example for others of the many facets of being an Operator, particularly in supporting the activities of other Operators. They take extra training, they make the extra effort to support their fellow Operators, and teach others what they have learned through many years of working in the field. Often they encourage others to become more involved including attending training opportunities and pushed certification long before it was mandatory. They go out of their way to help everyone in the water and wastewater field, often at the expense of their own advancement or what would otherwise be their own personal time. They volunteer to help others, they make presentations, they serve on committees,



June Williams accepting award from EOCP President Mike Gosselin.

all while doing the things that are necessary to be considered “good at their job.”

The first EOCP Operator of the Year Award was presented to June Williams. June has been a tireless worker going above and beyond just doing a great job of operating her facilities and encouraging the growth of the Operators who work for her, other Operators in her area, participating in the first, First Nations Training Program at Thompson Rivers University, preparing a training course for the College of New Caledonia, and organizing a Water Awareness workshop for Tachet and the surrounding areas.

**Nominations
Deadline for the
EOCP Operator of
the Year Award
is March 31, 2013**