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New York Water Environment Association Recognizes Michael Glasgow, Michael Radano, and Malak Shafik of New York City Department of Environmental Protection with the Uhl T. Mann Award

Syracuse, NY – The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) honored Michael Glasgow, Michael Radano, and Malak Shafik of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection with the Uhl T. Mann Award. The award is given annually by the Association for excellence in treatment plant operations and maintenance.

Glasgow is a devoted wastewater operator, amassing over 32 years of experience with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. He embarked on his professional journey in 1989 as an environmental control technician and has served at various Water Resource Recovery Facilities (WRRFs), steadily progressing in his career. In March 2022, Glasgow was promoted to the position of plant chief at the Rockaway WRRF. Since assuming this role, he has demonstrated exceptional efforts in ensuring proper employee training and prioritizing safety as his foremost concern. Glasgow received the Uhl T. Mann Award for operation of a 10.1 – 50 MGD (million gallons per day) utility.

Radano is a diligent and conscientious wastewater operator with a commendable track record of over 7 years at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. He holds a notable certification as a Grade 4A Public Sewage Plant Operator granted by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Acting as assistant plant chief at Wards Island WRRF, Radano faces the complex task of overseeing various capital upgrades. In this role, he not only coordinates the construction work associated with these upgrades but also ensures a safe working environment, uninterrupted plant operations, and compliance with permits. Radano received the Uhl T. Mann Award for maintenance of a > 50 MGD utility.

Shafik brings over 21 years of dedicated experience to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. As a certified Grade 4A Public Sewage Plant Operator and NYS DEC Certified Trainer, he has excelled in various roles, starting as a watershed maintainer and progressing to positions such as senior sewage treatment worker and stationary engineer electric (SEE). As the deputy plant chief of operations at Wards Island WRRF, Shafik has implemented standard operating procedures and collaborates effectively with technicians to ensure efficient equipment repairs and minimal operational downtime. Shafik received the Uhl T. Mann Award for operations of a > 50 MGD utility.

About NYWEA: Founded in 1929 by professionals in the field of water quality as a nonprofit educational organization, NYWEA has 2,500 members statewide and hosts several technical conferences each year for environmental engineers, scientists, water resource recovery operators, public officials and others who work in water and wastewater quality management. In addition, NYWEA sponsors a scholarship program,

publishes *Clear Waters* – a quarterly educational magazine, administers wastewater operator training and certification, and supports humanitarian clean water projects. Headquartered in Syracuse, NYWEA has seven regional chapters, 15 college student chapters and is a Member Association of the international Water Environment Federation. For more information, please visit www.nywea.org.



Michael Glasgow



Michael Radano



Malak Shafik

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