

2010 Outstanding Stewards of America's Waters

The National Hydropower Association is pleased to recognize the exceptional programs and practices of three hydropower organizations through this year's Outstanding Stewards of America's Waters (OSAW) competition. This year's winners all have developed unprecedented, collaborative projects that expand the U.S. hydropower industry's work in providing clean, renewable energy.

Each year, NHA's selection panel, which includes representatives from all areas of the hydro industry, determines the OSAW winners based on each program's initial challenges, innovation, and results.

NHA is pleased to congratulate the 2010 OSAW winners: American Municipal Power, Chelan County Public Utility District #1, and New York Power Authority.



American Municipal Power **Safety Excellence**

Category: Operational Excellence

At American Municipal Power (AMP)'s Belleville Hydroelectric Plant/OMEGA JV5, located in Belleville, WV, a small staff has recently achieved an impressive 150,000 person-hours without a lost-time injury or reported incident. When this hydroelectric plant was created, the staff, with no hydro experience, developed a safety program that allowed them to realize this remarkable goal. The safety program will be implemented at AMP's new facilities. Visit <http://amppartners.org/> for more information.



Chelan County Public Utility District #1 **Chelan River Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Project**

Category: Recreational, Environmental, and Historical Enhancement

In relicensing the Lake Chelan Hydro Project, Chelan County PUD worked with stakeholders to review its environmental priorities. Through this process, the public utility developed the Chelan River Habitat and Restoration Project, which added about four acres of fish habitat and restored year-round flow to the Chelan River at 80 cubic feet per second, while preserving generating capacity and boosting salmon production. Visit <http://www.chelanpud.org/> for more information.



New York Power Authority **Niagara Power Project- Common Tern Habitat Improvement Project**

Category: Recreational, Environmental, and Historical Enhancement

New York Power Authority (NYPA) developed an innovative solution to provide a safe nesting place for common terns, a New York threatened species. NYPA created two gravel nesting beds for the birds, which provide 3,400 square feet of nesting space and support 550 new nests and more than 1,000 chicks. Visit <http://www.nyga.gov/news.html> for more information.

For more details on the 2010 OSAW winners, see www.outstandingwaters.org.