NSF International and the National Environmental Health Association have announced that Stephen R. Tackitt is the 2016 recipient of the Walter F. Snyder Environmental Health Award in recognition of more than 40 years of significant and lasting contributions to environmental and public health through leadership, education, public service, and work on consensus national standards. Tackitt retired in 2012 from the Barry-Eaton District Health Department in Charlotte, Mich., where he served as health officer for six years. Prior to that role, he served as the director of the Environmental Health Division of the Wayne County Health Department (Mich.) for nine years. Preceding his position in Wayne County, Tackitt served as a regional manager for NSF International for six years, where he was responsible for expansion of NSF’s audit and certification programs, customer service, staff training, and budget development.

Gayle Hagler and Elliott Zenick, employees of the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), are recipients of the 2016 Arthur S. Flemming Awards. They were selected for outstanding work performance, leadership, and their potential for continued excellence. Hagler was nominated for her leadership in research projects to quantify dynamic air pollution on a neighborhood scale. Zenick was nominated for leading the legal team that developed USEPA’s Clean Power Plan and the new program to control greenhouse gas emissions from existing power plants, one of the nation’s most important steps to address climate change. The award is named after Arthur S. Flemming, a federal employee who served in government for more than six decades and spanning seven administrations, including service as the secretary of health, education, and welfare under President Eisenhower.

Paul Gagliardo, manager of innovation development at American Water, participated in the Israel–California Water Conference on June 29 in Los Angeles, Calif. He joined other industry leaders on a panel to discuss the opportunities available for companies of the Israeli delegation to partner with the US market, clarify the main barriers to entry into the US market, and to describe the current challenges of the water industry.

In other company news, American Water announced recipients of the 25th annual James V. LaFrankie Scholarship Awards. The awards were distributed nationwide to nine college-bound children of full-time American Water employees. The scholarship award recipients are listed here:

- Taylor Harris, St. Louis, Mo.
- Earl Heim III, Somers Points, N.J.
- Elizabeth Macko, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
- Cristopher Mezzina, Jackson, N.J.
- Michael Paranch Jr. and Nicole Paranch, Mountain Top, Pa.
- Meredith Quinn, Doylestown, Pa.
- Wren Woodburn, Pontiac, Ill.

Six engineering professionals at Mott MacDonald recently received awards for their professional expertise. Rory Ball, a senior project manager based in the firm’s Cleveland, Ohio, office, was one of two winners of the Ralston Young Trenchless Achievement Awards, given by the North American Society for Trenchless Technology. Tom Batroney, a project engineer based in Mott MacDonald’s Pittsburgh, Pa., office, has been named Young Civil Engineer of the Year by the Pittsburgh section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Randy Essex, executive vice-president and director of professional excellence for Mott MacDonald in North America, has received the Golden Beaver award for engineering, given by a West Coast professional organization called The Beavers. Ron Sattan, a vice-president based in Iselin, N.J., was chosen for a 2015 STAR Award by Fiatech, an organization formed to identify research projects that have a breakthrough potential for the construction industry. Vatsal Shah, a senior project engineer based in Iselin, was one of the “Top 20 Under 40” young professionals honored by Engineering News-Record New York. Shawna von Stockhausen, a project engineer based in Cleveland, was named Outstanding Younger Engineer for Region 9 (California) by ASCE.

Anthony Hernandez has joined Asahi/America’s sales team. With nearly a decade of experience in the thermoplastics industry, Hernandez represents Asahi/America in eastern Pennsylvania; New Jersey; Maryland; Delaware; northern New Jersey; Maryland; Delaware; northern
Virginia; Washington, D.C.; and Long Island and New York City in New York.

**Dennis O. Lamb** recently retired from the Vallecitos Water District (San Marcos, Calif.) after more than 30 years of service there. Lamb began working at Vallecitos in 1982 as a temporary draftsman and months later was hired permanently as an engineering technician. He worked through various engineering positions and was promoted to general manager in 2010. Over the course of his career, Lamb advocated for water supply diversification strategies, such as the Carlsbad Desalination Plant. He was also involved in construction of the Twin Oaks Reservoir Tank No. 2, a 40-mil-gal underground water storage facility, and the redesign of the Meadowlark Water Reclamation Facility, both in the Vallecitos Water District.

**Sean E. O’Dell** has been appointed to lead Baxter & Woodman’s Civic Innovation & Infrastructure Group. The newly formed group combines water resources, infrastructure, plan review, and geospatial services to provide creative solutions by integrating technology applications with traditional engineering approaches. O’Dell joined Baxter & Woodman in 2002 and most recently held the position of infrastructure department manager.

McMillen Jacobs Associates has added several key staff. **Mark Funkhouser** joined the Cleveland, Ohio, office as a principal (geotechnical engineer). He has 30 years of international experience specializing in geotechnical and rock mechanics engineering. **Peter Raleigh** returns to McMillen Jacobs Associates as a lead associate in the Cleveland office. He has more than 23 years of experience in tunnel engineering. **James Wonneberg** joined the Seattle, Wash., office as a lead associate, providing support as resident engineer on the SR 99 Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project. **Brian Laush**, lead associate, has also joined the SR 99 Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project, providing project controls. **Doug Grimes** has joined the firm’s Vancouver (B.C., Canada) office as an associate. He has over 25 years of experience in technical and project management roles on hydropower, dam safety, mining, water supply, environmental, and reclamation projects. **Jae Bateman** joined the Sydney office as an associate, focusing on major tunneling works in Australia. He has worked extensively in mining and geotechnical engineering over the last 20 years in both underground and open-pit mining operations as a site technical manager.

American Water has named **Deborah Dewey** president of Indiana American Water and Michigan American Water. She most recently was the vice-president of operations for Indiana American Water and previously was president of the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville (Ind.), which created attraction, retention, and incubation projects. She also served as president of Western Kentucky Energy/LG & E. Dewey has owned and managed a company that installed municipal water system infrastructure and has provided independent consulting services in the areas of power generation, strategic planning, and cost optimization. Dewey started her career at Westinghouse Electric Corp. and also served as manufacturing and product general manager at General Electric Corp.

**Bill Weber** joined Westin Engineering as a senior consultant. He has more than 25 years of experience in customer-information-system implementation, mobile workforce management, outage management, work and asset management, and advanced metering/smart grid projects.

**Daniel G. Coleman** has been named area manager for the water practice in the Virginia Beach, Va., office of WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff. Coleman has 40 years of experience in water and wastewater consulting, 28 of which have been in Virginia. His areas of technical expertise include wastewater collection, transmission, treatment, and rehabilitation; water distribution, storage, and treatment; hazardous waste site investigation and remedial design; environmental compliance; and environmental management systems. Prior to joining WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff, he was vice-president for water with a nationwide engineering firm.

**OBITUARIES**

**W.R. Howard**, Chagrin Falls, Ohio

**James C. Nelson**, Ridgeland, Miss.; Fuller Award 2011

**Rex Shaffer**, Marshallville, Ohio