WASTEWATER DIVISION

MCUA Employees Honored for Industry Excellence at NJWEA Annual Conference

L to R: Jack Skutnik, Mickey Facendo, Lisa Oberreiter & Stephen Fincham

Wastewater Division May 2026 Statistics

- Average Influent flow-87.8 mgd
- Average Effluent TSS – 27 mg/l
- Average Effluent BOD – 20 mg/l
- Biosolids production –During May, MCUA produced 14,139 wet tons of filter cake, all of which was processed through the dryers resulting in 4,509 wet tons of class A product.

*Rainfall for the month was 2.89 inches as measured at the Treatment Plant.

At the 111th Annual John J. Lagrosa Conference and Exposition held by the New Jersey Water Environment Association in Atlantic City, several employees of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority were recognized for their outstanding service and contributions to the wastewater industry.

Steve Fincham, Laboratory Manager, received the Robert Rowe Award for Laboratory Analyst Excellence, which honors individuals for exceptional professionalism and contributions to water quality analysis. Mickey Facendo, Operations Superintendent, and Jack Skutnik, Operations Shift Supervisor, were inducted into the Quarter Century Operators Club in recognition of more than 25 years of dedicated service in wastewater treatment operations.

Lisa Oberreiter, Plant General Superintendent, was presented with the prestigious Harry P. Croft Award for her distinguished service to the Association and the field of water pollution control. In addition, Kim Smith, Senior Environmental Quality Scientist, and Oberreiter co-presented with TYLin during the Air Pollution Session. Their presentation, “Plan Ahead: Implementing an Odor Control Strategy for Middlesex County Utilities Authority,” highlighted proactive approaches to odor management and environmental stewardship.

NJWEA Annual Conference

Stephen Fincham with his Laboratory Excellence Award

L to R: Jack Skutnik and Mickey Facendo with their Quarter Century Operators Club awards and Stephen Fincham with his Laboratory Excellence Award

L to R: Lisa Oberreiter, Jessica Ping, PhD, PE, and Kimberly Smith presenting on "Plan Ahead: Implementing an Odor Control Strategy for Middlesex County Utilities Authority

SOLID WASTE DIVISION

MCUA Celebrates "Middlesex County Day"

Solid Waste Division

May 2026

Year	Monthly Tons	Cumulative Tons
2026	46,518	209,191
2025	47,583	202,303

An average of 288 trucks hauled an average of 1,861 tons of waste to the Landfill facility each day.

The Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA) proudly participated in **"Celebrate Middlesex County"** on June 13 at Roosevelt Park in Edison, New Jersey. The event brought together residents, County departments, and community partners to showcase the many programs, services, and resources available throughout Middlesex County.

Celebrate Middlesex County highlights the unique people, services, and initiatives that help make the County a vibrant place to live, work, and visit. Attendees enjoyed interactive exhibits, educational displays, and engaging activities designed for all ages.

The MCUA joined fellow County agencies and partners in connecting with residents, sharing information about its environmental and public service programs, and demonstrating its commitment to protecting public health and the environment. The event provided a valuable opportunity for community members to learn more about the essential services offered throughout Middlesex County while enjoying a day of family-friendly fun and entertainment.

Through events like Celebrate Middlesex County, the County continues to strengthen community connections and showcase the wide range of services and opportunities available to residents.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

JULY TRAINING: FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DEPT
JULY 7TH 2026	8 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM	ANNEX PARKING LOT	ALL WASTEWATER EMPLOYEES
JULY 9TH 2026	8 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM	ANNEX PARKING LOT	ALL WASTEWATER EMPLOYEES
JULY 14TH 2026	8 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM	ANNEX PARKING LOT	ALL WASTEWATER EMPLOYEES
JULY 16TH 2026	8 AM, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM	ANNEX PARKING LOT	ALL WASTEWATER EMPLOYEES

Welcome New Employees!

Anthony Vella – IT Technician
Colin Zuidema – IT Intern
Elizabeth Smetana – Maintenance Intern
Cassie Beale - Laboratory Technician Intern
Elliot Haber - Laboratory Technician Intern
Ceejay Alano - Laboratory Technician Intern
Evan Burkshot – Maintenance Intern
Gary Bronne – Instrumentation Technician

MCUA Awards Scholarships to Outstanding Students

The Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA) proudly recognized three exceptional graduating high school seniors this year with scholarships honoring their academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to environmental stewardship.

This year's scholarship recipients were **Mario Garcete** of South Amboy High School, **Andrew Machurov** of East Brunswick High School, and **Bhasha Patel** of Sayreville War Memorial High School. Each student was selected for demonstrating excellence and enthusiasm in Environmental Science, Science, Technology, or related trades, while also showing a strong commitment to community involvement and extracurricular activities.

A particularly meaningful moment this year was the renaming of the East Brunswick scholarship award to **"The Middlesex County Utilities Authority/Robert Leslie Environmental Stewardship Scholarship."** The award was renamed in honor of Robert Leslie, longtime Landfill Engineer for the MCUA, who retired last year after an outstanding 38-year career with the Authority.

The MCUA extends its sincere congratulations to all three scholarship recipients and wishes them continued success in their academic and professional journeys. Their hard work, dedication, and passion for making a positive impact in their communities are truly commendable, and the Authority looks forward to seeing all they accomplish in the years ahead.