

## City of Fort Lauderdale **STAR Winner - March, 2013**

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**Careem Carpenter  
Tom Fatout  
Adjew Gaskin  
Clarence Goodrich  
Melvin Howell**

**Eric Owens  
Basdeo Seegulam  
Mike Sherwood  
Adrian Smith  
Tony Williams**

Over the last seven years, personnel at the George T. Lohmeyer Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant have persevered through difficult times and always with a positive can do attitude.

Debris removal equipment was installed but did not perform as anticipated. This created additional work increasing the frequency of ongoing maintenance fourfold and at times even on a daily basis. In order to perform concurrent work on the raw wastewater wetwell and influent channels, a bypass piping and valve system was installed to allow for the rehabilitation of large diameter piping and concrete structures.

Many times during grinder failures, the temporary valves had to be closed manually, units had to be pressure washed, and rags pulled manually, to restore operation of the grinders. The temporary piping and valves were originally meant to be in place for a total of six months while the concrete rehabilitation took place in the plants pre-treatment building. However, due to the impact of having to place 1,500 feet of a 54 inch pipe with a new pipe entering the plant, the temporary by-pass valves and piping were in place for twenty-one months.

The employees involved showed exemplary stamina, endurance, perseverance, and patience in dealing with a very long and arduous period of extreme physical effort in hazardous conditions at all times of day. Their extreme efforts helped maintain the high treatment standards of the wastewater facility.

All of the necessary work to replace the equipment and components has been completed.

It gives us great pleasure to present Tom, Careem, Adjew, Clarence, Melvin, Eric, Basdeo, Mike, Adrian, and Tony the STAR of the month for March for their hard work and can do attitude under extreme conditions. Their efforts are valued and appreciated.

