



Distinction in Reclamation Award

Criteria

This award is intended to recognize a specific project in which a company has demonstrated excellence in reclamation design, implementation, and overall success (above and beyond the regulatory criteria and requirements) resulting in the conservation of the ecosystem and natural resources. The company must have completed the nominated project within the last three years, and it needs to involve a significant land area or environmental problem. This award includes a complimentary conference registration for the nominee and nominator.

Eligibility

Nominators must be members of the American Society of Reclamation Sciences (ASRS). The nominee does not have to be a member of ASRS. Members of the Awards Committee are not eligible to nominate or be nominated during their tenure on the Committee. The specific project being nominated must demonstrate state-of-the-art or development of state-of-the-art reclamation technology.

Nomination Format

Cover Page

1. Title: Title the document "Nomination of _____ for the Distinction in Reclamation Award," inserting the name of the company in the blank.
2. Nominee: Include the company name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.
3. Nominator: Include name, title, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.
4. Nominations for this award must be a company responsible for the ecological disturbance reclamation project.

Documentation of Nominee

1. Describe the nature of the nominated project. Details of the nomination should include: time frame of project (years), size of the project area, detailed natural resources involved in the project (i.e., riparian/aquaculture, wildlife habitat, cropland, forestry, etc.), success, criteria, and explanation of the steps involved in the development of the project and description of why it is considered "excellence" in the field of reclamation.
2. List any honors (local, regional, national, or international) that the nominee has received for their reclamation program(s) and successes in the past ten years. List awards chronologically and describe the nature of each award.
3. List the personnel involved with the nominated project providing their names, titles, and responsible part of the project.

Justification

A narrative statement not to exceed two single spaced pages should identify and summarize the major parts/systems of the project. It should document how this project is considered to demonstrate superior reclamation in the field of land and water disturbances.

Supporting Letters

Three supporting letters should be included that describe and support the project for this recognition. The letters should describe specific characteristics and qualities of the project that qualify it to be considered "Excellence in Reclamation." The letters should not include company representatives but rather state and national reclamation enforcement agencies, landowners, stakeholders, or environmental organizations. At least one of the letters of support must come from a state or federal regulatory agency or representative of that agency that is familiar with the project and company being nominated. The letter writer(s) do not need to be members of ASRS; however, letters cannot be written by members of the Awards Committee.

General information

The nomination must be sent to the Awards Committee Chair as a Word or PDF document and all supporting letters must be part of the nomination file. Nominations for this award cannot exceed ten pages to ensure that all nominations receive an equitable evaluation.

A single photo representing the project may be included in the submission for reference and may be used for the background of the plaque given with this award.