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The Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District operations team earned the 2021 Operations Award winner for Wisconsin from the Central States Water Environment Association.

## Heart of the Valley MSD earns regional operations award

The Central States Water Environment Association has named the Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District and its director, Brian Helminger, as the 2021 Operations Award winner for Wisconsin.

The Operations Award is given annually to a wastewater treatment plant operator in recognition of outstanding performance in a wide range of categories, including treatment efficiency, facility upkeep and maintenance, safety in-service training, community outreach and general administration.

"This is great recognition for our wastewater operations serving Kaukauna, Little Chute, Kimberly,

Combined Locks and the Darboy Sanitary District," Helminger said. "While my name is listed on the award as district director, this is an award that recognizes the work and dedication of our entire team. The District has a great staff of wastewater professionals led by our Director of Operations and Maintenance, Kevin Skogman. That makes it easy for me as the District Director."

CSWEA covers Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin with membership including civil, design and environmental engineer, biologists, chemists, local and state government officials, treatment plant managers and operators, lab technicians, environmental scientists, and others.

"We are proud to be able to provide this important service to our communities," Helminger added. "We are grateful to be able to do this and be recognized for our efforts in providing cost-effective wastewater collection and treatment."

Established in 1974, the Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District provides cost-effective wastewater collection and treatment for its member communities while protecting public health, safety and the quality of the environment. Member communities include the city of Kaukauna, the villages of Little Chute, Kimberly and Combined Locks, and the Darboy Sanitary District.