

50 years of Short Course at Mississippi State University

Water and Sewer Works Operators Short Course

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"Retirement Banquet Honors Prof Williford"

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Article Details

Joined MSU in 1947; Interested in Sanitary Engineering, Prof has been a pioneer in water supply, wastewater treatment, and pollution control field in the south. 20 years ago, few people were concerned with pollution or ecology, but Prof Williford was conducting extensive research on sewage lagoon to determine their effectiveness as a treatment process for domestic and industrial wastes in MS.

Prof Williford was an active member in the MSPE, ASCE, NSPE, ASEE, AWWA, MSIWA, and Tau Beta Pi Honorary. Was recipient of George Warren Fuller Award AL-MS AWWA.

The idea of the water and pollution control operators short course, first offered at MSU in 1954, was developed by Prof Williford to provide the trained manpower needed for the proper operation of water and wastewater treatment facilities. These short courses were sponsored by the civil engineering department in cooperation with other state agencies.

Prof Williford also saw a need for an organization for the water and wastewater operators and helped organize the Mississippi Water and Pollution Control Operator Association Inc. Annual conferences were held on campus due to his planning and participation. This was done above and beyond his already full schedule. He held titles of Full Professor at MSU, head of graduate study in sanitary engineering, and associate head of the department of civil engineering.