

The Business of Water – Trends Impacting Service Quality and Sustainability



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Bio:
John Young joined the American Water System in 1977 as the Director of Water Quality for the Eastern Division. He held increasingly responsible positions in engineering and water quality and in 1991 was named Vice President – Engineering. In this position, he was responsible for planning, capital program delivery, operational enhancements and employee development. Mr. Young has been active in and held leadership positions in a number of professional and civic organizations. Mr. Young has more than 25 years of experience in the planning, design, construction management and operation of water and wastewater systems. He has also provided expert testimony and lectures in those areas. During 2000 and 2001, Mr. Young was the integration lead for the major acquisition of Citizens Water Resources.

John Young is Chief Operating Officer (COO) of American Water and holds a seat on the company's Board of Directors. He was responsible for a wide range of corporate functions, including identifying and implementing operational improvements; managing the Americas Region capital program; and directing risk management in the areas of health and safety, security and event management. He was also responsible for environmental compliance, management, and stewardship; engineering; research and technology; and assessment of commercial and growth initiatives.

Young is an active member of several professional organizations, including a Board Member of the Design/Build Institute of America and past New Jersey AWWA Section Chair and Fuller Awardee. He also serves on the USEPA National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC).