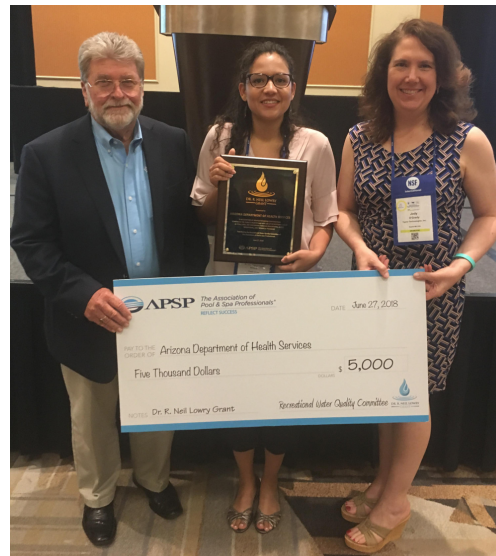




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(Left to Right: Kenneth Gregory, Pentair Water Quality Systems; Ginny De La Cruz, Arizona Department of Health Services and Jody O'Grady, Taylor Technologies, Inc.)

**DR. R. NEIL LOWRY GRANT TO ADVANCE WATER SAFETY AWARENESS**  
***Arizona Department of Health Services Awarded \$5,000 Grant***

**(ALEXANDRIA, VA)** - The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals has awarded the 2018 Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant to the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) at the National Environmental Health Association's 2018 Annual Education Conference & Exhibition and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Healthy Homes Conference.

Given in the memory of Dr. Robert Neil Lowry, a long-time member of APSP and the Recreational Water Quality

Committee (RWQC), this \$5,000 grant honors a public health official or department who has made outstanding contributions to advance the public's health and safe use of recreational water in pools, spas and waterparks through educational, safety, operational, and technical programs.

In addition to soliciting entries from public health officials each year for the Dr. R. Neil Lowry Memorial Grant, APSP's RWQC develops and maintains verifiable science-based information regarding sanitization technology and chemical products, for use in pools, spas and hot tubs. The committee also writes the American National Standards Institute/APSP-11 Standard for Water Quality in Public Pools and Spas and the chemical and sanitation sections for all of the ANSI/APSP standards.

Communicable Disease Investigator, Ginny De La Cruz, accepted the award from Jody O'Grady, director of sales operations at Taylor Technologies, Inc. and member of the RWQC. The check was presented by Kenneth Gregory, compliance and safety manager at Pentair Water Quality Systems and member of the APSP RWQC.

The grant will allow the Arizona Department of Health Services to continue to educate the public about waterborne illnesses and prevention through printing of health education materials, such as the Healthy Swimming activity book and promotion of their Healthy Swimming Contest.

"Through educating children and families about waterborne illnesses and prevention, we are able to make differences in people's lives," said Communicable Disease Investigator, Ginny De La Cruz. "On behalf of the Arizona Department of Health Services, we are honored to receive this award to continue our efforts to promote healthy & safe swimming awareness."

"Promoting the safe enjoyment of water is something that we continually work towards," said APSP President & CEO Lawrence Caniglia. "We are excited that the Arizona Department of Health Services will be using the grant to advance water safety initiatives and promote water safety awareness in children and families."

Past winners of the Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant include: Quechan Parks & Recreation, 2017; Riverside County California Department of Health, 2016; Columbus Public Health, 2015; Middlesex-London Health Unit of London, Ontario, 2014; Brevard County Environmental Health Services Department, 2013; Sacramento County Environmental Management Department, 2012; Alexandria Health Department, 2011; City of Houston, 2010; and City of Plano, 2009.

For more information about the Dr. R. Neil Lowry Grant visit [APSP.org/Lowry](https://www.apsp.org/Lowry).

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