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## MWRD Principal Civil Engineer Lou Storino participates in Singapore International Water Week



*In the photo: MWRD Principal Civil Engineer Lou Storino pictured at the NEWater Plant in Changi, Singapore earlier this month.*

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Principal Civil Engineer Lou Storino recently participated in Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) 2014. He was the recipient of a scholarship sponsored by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), the Water Environment Federation (WEF), and the Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF). This conference provides a global stage for water professionals to communicate innovative solutions for the integration of sustainable water management strategies within the urban planning processes.

During his trip, Storino toured the Changi Water Reclamation Plant and Sembcorp NEWater Plant. The NEWater

Plant treats Changi's sewage using state of the art microfiltration and reverse osmosis systems designed for optimum energy efficiency. Following those steps, the water passes through ultra violet disinfection, creating a high quality effluent so clean that it is used to supply the potable water reservoirs.

Storino was the recipient of a scholarship which covered travel, lodging, and registration fees for the conference. "Attending Singapore International Water Week offered me a global perspective of water related issues," said Storino. "Although we may be in different parts of the world, water issues are much the same. What is of value is the unique solutions used to address the problem which can be offered as best practices and replicated across the globe. The slogan used by Singapore's Water Utility, PUB, offers a good global perspective on the state of water: 'Water for All: Conserve, Value, Enjoy.'"

NACWA's Executive Director Ken Kirk said that "global innovation is essential to becoming the utility of the future. By promoting international exchange at SIWW, we hope to accelerate technology transfer and create an understanding of innovative policy options."

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