

## Wastewater plant manager recognized by state

**KEY LARGO** — Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District plant operator Jered Primicerio has received the David B. Lee Wastewater Award from the Florida Water and Pollution Control Operator's Association.

The award has been given annually since 1964 to one plant operator in the state. Recipients are nominated by others by filling out a narrative questionnaire and listing admirable qualities of the operator.

Based on FWPCOA's criteria for the award, Primicerio was chosen based on the aesthetic housekeeping at the plant, preventative maintenance programs, training, public relations, leadership and compliance with state and federal regulations.

"This is big for me, this makes me proud," Primicerio said. "I love working for the district, and when one of us wins, we all win."

Primicerio will travel to West Palm Beach Monday, April 24, to receive the award.

The plant, located at mile marker 100.5, oceans-

ide, beams with fresh paint and manicured landscaping, and all maintenance vehicles are kept clean. The inside lab is organized with systematic testing protocols and log sheets. These are just a few tasks that Primicerio and his crew of four take pride in doing regularly.

Erica Latker, a process engineer with Hawkins Inc. with more than 30 years of working with wastewater operators, nominated Primicerio. She said Primicerio's enthusiasm stands out to her.

"He is outstanding at his job. He really cares about it and it shows. His heart is in it," Latker said. "Jered does a lot of public outreach, he works with high school seniors and awards them apprenticeships, he trains other operators who have succeeded well into the field. He gives back to the community."



**Primicerio**