

# Career Profiles:

## *Water Jobs are Essential!*



### **Abner Bido, Operations & Maintenance Technician**



“In July 2018, my family and I moved to Allentown from Puerto Rico to begin my career with Lehigh County Authority. My daily job involves maintaining several of our smaller treatment plant, addressing any problems or repairs that may arise. I perform technical troubleshooting and repair work on relays, transformers, timers, chlorinators, chlorinator pumps, and more.”

Abner holds a state-issued operator’s license for water treatment.

### **Phil DePoe, Senior Planning Engineer**

“In my role as Senior Planning Engineer, I help ensure LCA has adequate water supply and wastewater capacity to address current and future customer demands. Through focus on regional collaboration and planning, my work supports the growth and economic vitality of the Lehigh Valley.”



Phil holds a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University and an MBA from DeSales University.

### **Steve Lettko, Assistant Water Filtration Plant Manager**

“I oversee the daily operations and a team of operators and maintenance employees at the water filtration plant. The plant produces between 22 to 25 million gallons of water each day, serving about 200,000 people. I enjoy being able to listen to employee ideas and find ways to make positive changes in the workplace.



Steve grew up in Allentown and graduated from Dieruff High School. He holds state-issued operator’s licenses for water and wastewater treatment.

**Dale Swoyer Jr., SCADA Analyst**



“In my 14-year career at LCA I have held several positions in different departments. In my current role as a SCADA Analyst, (SCADA is Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) I help to ensure our water systems can be accurately monitored and controlled through our SCADA system. We use the system to continuously monitor our wells, reservoirs, and pumps on a real-time basis so we can ensure reliable service to all customers.”

Dale is an Allentown native, graduated from William Allen High School, and is currently taking classes at Penn State Berks.

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