

Ellis B. Cowling Lifetime Achievement Award – Doug Burns

Doug Burns began his career at the U.S. Geological Survey in 1984 after completing a Master's Degree at the University of Virginia under the tutelage of Dr. James Galloway. Doug established himself at the forefront of watershed acid deposition research during the late '80s and early '90s. In 1999, Doug completed his Ph.D. at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Doug has published more than 130 papers and reports, including the 2011, *National Acid Precipitation Assessment Program Report to Congress*.

Doug Burns became involved with NADP early in his career at first attending the scientific meetings and then becoming part of the NADP family through participation at the technical meetings, committee membership and participating in laboratory and Program Office reviews. He was a member of the committee that made the selection of the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene as the new NADP Program Office and labs and put in many hours to assure a smooth transition from the University of Illinois. Doug, of course, served a rotation through the executive committee as Secretary, Vice-chair and Chair, and during the last 5 years of his career he served as the USGS NADP Program Coordinator. In that position he also served as chair of the Budget committee for 5 years. Doug has a vast breadth of knowledge, he is dedicated, he is easy to work with and he brings a calm steady determination that fosters a sense of collegiality and collaboration by which NADP has greatly benefited. (Mike McHale, USGS)

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions and lifetime of achievement, I am honored to present Doug Burns this prestigious award.