

Van Bowersox Meritorious Service Award – Mark Olson

It is with great honor that I present Mark Olson for the Van Bowersox Meritorious Service Award. Mark's exemplary leadership and tireless dedication during his time with the NADP Program Office have had a transformative impact on environmental monitoring, specifically in his work advocating for, designing, and implementing the Atmospheric Mercury Network (AMNet). His vision and persistence were instrumental in the establishment of AMNet, which has become a cornerstone of atmospheric mercury monitoring in North America.

Through his leadership, Mark has successfully advanced the scientific understanding of mercury deposition and its impacts on ecosystems and public health. His contributions have significantly enhanced the capacity for long-term, high-quality data collection, making the network a vital resource for researchers, policymakers, and environmental stewards.

In addition to his pioneering work with AMNet, Mark played an essential role in the smooth and effective transition of the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) Program Office to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene. This complex and highly sensitive process required a deep understanding of the NADP's mission and operations, as well as outstanding organizational and diplomatic skills. Mark navigated this transition with precision and care, ensuring that the program maintained its momentum while enhancing its operational efficiency.

Mark's invaluable contributions to environmental science and his unwavering commitment to the mission of NADP make him an ideal candidate for the Van Bowersox Meritorious Service Award. His work has left a lasting legacy in the field of atmospheric science, and his leadership continues to inspire those around him.

In recognition of his service, leadership, and lasting contributions, I am proud to present Mark Olson this prestigious award.