



Falkowski/Seguin Award

This award is given to local unions for outstanding work in environmental protection. It is named for two USW union members and staff, who together built environmental activism into the union's work in Ontario during the 1960s and 70s.

2015 USW Local Union 9477, District 12

On Feb. 5, 2014 an underground fire broke out. The DOE had never provided mine rescue training on the grounds that the facility is not technically a mine. Fortunately, several USW members were former miners. At personal risk, they safely evacuated their coworkers, although some suffered smoke inhalation. The fire led to a radiation release that is still under investigation. The radiation was mostly confined underground, but some escaped to the surface. A large release could be an environmental disaster, contaminating the surrounding area for thousands of years. The local has fought to be part of the investigation and to ensure that it results in an accurate and comprehensive understanding of the accident and what must be done to protect workers, the public and the environment.

2013 USW Local Union 6163

**2012 USW Local Union 480
USW Local Union 13-750**

2010 USW Local Union 13-1647

**2007 USW Local Union 6166
USW Local Union 12-675**

**2004 USW Local Union 12775
Master Contract Local Unions at Allegheny Ludlum Technologies, Inc.**

**2002 USWA Local Union 5795
USWA Local Union 329**