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## **RALPH E. KLESIOUS RECEIVES RODNEY D. CHIPP MEMORIAL AWARD**

Ralph E. Klesius, Senior Vice President, Delmarva Power & Light Company is a 1993 recipient of the Society of Women Engineers' Rodney D. Chipp Memorial Award. Established in 1967, the award recognizes a man or company who has contributed significantly to the acceptance and advancement of women in the engineering profession and who has created an environment supportive to women in the engineering field.

Klesius has played an instrumental role both as a corporate officer and as a personal mentor in his company's hiring and promotions of women engineers. He has worked directly with a number of regional engineering universities to encourage women in engineering programs, has aided women engineering students to obtain summer employment at Delmarva, and was instrumental in the establishment of the Delmarva Power Scholarship for women and minorities. He has encouraged the participation and professional development of women engineers in professional engineering societies, and particularly notable are his activities related to removing obstacles to women's full participation and acceptance in the work force.

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is a non-profit educational service organization of graduate engineers and women and men with equivalent engineering experience. SWE has an international membership of more than 15,000 women and men with sections in 77 areas of the United States and Puerto Rico.

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