

Academy Lauds Gordon

The American Academy of Sanitarians meeting in Grand rapids, Michigan, during the NEHA Annual Educational Conference, recognized the Professional accomplishments of Larry J. Gordon, Albuquerque, New Mexico with presentation of the Davis Calvin Wagner Sanitarian Award. The award plaque and \$500 monetary reward is made possible through a gift from former Surgeon General Carruth Wagner.

Larry Gordon has been in the forefront of environment and health activities since the early 1950s, being credited with creation of the nation's first local environmental health department in Albuquerque. He was instrumental in passage of state legislation authorizing municipal health departments, the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act, the New Mexico Water Pollution Control Act, among others. His vision resulted in the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division, the New Mexico Scientific Laboratory System, and the New Mexico Health and Environment Department, all of which he served in leadership capacity. In Albuquerque where he now serves as director of the Environmental Health and Energy Department he has been instrumental in developing the municipal hazardous waste program. He served as President of the American Public Health Association in 1980. He is a former NEHA Waiter S. Mangold Award winner and has also received the National Sanitation Foundation Walter Snyder Award. .: