

## **DR. RICHARD KRAMER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE - 2026**

### **Award Objective**

The Dr. Richard J. Kramer, CEP, Memorial Award for Environmental Excellence was established by the Academy of Board Certified Environmental Professionals (ABCEP) to recognize extraordinary achievements of individuals in the environmental profession who have already received their Certified Environmental Professional (CEP) credential. We are requesting nominations from you, your company, or agency describing outstanding environmental contributions from professionals. Self-nominations are allowed.

### **Memorial Award History**

Dr. Kramer's involvement in ABCEP spanned more than two decades. He earned his CEP designation in 1982 and served on the Academy's Certification Review Board from 1985 to 1999. In 1999, he became the first ABCEP President. Dr. Kramer began his career in the environmental profession in 1972. For many years, he was head of the environmental planning and National Environmental Policy Act Office for the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base in California.

The award was presented for the first time in 2004, to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of the CEP credential by the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP). The objective of the award is to nationally recognize extraordinary achievements, leadership, and spirit of CEPs. View past Kramer Award recipients at <https://www.abcep.org/awards.php>.

## **NOMINATING INFORMATION**

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**Eligibility:** CEPs in good standing for at least 7 years.

### **Submittal:**

- Brief biography and resume or curriculum vitae, with complete contact information (name, mailing address, email, and phone).
- A narrative that illustrates the candidate's professionalism, leadership, connection to the ABCEP and dedication to the CEP credential, commitment to collaboration, description of significant accomplishments, and significant environmental benefits of the candidate's work.
- Supporting information may be provided in the form of references containing personal testimonies or corroboration of professional experiences; or achievements, commendations from employers, other professional associations or societies; governmental and/or private sector groups.
- Letters of support that provide content pertaining to the candidate's achievements, contributions, and/or technical excellence.
- Documents or exhibits that the candidate chooses to illustrate support for his/her nomination.
- Send the nominations in a .PDF format to [Office@ABCEP.org](mailto:Office@ABCEP.org).

**Review:**

- The ABCEP Board of Trustees Awards Task Force reviews and evaluates the nominations using a weighted scoring matrix.
- More than one award may be given each year.
- Phone interviews may be scheduled.

**Schedule:**

- Nomination period for the 2026 Dr. Richard Kramer Memorial Award opens March 2, 2026. Nomination period closes April 5, 2026.
- Candidate selected by the ABCEP Board of Trustees Awards Task Force on or about April 24, 2026.
- The award, a 0.999 fine silver medallion and engraved plaque, will be announced and presented to the recipient at the [2026 NAEP Annual Conference May 11-14](#).
- A full-length feature of the award recipient will be circulated via email to the ABCEP distribution list.
- The recipient will also be honored on the ABCEP website.

**Nomination Contact Information:**

<b>Candidate Name:</b> Email address: Contact phone number: Mailing address:	
<b>Date of Nomination:</b>	
<b>Name of Nominator:</b> Email address: Contact phone number: Mailing address:	

**Names of ABCEP members who support this nomination:**

Name 1: Email address: Contact phone number:	
Name 2: Email address: Contact phone number:	