



## Middlesex Water Company Selected as 2016 Finalist in NYSE Governance Services' Leadership Awards

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ISELIN, N.J., March 29, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Middlesex Water Company (Nasdaq:MSEX), a provider of water and wastewater and related services primarily in New Jersey and Delaware, has been selected as a finalist in the Third Annual NYSE Governance, Risk & Compliance Leadership Awards by the New York Stock Exchange. Under the leadership of Jay L. Kooper, Vice President – General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, Middlesex Water was recognized as a finalist in two categories: Best In-House Legal Team at a Small to Mid-Cap Company and Distinguished General Counsel. As a finalist, Middlesex Water will attend the NYSE Governance Services' Leadership Awards Gala on June 8, 2016 at Cipriani Wall Street, where all category winners will be announced. Middlesex Water was honored by the NYSE in 2015 as a Finalist in the category of Best Governance, Risk & Compliance at a Small to Mid-Cap Company.

The Leadership Awards recognize “outstanding companies and individuals who have demonstrated noteworthy efforts in the areas of governance, risk and compliance, and underscore the role that corporate governance plays in dictating a company’s success and a board’s contribution to long term value,” according to NYSE Governance Services.

The Best In-House Legal Team at a Small to Mid-Cap Company award recognizes legal teams that have met legal, ethical, and compliance challenges with the utmost integrity and know-how. The Distinguished General Counsel award recognizes noted achievements made by an inside counsel who has served a company during the last five years. “We’re honored to be recognized in two categories for our efforts to institute and manage policies and programs that have increased corporate transparency and accountability to shareholders, regulators and customers. We congratulate Jay and his team for their good work and are grateful for this independent validation of the high quality of our team’s efforts,” said Dennis W. Doll, President and CEO.

### About Middlesex Water Company

Organized in 1897, Middlesex Water provides regulated and unregulated water and wastewater utility services in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania through various subsidiary companies. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit the Company’s Web site at [www.middlesexwater.com](http://www.middlesexwater.com) or call (732) 634-1500.

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