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## **Middlesex Water Company to Invest \$3.7 Million To Upgrade Water Infrastructure in Colonia**

*Iselin, NJ* (May 22, 2008) – Middlesex Water Company plans to invest \$3.7 million in 2008 in its RENEW Program, a rehabilitative effort to clean and line previously unlined water mains, beginning in late May. In addition, the Company will be replacing certain water mains, valves and fire hydrants in the designated RENEW area, where necessary.

The Company plans to upgrade 38,000 linear feet of water main in the Colonia Section of Woodbridge, which will enhance water quality and improve water flows in Woodbridge Township. Areas targeted for this year's program include water mains under streets west of Saint Georges Avenue, east of Route 27, and north of So. McKinley Street and Elm Street. The work will affect individual streets in the project area for a period of 2-3 months.

“Our RENEW program entails carefully planned, targeted investment in our water distribution infrastructure to ensure the continued delivery of quality water at adequate pressures to our customers,” said Dennis Doll, President and CEO of Middlesex Water. “This is a long term commitment. We have conducted this annual program for the past 14 years and, over time, we intend to upgrade the 112 miles of remaining unlined water main in our 732-mile distribution system in Middlesex County, New Jersey,” added Doll.

The RENEW Program involves cleaning accumulated harmless mineral deposits from older sections of cast iron pipe and installing a new cement lining. The project essentially helps to extend the life of older pipe and helps to improve overall water quality and service while strengthening the water distribution infrastructure. Middlesex Water finances the RENEW Program through low-cost, state revolving funds offered through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust.

To ensure uninterrupted water service during the project, Middlesex Water will install temporary service including fire hydrants and water service connections aboveground and

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maintain this system while the mains are being cleaned and lined. Aboveground piping will be visible along the curbs on both sides of the street. The program may require that water personnel enter customers' homes and customers are reminded to ask for credentials from utility personnel prior to allowing them entry. Customers may also call the Company at (732) 634-1500 to verify utility representative authenticity. Customers affected by the RENEW Program will receive direct notice from the company.

The RENEW Program should not interfere with the delivery of water. Customers can expect to receive continuous water service, except for the few minutes when service is being transferred to and from temporary lines, or when maintenance on the temporary line is required.

Anyone with questions about the RENEW Program or those experiencing extended interruption of service as a result of work being done should call Middlesex Water Company at 732-634-1500 and ask to speak with a RENEW program representative.

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