



**For Immediate Release**

## **Water Mains in Colonia, NJ to Receive \$3.8 Million Upgrade by Middlesex Water Company**

*Iselin, NJ* (May 29, 2014) – Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX) has announced that a \$3.8 million project to clean and line aging water mains and replace valves, fire hydrants and water service lines has begun in Colonia, NJ as part of its annual RENEW program. The Company also plans to upsize some smaller mains, as needed, to increase pressure and flows in the area.

The Company has started the project and intends to clean and line a total of 25,800 linear feet of 6-inch and 8-inch water main. The project also includes replacing 2,500 linear feet of 6” main with 8” as well as 27 hydrants, 65 line valves and 120 non-copper services. RENEW project completion is expected by the fall of 2014. Individual streets in the project area are expected to be affected for a period of 2-3 months. Additional information, updates and a project area map can be found at [www.middlesexwater.com/about-us/investing-in-our-infrastructure](http://www.middlesexwater.com/about-us/investing-in-our-infrastructure)

In the RENEW Program, to ensure uninterrupted water service to customers, Middlesex Water crews erect and install a temporary above-ground water service including hydrants and service connections while the water mains underground are being cleaned and lined. The cleaning process removes harmless mineral deposits that have accumulated in older sections of cast iron pipe. After the pipe is cleaned, a new cement lining is installed.

The program may require that water personnel enter customers’ homes. Customers are strongly reminded to ask for credentials from utility personnel prior to allowing them entry and, for added security, should contact Middlesex Water Company at (732) 634-1500 to verify the authenticity of the utility representative at their door. Customers directly affected by the RENEW Program will receive notice from the Company’s contractor.

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. Middlesex Water accesses state revolving funds offered through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust to help fund the project.

Anyone with questions about the RENEW Program should call Middlesex Water Company at 732-634-1500 and ask to speak with a RENEW program representative.

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