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**TIDEWATER AWARDS BEST
SCIENCE FAIR WATER PROJECTS**

Dover, DE March 18, 2016 – Tidewater Utilities, Inc. (Tidewater) a water utility serving over 43,000 businesses and residences throughout Delaware, recently honored several young students for their outstanding water-related projects in the 2016 Sussex County Science Fair.

Tidewater has participated in this event for the past 16 years, judging and awarding the student with “The Best Water-Related Project,” presented each year at the Science Fair.

“We’ve long had a relationship with the Sussex County Science Fair because we want to support young people’s career interests in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM),” said Gerard L. Esposito, President of Tidewater. “These types of events help students explore their theories, conduct analyses, hone their presentation skills and learn how to manage projects – all tools that will help them to succeed in their future careers. Their projects are inspirational and we’re delighted to be recognizing them for their scientific interest in water resources,” added Esposito.

Tidewater presented gift card awards to the following students:

First Place Winner - \$300 Gift Card

Student: Ben Koly, Grade 6
Project title: “Saline Tolerant Permaculture Gardening”.
Teacher: Lorraine Jordin
School: Millsboro Middle School

Second Place Winner - \$250 Gift Card

Student: Ronan Dutton, Grade 8
Project title: “The Effects of Acid Rain on Metals”
Teacher: Kathleen Fisher
School: Mariner Middle School

Third Place Winner - \$150 Gift Card

Student: Bridget Cosgrove
Project: “Moon Phase vs. Suspended H2O Particles”
Teacher: Lauren Hvorecny
School: Sussex Academy

Tidewater is committed to providing quality water, to investing in its infrastructure, to rigorously testing its water supplies and to educating the public about the value of a clean and plentiful

drinking water supply. For additional information about Tidewater Utilities, Inc., please visit the Company's website at www.tuiwater.com Tidewater is a subsidiary of Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX).



First Place Winner Ben Koly from Millsboro Middle School: Photographed: L-R: Principal, Dr. Renee Jerns, Science Teacher Lorraine Jordin, Jerry Esposito, Ben Koly and Ms. Koly.



Second Place Winner: Ronan Dutton from Mariner Middle School. Photographed: L-R: Science Teacher, Kathleen Fisher, Ronan Dutton & Jerry Esposito



Third Place Winner: Bridget Cosgrove from Sussex Academy School. Photographed L-R: Jerry Esposito, Bridget Cosgrove and Science Teacher Lauren Hvorecny

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