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TIDEWATER AWARDS BEST SCIENCE FAIR WATER PROJECTS

Dover, DE March 6, 2018 – 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 2018 Sussex County Science Fair. Tidewater has participated in this event for the past 18 years, judging and awarding the students with "The Best Water-Related Project," presented each year at the Science Fair.

"Tidewater is committed to supporting young people's career interests in the sciences. Our work force is comprised of dozens of employees who have a wide range of scientific backgrounds and experience. Because our company is particularly focused on southern Delaware, we have supported the Sussex County Science Fair for almost two decades," said Gerard L. Esposito, President of Tidewater. "We hope these future scientists will find professional careers in the Sussex County region and help protect our valuable natural resources," added Esposito.

Tidewater presented gift card awards to the following students:

First Place Winner - \$300 Gift Card

Student: Molly Dopler, Grade 8 Project title: "Lower Your Salt" Teacher: Lauren Hvorecny School: Sussex Academy

Second Place Winner - \$250 Gift Card

Student: Jack Wiggins, Grade 8 Project title: "Which Metal Resists Acid Rain Best?" Teacher: Jacob Kee School: Mariner Middle School

Third Place Winner - \$150 Gift Card

Student: Ellis Jack, Grade 6 Project: "Totally Tubular" Teacher: Jennifer Chowdhry School: The Jefferson School

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 <u>www.tuiwater.com</u> Tidewater is a subsidiary of Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX).

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Photographed: L-R: Molly Dopler, Jack Wiggins, Ellis Jack and Jerry Esposito, President, Tidewater Utilities, Inc.

