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MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY CELEBRATES NATIONAL SAFE DRINKING WATER WEEK

ISELIN, NJ -- 5/16/08 -- Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ: MSEX), a provider of water, wastewater and related services, recently celebrated National Safe Drinking Water Week, May 4-11th. National Drinking Water Week has been observed by the American Water Works Association for more than 30 years as an opportunity for water works professionals and the consumers they serve to join together to recognize the importance of safe drinking water in our daily lives. Throughout the week, Middlesex Water observed and celebrated this occasion with a variety of events.

On Tuesday, May 6, Middlesex Water hosted 25 area teachers grades (K-12) in a FREE Project WET Workshop. The 6-hour Workshop hosted by a skilled facilitator is an interdisciplinary, supplemental water education program for formal and non-formal educators. It was a hands on, action packed and informative session where educators learn by doing. Teachers experienced activities that they can use to teach all kinds of water concepts from the water cycle, to water properties, aquatic eco-systems, and water pollution prevention.

On Wednesday, May 7th, Middlesex Water Company hosted its annual Drinking Water Week Luncheon at its largest water treatment plant in Edison, NJ. This plant helps ensure the safe and reliable delivery of water to more than 400,000 New Jersey residents and delivered more than 47 million gallons of water a day in 2007. This gathering included highlights of the last year, a buffet luncheon, and a special awards ceremony recognizing student contest winners from local schools. Mayor Jun Choi of Edison and Woodbridge Councilwoman Patricia Osborne also presented the Company with proclamations from their respective townships in recognition of Safe Drinking Water Week.

In the weeks leading up to National Drinking Water Week, Middlesex Water invited students in Grades 2-5 to participate in a Design a Water Logo Contest based on the theme "*Tap into a Good Thing – Drink More Water!*" Six winning entries were selected with each winner receiving a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond and recognition during the luncheon. The winners were as follows:

- **Angelina Cerasani, 2nd Grade, St. John Vianney School, Colonia**
- **Kieran Hodder, 3rd Grade, St. Stanislaus Kostka School, Sayreville**
- **Benjamin Harrop, 3rd Grade, Bowne-Munro School, East Brunswick**
- **Alyssa Makar, 4th Grade, South Amboy Elementary, South Amboy**
- **Sharon Rosato, 4th Grade, Assumption Catholic School, Perth Amboy**

- Amber Mejia, 5th Grade, Marlboro Elementary School, Marlboro



Winners Pictured Top Row (L to R): Angelina Cerasani, Sharon Rosato, Alyssa Makar, Amber Mejia and President and CEO of Middlesex Water Company, Dennis W. Doll. Front Row (L to R): Kieran Hodder and Benjamin Harrop.

For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit the Company's web site at www.middlesexwater.com or call (732) 634-1500.

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