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**MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY HOSTS LOCAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AT
NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK RECEPTION**

ISELIN, NJ -- 5/10/11 -- Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ: MSEX), a provider of water and wastewater utility services, recently observed National Drinking Water Week by hosting a reception and networking event at the company's Carl J. Olsen Water Treatment Plant in Edison, NJ. National Drinking Water Week (May 1-7) 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.

The event brought together local municipal, health and regulatory officials as well as members of the Chambers of Commerce of Woodbridge, Edison, Metuchen, Perth Amboy, Piscataway and CNJB2B for a reception including plant tours. The program also included remarks from Chamber leaders, Carole Hila, Barbara Roos and Mary Kagan; Dennis Doll, Middlesex Water Chairman, President and CEO, Woodbridge Council President James Carroll, and Antonia Ricigliano, Mayor of the Township of Edison, who presented Doll with a proclamation commemorating National Drinking Water Week.

At the event, Middlesex Water also recognized winners of its "Water Makes My Life Better" contest for area school children. The winners, many who were accompanied by their families at the event, are: Kendall Korten (Highland Park), Grand Prize Winner, Aimee Seppelt (Avenel), Nicholas Tom (Woodbridge) and John Kasztelan (Fords). Winning photos may be viewed at www.middlesexwater.com

"This was a very unique and educational venue for a multi-chamber event and we appreciate Middlesex Water providing all of the attendees with a behind the scenes look at the water treatment process and a better understanding of the value of a safe, plentiful and reliable water supply," said Carol Hila, President Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce.

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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