

TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC. HONORS STUDENT SCIENTISTS FOR OUTSTANDING WATER PROJECTS

Dover, DE March 8, 2012 – Tidewater Utilities, Inc. a water utility serving over 42,000 business and residents throughout Delaware, recently announced that three high school student were recognized for their outstanding water-related projects in the 2012 Sussex County Science Fair.

Junior Priyen Patel at the Sussex Technical High School won a first prize award of \$300 for his project titled “What’s In Our Water – The Effect on BMAA on SH-SY5Y Cells.” William McCabe, a sophomore from Indian River High School took the second place \$250 prize for his project titled “Watering Your Plants to Death.” Junior Jeralyne Hyland from Sussex Central High School captured the third place award of \$150 for her project “Natural Purification Effect on Water Quality.”

“I continued to be amazed at the complexity of the students’ projects and inspired by their hard work and initiative,” said Jerry Esposito, President of Tidewater Utilities, Inc. “We look forward to the Science Fair every year to see the excellent research done by all and particularly in the field of water research,” he added. Tidewater strongly encourages interest in the sciences and works to educate the public about the value of water, a precious resource vital to our health, economy and quality of life Mr. Esposito will visit each student’s school and present them with their awards.

Tidewater Utilities, Inc. is committed to providing quality water, to investing in its infrastructure, to rigorously testing its water supplies and to educating people of all ages about the importance 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).



Photographed L-R: Priyen Patel, Jerry Esposito and Jeralyne Hyland. William McCabe was not present for photo.