



Tidewater Utilities, Inc. Wins Best Tasting Water Award at DRWA 2024 Operator Expo

DOVER, DE, October 22, 2024 -- Tidewater Utilities, Inc. (Tidewater) has been awarded the prestigious Best Tasting Water Award at the Delaware Rural Water Association's (DRWA) recent 2024 Operator Expo. The event showcased water samples submitted from utilities across the state, and Tidewater's entry, sourced from one of the Company's Sussex County water plants, was selected as the favorite among 12 other entries. Judging is based on watercolor, clarity, smell and taste.

"We are honored to be recognized for the quality of our drinking water," said Bruce E. Patrick, President of Tidewater. "This award recognizes the dedication and hard work of our team, who strive daily to provide the highest quality water to our customers. We are thrilled to have continued our tradition of excellence with this win, added Patrick.

Tidewater next gets to compete with water utilities from across the country when the Company will submit its water entry for the Great American Water Taste Test to be announced in the first quarter of 2025.

The Delaware Rural Water Association serves as a vital resource for water professionals, offering training, technical assistance, and networking opportunities aimed at promoting safe, sustainable water and wastewater services throughout the state. The **Best Tasting Water** competition is a hallmark of the DRWA Operator Expo, celebrating excellence in water quality and the essential work of water operators. The competition at the DRWA's Operator Expo brings together the best from across the state, making this achievement a source of great pride for our dedicated team and their expertise.

About Tidewater Utilities, Inc.

Celebrating its 60th year of service to Delawareans, Tidewater Utilities, Inc. serves as a trusted provider of life-sustaining high quality water service for residential, commercial, and fire protection purposes. We invest in our people, our infrastructure, and the communities we serve to support reliable and resilient utility services, economic growth, and quality of life.

Tidewater is the largest private water supplier south of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal in Delaware. The Company operates 175 active wells and 85 active water plants to serve approximately 57,800 customers and 800 commercial establishments in 470 separate communities in New Castle, Kent and Sussex County, DE.

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