

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY DISTRIBUTES ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

ISELIN, NEW JERSEY April 19, 2010 -- Middlesex Water Company has issued its Annual Drinking Water Quality Report to its customers in Carteret, Woodbridge, Metuchen, South Amboy and parts of Edison and South Plainfield. The report is being included as an insert with customers' water bills and is also available on the Company's website at <u>www.middlesexwater.com</u> under the heading "Customer Care".

"At Middlesex Water, we are committed to delivering safe drinking water and to investing in our infrastructure to ensure quality water service now and in the future," said Middlesex Water Company Vice President of Operations, Richard M. Risoldi. "We conduct analyses and perform thousands of tests on our water quality and are pleased to report that, for the reporting year 2009, the water we delivered to customers met or was better than state and federal primary standards for safe drinking water."

The purpose of the report, issued in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, is to educate customers about the source of their drinking water, how water is treated, and the results of testing and monitoring for over 100 compounds and constituents.

Customers are encouraged to review the report to stay informed about their drinking water. In addition, the Company suggests several ways everyone can join in protecting drinking water sources:

- Check with your local municipality to learn how to dispose of household hazardous wastes such as motor oil, paint and pharmaceuticals properly.
- *Keep chemicals and debris out of storm drains, which may flow into surface waterways.*
- *Limit the use of fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides.*
- *Practice wise water use (repair leaking faucets or toilets, etc.)*
- o Consider installing WaterSense® labeled water-efficient products

Middlesex Water Company serves about 60,000 customers directly and, through contracts with municipalities, serves an additional population of over 300,000. Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, provides regulated and unregulated water and wastewater utility services in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania through various subsidiary companies. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company visit our website at <u>www.middlesexwater.com</u> or call (732) 634-1500.

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