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### **Middlesex Water Company Celebrates National Drinking Water Week Announces 2006 Student Poster Contest Winners**

**ISELIN, NEW JERSEY May 10, 2006** -- Middlesex Water Company, (NASDAQ: MSEX), a water utility supplying water to residents in New Jersey and Delaware, today recognized National Drinking Water Week with a luncheon for local health, regulatory and municipal officials at its corporate headquarters.

“As providers of quality drinking water, we take our role as a public utility seriously. We are committed to: investing in our infrastructure, utilizing state-of-the-art treatment technologies, testing and monitoring our water supplies, public education and supporting our communities,” said Dennis W. Doll, President and CEO. “National Drinking Water Week is a time to recognize the importance of water in our daily lives and to call public attention to the role everyone can play as an environmental steward,” Doll added.

During the luncheon, Frank Pelzman, Mayor of Woodbridge, presented the Company with a Proclamation in recognition of National Drinking Water Week. G. Christian Andreasen, Director of Engineering, spoke about the Company’s commitment to safe drinking water, and described numerous highlights and infrastructure improvements.

The Company also presented Certificates of Achievement and U.S. Savings Bonds to six winners of its student poster contest based on the theme, “*Water’s Amazing Journey.*” The Company sponsors a contest each year in connection with National Drinking Water Week to raise awareness and appreciation for water in elementary school age children. The winners of the poster contest are:

- **Fabrizio Villarreal**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Dr. Herbert N. Richardson - 21st Century School, Perth Amboy
- **Kristen Gallo**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, St. John Vianney School, Colonia
- **Corinne Winters**, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Bowne-Munro School, East Brunswick
- **Baminh Ngoc**, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Nathan Hale School, Carteret
- **Agnes Tai**, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Chittick Elementary School, East Brunswick
- **Leslie Rodriguez**, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Samuel E. Shull School, Perth Amboy

The children also received certificates and citations from the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Senator Joseph Vitale, Assemblymen John Wisniewski, and Assemblyman Joseph Vas and the mayors of their respective towns.

Middlesex Water Company provides speakers for organizations and visits area schools to inform people about wise water use and ways in which everyone can safeguard water supplies.

Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, is an investor-owned water utility and is engaged in the business of supplying water for domestic, commercial, industrial and fire protection purposes. For more information, visit the Company’s website at [www.middlesexwater.com](http://www.middlesexwater.com).

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