

Tidewater Utilities, Inc. Observes National Drinking Water Week

DOVER, DE - May 13, 2013 - Tidewater Utilities, Inc. a provider of water, wastewater and related services in Delaware, observed National Drinking Water Week, May 6-12 with a variety of events. National Drinking Water Week has been observed by the American Water Works Association for more than 30 years as a unique 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.

On Wednesday, May 8, Tidewater presented awards to recognize the winners of the Company's annual student contest entitled "Water, Water, Everywhere! The contest was for area children grades 2-5 focused on encouraging an awareness of water and the value of a clean, safe drinking water supply. This was a two part contest in which students were instructed to color the contest page and identify water conservation activities or methods used at home for conserving water.

The winner was Destiny Hayes of Ms. Sharon Lewis's class at LuLu M. Ross Elementary, runner ups were Jaedyn Dayton of Ms. Evans-Keesler's class at Mispillion Elementary, Allison Benton of Ms. Julie Humphrey's class at Banneker Elementary and Avery Pussey of Ms. Scott's class at Lake Forest East Elementary.

"In 2012, Tidewater delivered 1.9 billion gallons of water to customers in Delaware. A plentiful and reliable supply of safe tap water is critical to our public health and safety and to the economic well-being of our communities," said Gerard L. Esposito, President of Tidewater Utilities. "While we promote awareness year round to schools and organizations, we hope this week will help demonstrate that everyone can play a valuable role in protecting our source waters from pollution, safeguarding our infrastructure and practicing water conservation."

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Tidewater Utilities provides speakers for organizations and visits area schools to inform students about wise water use and ways in which everyone can safeguard water supplies. Tidewater is a subsidiary of Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX). Visit our website at www.tuiwater.com