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## TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC. RECOGNIZES STUDENT SCIENTISTS

Dover, DE March, 2014 – Tidewater Utilities, Inc. a water utility serving over 42,000 businesses and residences throughout Delaware, recently honored several students for their outstanding water-related projects in the 2014 Sussex County Science Fair.

Winners were: Kathryn Donati from Debbie Fees 7<sup>th</sup> Grade class at Sussex Academy of Arts & Sciences, whose project was entitled Number of Microorganisms in Water After Filtration. Griffin McCormick from Ms. Cheryl Rehrig's 9<sup>th</sup> Grade at Indian River High School, whose project was entitled "Water Are You Drinking?" and Lance White from Timothy Proseus's 10<sup>th</sup> grade class at Cape Henlopen High School, whose project was entitled Acidity vs. Algae Growth. Each of the students received a \$200 gift card for their outstanding projects.

"Tidewater is a big supporter of the sciences and proud to be a part of this event for the past fifteen years. We are happy to award these students for their interest in science as well as water. Having a sustained relationship with the Sussex Science Fair is consistent with the value we place on supporting the communities in which we serve" said Jerry Esposito, President of Tidewater Utilities, Inc., who visited each student's school and presented 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 the public about the value 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](http://www.tuiwater.com) Tidewater is a subsidiary of Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX).