



## **Tidewater Utilities, Inc. Observes National Drinking Water Week**

Dover, Delaware - May 11, 2012 - Tidewater Utilities, Inc., a provider of water, wastewater and related services in Delaware, recently observed National Drinking Water Week, May 6-12 by presenting awards for its annual student contest. 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 Tuesday, May 8, Tidewater visited Sussex Central High School in Georgetown, DE to recognize the winners of the Company's annual student contest entitled "Get in the Know About H2O!" Sixty Second Splash Contest. Students were instructed to create a sixty-second presentation that raised awareness about the value of tap water. The first place team winners were Joe Arnold and Ryan Nay, second place went to Melissa Schoonfield and third place was CeCelia Canchanya. All were from Mr. Kilby's 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Class at Sussex Central High School.

"In 2011, Tidewater delivered 2.0 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 recognize the value of water daily by protecting our source waters from pollution and practicing wise water use."

Tidewater Utilities provides speakers for organizations and visits area schools to inform students about 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](http://www.tuiwater.com)



Photographed LtoR: Julius Hamlin, Assistant Principal, Jerry Esposito, Tidewater Utilities, Inc. Ryan Nay, Joe Arnold, Melissa Schoonfield, CeCelia Canchanya and Patrick Kilby

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