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Spartanburg Water Receives EPA Consumer Confidence Excellence Award

On Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at the regular meeting of the Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Spartanburg, Megan Monahan and Doug Kinard of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, presented the prestigious Consumer Confidence Report Excellence Award to Josh Smith, Spartanburg Water's Regulatory Affairs Specialist. The award was presented by EPA Region IV for the best Consumer Confidence Report by a Medium Surface Water Public Water Supply for Spartanburg Water's Landrum service area.

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule is a federal regulation that requires community water systems to provide an annual report to customers on the quality of their drinking water. The criteria for the awards include: listing of the sources of drinking water, the system's susceptibility to contamination based on a completed Source Water Assessment (SWA), information on how to obtain a copy of the SWA, a list of likely sources and potential health effects of detected contaminants, compliance results with respect to state and federal standards, water utility phone number and meeting dates, the Safe Drinking Water Act Hotline number; and data tables with appropriate conversions and explanations for detected contaminants. Extra consideration is given for community outreach and education activities.

Megan Monahan noted that "it is encouraging to present this award to a utility that goes well beyond the requirements for the Consumer Confidence Report. Spartanburg Water has taken the time and given the attention to produce a top quality report. We are proud to recognize their achievement."

Spartanburg Water acquired the Landrum system in 2004. Landrum's drinking water meets standards significantly higher than current regulations due in part to the participation by the Landrum Water Treatment Facility in the South Carolina Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP), which focuses on treatment enhancements. The Landrum facility was recently recognized by DHEC for achieving the AWOP program goals. In addition, Spartanburg Water continues to partner with the EPA and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) as a member of the Partnership for Safe Water. The Landrum Water Treatment Facility has received the Director's Award for these programs.

Spartanburg Water continues to be committed to protecting public health, being good stewards of the environment, and supporting our community's desired quality of life, as demonstrated by the receipt of this award.

Spartanburg Water – An Award Winning Utility

