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### **Spartanburg Water's Mike Russell Honored With State Quarter Century Operator Award**

Spartanburg – Long time Spartanburg Water wastewater treatment operator Mike Russell was recently honored with the “Quarter Century Operator” Award at the annual Water Environment Association of South Carolina (WEASC) Operator’s Conference.

The award honors water or wastewater treatment operators for their service and dedication in a difficult and dangerous field. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Must be a current member of the WEASC.
- Significant, full-time participant in the water environment profession for a minimum of 25 years, 10 years of which must have been in active participation in the day-to-day collections, maintenance, operations, laboratory, or management of a wastewater transportation or wastewater treatment facility.

Mike has been with Spartanburg Water since 2002, and has played an important role in expansions and improvements in our wastewater plants. His most recent project work involved the Lower North Tyger River Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade and the successful process adaptations involved with receiving wastewater streams from Toray Industries.

“This award recognizes the professionalism and dedication Mike Russell has shown in his decades of service to WEASC and to Spartanburg Water,” said Rick Jolley, Spartanburg Water Deputy Chief Operating Officer. “We are extremely proud of Mike for receiving this award.”

**ABOUT SPARTANBURG WATER:** Spartanburg Water, an industry-leading utility, is comprised of Spartanburg Water System and Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District. It serves a population of more than 200,000 within Spartanburg County, as well as others in parts of Greenville, Union and Cherokee counties. With the help of its dedicated team of more than 280 employees, each day it produces an average of 25 million gallons of drinking water and cleans 12 million gallons of wastewater for its customers and community. For more information on Spartanburg Water’s water quality efforts, visit us at [www.spartanburgwater.org](http://www.spartanburgwater.org).

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