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MANCHESTER WATER WORKS RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FOR ONGOING SAFE WATER PRACTICES
Five Year Status in Program Receives National Recognition

MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, JUNE 2008 – Manchester Water Works has received a national award for maintaining the Directors Award of recognition from the Partnership for Safe Water, a national volunteer initiative developed by EPA and other water organizations representing water suppliers striving to provide their communities with drinking water quality that surpasses the required federal standards. The Directors Award is presented to water systems who have completed a successful review in the Partnership’s Self-Assessment and Peer Review phase, a phase in which utilities examine the capabilities of their treatment plant operation and administration and then create a plan for implementing improvements. Manchester Water Works has maintained the Directors Award for five years, an honor achieved by only 142 water utilities across the country.

Developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other water organizations striving to provide optimum quality drinking water, the Partnership currently includes more than 200 water utilities, collectively serving more than 85 million people. This represents 60% of the U.S. population served by surface water systems. Manchester Water Works’ ongoing participation in the program includes a rigorous review of treatment practices developed by national experts, and also includes a four-step, self-assessment and peer-review process.

“The Manchester Water Works is very pleased to have received the Directors Award from the Partnership for Safe Water. This award truly demonstrates the continued commitment that the department and entire staff place on providing our customers with an extremely high quality drinking water,” said Thomas M. Bowen, P.E., Director and Chief Engineer.

Manchester Water Works was presented with the Five-Year Directors Award at the American Water Works Association’s Annual Conference & Exposition in Atlanta, this month.

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The Partnership for Safe Water is sponsored by the American Water Works Association, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, United States Environmental Protection Agency, National Association of Water Companies, and the American Water Works Association Research Foundation.