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State Honors 49 Utilities for Drinking Water Systems

RALEIGH – North Carolina officials announced today that 49 water systems are being honored for surpassing federal and state drinking water standards.

The 49 systems received the N.C. Area Wide Optimization Award from the state N.C. Division of Water Resources' Public Water Supply section. The awards are part of the N.C. Area Wide Optimization Program, which is an effort to enhance the performance of existing surface water treatment facilities.

Awards are given each year to water systems that demonstrate outstanding turbidity removal, a key test of drinking water quality. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness or haziness of water caused by individual particles that can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Microbes occur naturally, but can potentially include harmful bacteria and viruses. While all drinking water systems have to meet strict state and federal drinking water standards, these systems met performance goals that are significantly more stringent. Award winners for 2012 include:

- Town of Burnsville
- City of Asheville-North Fork
- City of Asheville-Debruhl
- Woodfin Sanitary District-Sugar Camp Fork
- Town of Weaverville-Ivy River
- City of Lenoir
- City of Hickory
- City of Newton
- Town of Andrews
- Two Rivers Utilities
- City of Belmont
- City of Mount Holly
- City of Cherryville
- Town of Robbinsville-Tallulah
- Town of Robbinsville-Rock Creek
- City of Waynesville-Allens Creek
- Town of Canton-Penland Street
- Maggie Valley Sanitary District
- City of Hendersonville
- City of Statesville
- Town of Mooresville-Plant 2
- Western Carolina University
- City of Lincolnton
- Lincoln County
- City of Marion
- City of Charlotte-Vest Plant
- City of Charlotte-Franklin
- City of Charlotte-Lee S. Duke Plant
- Salisbury-Rowan
- Broad River Water Authority
- City of Monroe
- Town of Boone
- Appalachian State University
- Town of Wilkesboro Water Filtration Plant
- Town of Louisburg
- City of Eden-Robert A. Harris
- Town of Mayodan
- City of Mount Airy-F.G. Doggett
- City of Mount Airy-S.L. Spencer
- Town of Pilot Mountain
- Henderson-Kerr Lake Regional Water
- Town of Pittsboro
- City of Fayetteville-Hoffer
- Harnett County Department of Public Utilities
- City of Sanford
- Orange Water & Sewer Authority
- Hamlet Water System
- Town of Cary
- Cape Fear Public Utility Authority-Wilmington

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