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State Honors 43 Utilities for Drinking Water Systems

RALEIGH – North Carolina officials announced today that 43 water systems are being honored for surpassing federal and state drinking water standards.

The 43 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 are microscopic particles that 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 2014 include:

- Burnsville
- Asheville-North Fork
- Weaverville-Ivy River
- Morganton - Catawba
- Lenoir
- Hickory
- Newton
- Andrews
- Two Rivers Utilities
- Mount Holly
- Cherryville
- Robbinsville-Tallulah
- Waynesville-Allens Creek
- Maggie Valley Sanitary District
- Hendersonville
- Mooresville-Plant 2
- Lincolnton
- Lincoln County
- Marion
- Charlotte-Lee S. Duke
- Salisbury-Rowan
- Broad River Authority
- Boone
- Wilkesboro
- Thomasville
- Davidson Water Inc. – Gregg W. Stabler
- Mocksville
- Louisburg
- Asheboro-W.L. Brown
- Eden-Robert A. Harris
- Mayodan
- Elkin – James A. Harrell
- Henderson-Kerr Lake Regional Water
- Harnett County Department of Public Utilities
- Johnston County - West
- Orange Water & Sewer Authority
- Hamlet
- Raleigh, E.M. Johnson
- Raleigh, D.M. Benton
- Cary
- Cape Fear Public Utility Authority-Wilmington
- Johnston County (East)
- Pender County Utilities

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