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New York Water Environment Association Presents Committee Service Award to Richard Pope of Hazen and Sawyer

Syracuse – The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA), a statewide organization of water quality management professionals, has awarded Richard Pope of Hazen and Sawyer a Committee Service Award. During NYWEA’s 92nd Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, February 5, NYWEA President Robert Wither presented Pope with a 2019 Committee Service Award in recognition of his leadership of the Association’s Public Outreach Committee.

Pope received both his BE in Civil Engineering and his ME in Environmental Engineering from Manhattan College. In his career, he has devoted his attention to air and odor control services where he is recognized as an international expert. His background includes developing immediate and long-term odor assessment and control plans for more than 250 facilities. Pope has been a longstanding, committed and active volunteer for both the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and NYWEA over three decades, and is now retiring from leadership with NYWEA’s Public Outreach Committee. He has been an active member of the NYWEA Public Outreach committee since 1999. He has mentored many NYWEA members on the effective delivery of the public outreach message as it relates to water conservation and water quality. Pope is devoted and passionate about educating young people on environmental careers, and the important role we all play in understanding water infrastructure assets in the communities where we work and live. He has also been a member of the Program Committee since 2002, serving as co-chair for several years, as well as working with NYWEA staff and the NYS Education Department, as a founding member of the PDH Review Committee. Committed to the mission of MORE
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both WEF and NYWEA, Pope stepped up to serve as the NYWEA representative to the WEF House of Delegates. As a member of WEF, Pope is a former Chair and has been a very active member of the Air & Odor Control Committee for more than 25 years; an active member of the Program Committee, and WEFTEC Workshop Review Committee; and served as a member of the Technical Practice Committee and Community Leadership Council.

About NYWEA: Founded in 1929 by professionals in the field of water quality as a nonprofit educational organization, NYWEA has 2,700 members statewide and hosts several technical conferences each year for environmental engineers, scientists, public officials and others who work in water and wastewater quality management. In addition, NYWEA sponsors a scholarship program, publishes Clear Waters, a quarterly educational magazine, and administers the wastewater operator certification program. NYWEA also supports humanitarian clean water projects. Headquartered in Syracuse, NYWEA has seven regional chapters, 14 college student chapters and is a Member Association of the international Water Environment Federation. For more information, visit www.nywea.org.

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