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NYWEA Awards Thomas McGovern of Holbrook, NY

Syracuse -- Thomas J. McGovern, P.E., of Holbrook, NY, is selected for the 2005 Charles Agar Memorial Award by the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA). A statewide nonprofit organization of water quality management professionals, the NYWEA is recognizing McGovern at its 78th Annual Meeting, February 6-8, 2006, in New York City, for having authored a research paper addressing water environment issues.

A 13-year member of the NYWEA- Long Island Chapter, McGovern is a licensed professional engineer and project manager for Dvirka and Bartilucci, consulting engineers in Woodbury, NY. He holds extensive experience in environmental engineering to include the construction management and biological process design of wastewater treatment plants. He has written and presented before professional groups numerous topics on water quality issues including, most recently: "Treating a Semi-Conductor Waste Stream with a Biological Treatment Plant," and, "Overcoming Initial Obstacles to Start Up a Biological Nutrient Removal Demonstration Project." McGovern was published in the *New York State Environmental Law Journal*, and has written six operations and maintenance manuals. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering

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from the University of Hartford and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Tau Beta Pi -- the professional engineering honor society, the Water Reuse Association and the Water Environment Federation. He resides in Holbrook with his wife, Dana, and their two children.

NYWEA is a statewide, nonprofit organization of 2,100 water quality management professionals that promotes clean water programs and related technical education. Headquartered in Syracuse, NY, the NYWEA has seven regional chapters, 12 student chapters and is an affiliate of the international Water Environment Federation. For more information on NYWEA membership and programs, contact its Syracuse office at 315-422-7811, or visit the website: www.nywea.org.