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NYWEA Awards Genesee Valley Chapter for Public Education Efforts

Syracuse -- The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) has selected the Genesee Valley Chapter (GVC) and its Industrial Issues Committee (IIC) for the 2005 Public Education Award. A statewide nonprofit organization of water quality management professionals, the NYWEA is honoring the chapter at its 78th Annual Meeting to be held in New York City, February 6-8, 2006.

A very active group, the GVC facilitates discussions, training, and outreach on pertinent environmental issues and legislation. It promotes water pollution control activities within the counties of the Genesee River Valley, holding quarterly meetings and providing educational credits for operators and professional engineers. It sponsored a NYWEA Operators Challenge team, and encourages young professionals in the field as well as the Women of Wastewater (WOW) network. Its offshoot, the IIC, meets to discuss and share ideas addressing environmental, health and safety issues facing the community. Meeting since the late 1970s, the IIC holds bi-monthly roundtable meetings, two annual seminars, sponsors a water watch program and co-sponsors two annual science fairs. In addition, the group has jointly hosted with the NYWEA the Air and Waste Management Seminar in Rochester, NY for nine years.

NYWEA is a statewide, nonprofit organization of 2,100 water quality management professionals that promotes clean water programs and related technical

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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.

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