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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Drew Smith Given NYWEA Environmental Science Award**

**Syracuse** – Drew Smith of Webster, NY was selected for the 2005 Environmental Science Award from the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA). The NYWEA, a statewide organization of water quality management professionals, is recognizing Smith for the significant impact he has made to improving the environment, including the water pollution prevention field. His award will be presented during the NYWEA 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, February 6-8, 2006 in New York City.

Smith, who has been a NYWEA member for four years, is the Monroe County Environmental Laboratory Technical Manager. He joined Monroe County as a pollution control technician in 1991 and was appointed to his current position in 2001. He has been instrumental in leading the county in consolidating the Pure Waters and Environmental Health laboratories, and improving overall lab efficiencies for public health, including e-coli testing. Environmental projects have included collaborating with Rochester Institute of Technology's civil engineering department on various water quality studies and protocol, including developing a better UV lamp for water disinfection. He supervised an award-winning project to redirect airport de-icing material from the environment to the Van Lare Wastewater Treatment Facility. Earlier in his career, Smith set up a pollution prevention program that included a mercury collection system, the successful results of which he presented before a national conference. Smith is an active member on the NYWEA's Lab Practices Committee. He serves on the Board of Directors of the New

York Association of Accredited Environmental Laboratories, and is a sampling and ethics trainer for the group. He was recently nominated for the EPA Federal Advisory Committee on Detection and Quantification Procedures and Uses in the Clean Water Act. In addition, he is a member of the University of Rochester Environmental Citizen's Advisory Board and the Army Corps of Engineers Ontario Beach Algae Remediation Committee.

Smith holds a master's degree in environmental studies from the University of Rochester and a bachelor's degree in chemistry from SUNY Geneseo. He lives in Webster with his wife, Ellen, and their four 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](http://www.nywea.org).

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