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**Watershed Science and Technical Conference in West Point, NY
September 10-11, 2007**

Syracuse - The 2007 Watershed Science and Technical Conference will be held September 10-11, at the Thayer Hotel, West Point, NY. The program is being co-hosted by the New York Water Environment Association, a statewide, nonprofit educational organization of 2,500 water quality management professionals. In addition to NYWEA, conference organizers include the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Watershed Protection and Partnership Council, and the NYS Department of State.

Since the signing of the historic 1997 New York City Watershed Agreement, there have been unparalleled efforts and resources devoted to improved scientific understanding and innovation in human and environmental health within the watershed. This conference brings together scientists, engineers and technical experts to share leading-edge research findings involving the protection of the nation's largest unfiltered surface water supply. The technical program consists of 11 educational sessions that are valuable to elected officials, directors of public works, buildings, planning and highway departments, land use planners, consulting engineers, regulated industry attorneys, educators, environmental groups and interested citizens. Several presentations will offer continuing education credits.

Opening speakers include: NYWEA President Thomas Lauro, acting commissioner of Westchester County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); Executive Director William Harding, NYS Watershed Council; Secretary of State

Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez, NYS DOS; Commissioner Pete Grannis, NYS DEC; and, Commissioner Emily Lloyd, NYS DEP. An opening panel discussion includes representatives from the three largest unfiltered water supplies in the Northeast - Boston, Portland and New York City - to discuss what makes their filtration avoidance determinations (FAD) unique and how they approach shared challenges. The two-day program also includes a vendor exhibition, a tour of the West Point Military Academy, and a reception-dinner.

For program details and registration information, visit the NYWEA website at www.nywea.org, or contact the NYWEA Syracuse office at 315-422-7811.

NYWEA is a statewide, nonprofit organization of 2,500 environmental engineers and water quality management professionals that promotes clean water programs and provides related technical education. The organization sponsors several annual scholarships including the NYWEA \$10,000 Environmental Scholarship, to encourage science and engineering careers. Its membership also supports humanitarian projects that provide clean water to communities in the US and abroad. Headquartered in Syracuse, NY, NYWEA has seven regional chapters, 12 college student chapters and is a Member Association of the international Water Environment Federation (WEF).

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