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NYWEA Holds Watershed Conference in West Point, Sept. 16-17

Syracuse -- The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) is holding the 2008 Watershed Science and Technical Conference on September 16 - 17, at the Thayer Hotel in West Point, New York. Since the signing of the historic New York City Watershed Agreement in 1997, there have been unparalleled efforts and resources devoted to sound science, improved understanding, and innovation for both human health and environmental disciplines within the watershed. The conference brings scientists, engineers and technical experts together with watershed stakeholders and the public to inform and present leading-edge research findings on information collected to date concerning the protection of the nation's largest unfiltered surface water supply.

Panel discussions concerning emerging contaminants, federal regulations, stewardship measures and special issues take place on the first day, while six wide-ranging technical sessions will be conducted on the second day by prominent experts in the field of watershed management. A specialty workshop on solids handling and digestion is also offered. The sessions and workshop provide professional continuing education credits. **Program and registration details can be found at www.nywea.org.**

The conference opens with speakers: William Harding, executive director of the Watershed Protection and Partnership Council (WPPC); Robert Elliot, deputy secretary of the New York State Department of State (NYSDOS); James Tierney, assistant commissioner for Water Resources of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC); and Emily Lloyd, commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. A tour of the United States Military Academy

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at West Point, followed by a reception and dinner takes place Tuesday evening with featured speaker John Cronin, director and chief executive officer of the Beacon Institute and director of the Pace Academy for the Environment at Pace University.

Organizers of the conference include NYWEA, NYSDEC, WPPC, and NYSDOS.

Founded in 1929 by professionals in the field of water quality as a nonprofit educational organization, NYWEA has 2,500 members statewide who continue to lead the way toward state and national clean water programs. NYWEA holds several technical conferences each year for environmental engineers, scientists, public officials and those who work in water and wastewater quality management. In addition, NYWEA sponsors a scholarship program to encourage careers in science and engineering and supports humanitarian assistance for clean water projects. Headquartered in Syracuse, NY, the 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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