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**The New York Water Environment Association Holds its
81st Annual Meeting in New York City, February 1-4, 2009**
Spotlight on Hudson River Quadricentennial/New York Harbor Estuary

Syracuse – The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA), a statewide organization of leaders in water quality management, is holding its 81st Annual Meeting February 1-4, 2009 at the New York City Marriott Marquis. The gathering, which attracts over 1,200 water/wastewater operators, environmental engineers, scientists, academicians and elected officials, continues a long tradition of providing excellent educational and professional networking opportunities. The educational program consists of 20 technical sessions with the latest information on nutrient removal, biosolids, energy, sustainability, research and innovative technologies, and green house gas/climate change, to name a few of the topics. In honor of the Hudson River Quadricentennial celebration, the third session is devoted to the significant strides made in cleaning up this historic water body.

The opening session will be introduced by NYWEA President Robert Kukenberger, PE. The topic and keynote speakers are: Economic Stimulus and Water Infrastructure: Sandra Allen, director, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Clean and Safe Water Infrastructure Funding Initiative; Matthew Millea, acting president, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation; Stephen Vida, director, State Revolving Fund Program, USEPA -Region II; Steve Lawitts, acting commissioner, NYC Department of Environmental Protection; and Bjorn von Euler, trustee, Water Environment Federation. Congresswoman Rita Lowery (D-Westchester/Rockland) will be presented the 2008

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NYWEA Nelson A. Rockefeller Award for her work as an elected official to help improve the environment. Inductions into the NYWEA Hall of Fame, and recognition of students receiving NYWEA scholarships will also be held.

The technical program offers continuing education credits for water and wastewater operators and professional engineers in accordance with New York State requirements, as well as an awards luncheon for exemplary volunteers, a vendor's exhibit hall and networking opportunities for students, young professionals, women and new members. Special program event options include the president's reception, excursions to a museum, a unique restaurant and a Broadway play.

The entire program and the meeting registration form may be accessed on the NYWEA website: www.nywea.org. Meeting registrations will be accepted online up until February 1.

About NYWEA:

Founded in 1929 by professionals in the field of water quality as a nonprofit educational organization, the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) has 2,500 members statewide who historically have led the way toward state and national clean water programs. NYWEA holds several technical conferences each year for environmental engineers, scientists, public officials and for those who work in water and wastewater quality management. In addition, NYWEA sponsors a major statewide scholarship program to encourage careers in science and engineering, publishes *Clearwaters*, a quarterly educational trade magazine, and supports humanitarian clean water projects. Headquartered in Syracuse, NYWEA has seven regional chapters, 12 college student chapters and is a Member Association of the international Water Environment Federation (WEF). NYWEA's regional chapters are: Capital, Central, Genesee, Long Island, Lower Hudson, Metropolitan and Western. For more information on NYWEA, call its Syracuse executive office at 315-422-7811, or visit its website: www.nywea.org.

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