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**NYWEA Honors Congresswoman Nita Lowey
with Rockefeller Environmental Award**

Syracuse -- The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA), a statewide organization of leaders in water quality management, awarded the 2008 Nelson A. Rockefeller Award to Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey (D-NY) at the 81st Annual NYWEA Meeting held last month in New York City. NYWEA's Rockefeller Award honors elected officials for making substantial and meaningful contributions to advancing effective environmental programs.

Lowey, the former Chair of the Long Island Sound Caucus, co-sponsored the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act to help identify, protect and enhance significant sites along the Sound. She also is a founding member of the Hudson River Congressional Caucus to ensure a healthy and prosperous Hudson region. Among Lowey's other contributions are: support of the Highlands Stewardship Act; introduction of the Storm Water Abatement Act; support of federal appropriations to help communities surrounding the Sound, promote renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation; and, issuance of a resolution to praise local governments for programs for the reuse and recycling of plastic bags.

Founded in 1929 by professionals in the field of water quality as a nonprofit educational organization, NYWEA has 2,500 members statewide who historically have led the way toward state and national clean water programs. NYWEA hosts several technical conferences each year for environmental engineers, scientists,

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public officials and others who work in water and wastewater quality management. In addition, NYWEA sponsors a major 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, NY, NYWEA has seven regional chapters, 12 college student chapters and is a Member Association of the international Water Environment Federation (WEF). More information is available at www.nywea.org.

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