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NYWEA Honors Joseph Mastriano with Environmental Science Award

Syracuse -- The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA), a statewide organization of leaders in water quality management, announced that Joseph Mastriano of Syracuse received the 2008 NYWEA Environmental Science Award at the 81st Annual NYWEA Meeting held last month (February 1-4, 2009) in New York City. The award honors significant contributions to the field of environmental science and water pollution control.

Since 1993, Mastriano has been the Operations Manager for Onondaga County Water Environmental Protection (WEP), beginning in 1978 as a wastewater technician. He previously headed Onondaga County's Industrial Pretreatment Program and now leads the county's efforts regarding the Onondaga Lake Ambient Monitoring Program (AMP). He also works on aspects involving the ongoing Seneca River dissolved oxygen model.

Mastriano's accomplishments include developing and implementing aggressive ambient water quality monitoring that is aimed at supporting management decisions on current and future abatement efforts as well as an extensive public participation program for the local Sewer Use Ordinance and Enforcement Response Plan (ERP).

Mastriano has been actively involved with NYWEA, serving as chair of its Pretreatment Committee Coordinators and on its Central Chapter and state-wide Board of Directors.

Founded in 1929 by professionals in the field of water quality as a nonprofit educational organization, NYWEA has 2,500 members statewide who historically

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have led the way toward state and national clean water programs. NYWEA hosts several technical conferences each year for environmental engineers, scientists, 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).

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