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Richard Lyons of Albany is NYWEA's 2009 Vice President-Elect

Syracuse -- The New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA), a statewide organization of leaders in water quality management, is pleased to announce that Richard J. Lyons of Albany, NY was elected **2009 Vice-President-Elect** at the 81st Annual NYWEA Meeting held February 1-4 in New York City. As Vice President-Elect, Lyons is in line to become NYWEA's President in 2012, serving first as Vice President in 2010 and President-Elect in 2011.

Lyons, who is Executive Director of the Albany County Sewer District, is an 18-year active NYWEA member and past chairman of its Capital Chapter. He has served on the Chapter Board of Directors since 2001 and has been the Capital Chapter State Board Representative for four years. He serves on NYWEA's Awards, Membership and Public Education committees, and chairs the Capital Chapter's Paul Farrell Scholarship Committee. Additionally, he serves as Professional Liaison to the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's NYWEA Student Chapter.

Lyons has worked for the Albany County Sewer District since 1975, initially as a Process Operator I, advancing to Chief Process Operator, and then Superintendent of Operations from 1996 to 2005, when he became the Executive Director. As district director, Lyons is responsible for the functioning and performance of the county's sewer district facilities, including supervision of design consultants, financial planning, labor and public relations. Lyons is a member of the Albany County Energy Advisory Group, and the Albany Pool Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan Committee. He

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is past member of the New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) Project Advisory Committee. A NYS 4A certified wastewater operator, Lyons also is a wastewater consultant and college instructor.

Lyons was given NYWEA's 2005 Public Education Award, the Water Environment Federation's (NYWEA's international affiliate) Arthur Sidney Bedell Award for extraordinary service, and NYWEA's Uhl T. Mann Award for excellence in treatment plant operations and management. In 1998, he was inducted into the profession's Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers. He received NYWEA's Board of Directors Service Award in 2006.

Lyons resides with his wife, Marlene, in Albany, and they have two daughters.

About NYWEA:

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, 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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