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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Highlights Drinking Water Week

Invites consumers to 'Protect the Source'

TRENTON, NJ– The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) today kicked off this year's Drinking Water Week, May 6th- 12th, with an invitation to "Protect the Source" throughout New Jersey.

"Water plays such an enormous role in our day to day lives," said NJBPU President Joseph L. Fiordaliso. "Protecting our most precious natural resource is a critically important mission for the BPU, and for the Murphy Administration as a whole."

The NJBPU and the water community across North America will celebrate Drinking Water Week by recognizing the vital role drinking water plays in daily life. Focus will be placed on ways in which water consumers can take personal responsibility in caring for their tap water and protecting sources of drinking water.

Here are some things consumers can do to protect drinking water:

- Get to know your tap water and find out where it is coming from.
- Review your Consumer Confidence Reports and talk to you water utility if you have questions or concerns.
- Replace all lead-based pipes and plumbing.
- Dispose of dangerous materials properly
- Join in on beach, river, or wetland clean up activities.

"It is important that we take this opportunity to highlight the essential need to protect our drinking water at its source." said NJBPU Commissioner Mary-Anna Holden, who is also the Chair of the Water Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

“As citizens of the Garden State, we have a responsibility to educate ourselves on how to use water sensibly and keep it safe.”

To commemorate the week, water utilities, water organizations, government entities, environmental advocates, schools, and other stakeholders will celebrate the importance of drinking water through presentations, events, and festivals to provide information on how consumers can understand and appreciate their water.

About Drinking Water Week

For more than 40 years, the American Water Works Association, along with its members and partners, have celebrated Drinking Water Week, a unique opportunity for both water professionals, and the communities they serve, to join together in recognizing the vital role water plays in daily lives. Additional information about Drinking Water Week, including celebration ideas and free materials for download, is available on the Drinking Water Week webpage: www.awwa.org/resources-tools/public-affairs/public-affairs-events/drinking-water-week.aspx.

About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU)

The NJBPU is a state agency and regulatory authority mandated to ensure safe, adequate and proper utility services at reasonable rates for New Jersey customers. Critical services regulated by the NJBPU include natural gas, electricity, water, wastewater, telecommunications and cable television. The Board has general oversight and responsibility for monitoring utility service, responding to consumer complaints, and investigating utility accidents.

To find out more about the NJBPU, visit our web site at www.nj.gov/bpu.

About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP)

NJCEP, established on January 22, 2003, in accordance with the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (EDECA), provides financial and other incentives to the State's residential customers, businesses and schools that install high-efficiency or renewable energy technologies, thereby reducing energy usage, lowering customers' energy bills and reducing environmental impacts. The program is authorized and overseen by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU), and its website is www.NJCleanEnergy.com.

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