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### **Western Carolina Employee Leads AWWA SC Environmental Conference**

Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority Operations Manager, Glen McManus, has been appointed the South Carolina Chair of the national organization, the American Water Works Association (AWWA).

Becoming the Chair of the AWWA requires dedication and participation from a member for a period of five years. Throughout this time period, a nominee must hold several positions within the association prior to residing as Chair. McManus is also a member of Water Environment Association of SC and the national organization, the Water Environment Federation. He is also a former chair of the SC Water Association's Emergency Preparedness Committee.

As this year's chair, McManus is responsible for spearheading the 2006 South Carolina Environmental Conference (SCEC) on March 18-22. The conference, held at the Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, has become an important environmental forum throughout the southeast.

This year's keynote speaker, Lieutenant Clebe McClary, whose inspirational life story of courage, determination, and dedication, will be used to inform conference attendees about the importance of a good attitude and determination in every day life.

The SCEC, sponsored by AWWA in conjunction with WEASC, was established 16 years ago and has been the primary source of environmental information for professionals within the water and wastewater industry statewide. This year's conference will include traditional presentations on a variety of water and wastewater topics of interest, including wastewater nutrient removal, water distribution, and wastewater treatment, among others.

Western Carolina encourages its employees to become involved in extracurricular organizations and promotes efforts to educate the public about the environment, water and the wastewater industry. For more information about the South Carolina Environmental Conference or Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority, please contact McManus at 864-299-4038.

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