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**Dr. Stephen Graef of Western Carolina Appointed To American
Academy of Environmental Engineers' Board of Directors**

Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority is proud to announce that Dr. Stephen P. Graef, Director of Technical Services, has been appointed to the American Academy of Environmental Engineers' Board of Trustees. The Academy is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure public health and protect the environment through education and research, facilitation of partnerships between public and private institutions for environmental projects, and the use of credentialed environmental engineering experts.

Dr. Graef of Western Carolina was appointed by the Water Environment Federation, an international non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the global water environment. He was chosen from among the Federation's 36,000 members from 30 countries. Dr. Graef will serve as the liaison from the Academy's Board of Trustees to the Committee on the Water Supply and Wastewater Sub-Committee for a term of three years.

Dr. Graef celebrated his 12th year with Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority in October. He holds a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from Valpariso University, a Master of Science in environmental health engineering from the University of Cincinnati, and a Doctorate in environmental system engineering from Clemson University.

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*****Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority Celebrates 75 Years of
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