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**Water Systems Council Holds 2008 Maryland/Delaware Children's Water Festival**

Washington, DC (May 8, 2008) – Today, more than 1,500 fourth and fifth graders from Maryland and Delaware schools participated in an exciting, educational water festival at Delaware Technical Community College in Dover, Delaware. The event, "Winning Water," was held as part of National Drinking Water Week.

Students participated in hands-on activities to help them learn where their water comes from and why it is important to protect and conserve water resources. John's Well Drilling, Inc. provided a well drilling rig on-site to show how water wells are made. In keeping with the racing theme, Gary Simpson Construction donated a race car for the students to view. More than 45 presenters and 190 volunteers made the event a success.

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Secretary John A. Hughes also made an appearance at the festival. "So much depends upon our water resources – our health, comfort and standard of living," said Secretary Hughes. "The Winning Water Festival is an enriching experience for hundreds of young students and teaches water protection and conservation practices that will last a lifetime."

Major funding for the festival was provided by Water Systems Council (WSC), the WSC Board of Directors, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Milby Company, the MD/DE Water Well Association and GE Water and Process Technologies. Additional sponsorship was provided by Aquaflo Pump & Supply, Baker Manufacturing, DE National Estuarine Research, Environmental Concern Inc., Flexcon Industries, ITT/Goulds Pumps, Master Water Conditioning Corp., MD Department of Natural Resources., Charlene Shaw, Dawn Greene, D'Agostino's Water Solutions LLC, Elvin Schrock & Sons Inc., Envirotech, Lifetime Well Drilling, Ray A. Shaffer Inc., Shannahan Artesian Well Co. Inc. and Sposato Irrigation Co.

Representatives from the following organizations made up the 2008 Winning Water Organizing Committee, and have been planning the event since January of 2007: Aquaflo Pump & Supply Co., Chesapeake College Todd Performing Arts Center, DE Department of Education, DE Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control (DNREC), Delaware Division of Public Health – Office of Drinking Water, Delaware Geological Survey, Delaware Technical community College, DNREC – DE National Estuarine Research/ Delaware Project Wet, Environmental Concern Inc., Environmental Concern Inc./Americorps, GE Water & Process Technologies, ITT Corp., Master Water Conditioning Corp., MD Department of Natural Resources/MD Project WET, The Track Group, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Water Systems Council.

WSC is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the wider use of wells as modern and affordable safe drinking water systems and to protecting ground water resources nationwide. It is the only national organization solely focused on individual water wells and other private well-based water systems.

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