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WSC Launches wellcare® Well Owner's Network

Washington, D.C. (May 1, 2009) – As part of its commitment to protecting groundwater and drinking water sources for the 42 million people nationwide with household wells, WSC has created a national network of well owners, the wellcare® Well Owner's Network. Network members will enjoy access to information and tools to help them better understand their drinking water source. Members of the wellcare® Well Owners Network receive a free, quarterly e-newsletter with information on wells, well water, and practical tips for protecting the nation's groundwater resources. Network members will also receive annual reminders to test their well water and will qualify for discounts on test kits. "It's fitting that we've launched this new network during National Drinking Water Week, because well owners deserve to have good information on – and confidence in – their families' drinking water supplies," said Kathleen Stanley, WSC's Executive Director. "The wellcare® Well Owners Network will provide both."

The wellcare® Well Owners Network is part of WSC's wellcare® Program. The wellcare® Program is a national program that also operates a free hotline that answers questions on wells, well water and source water protection; offers wellcare® workshops; publishes wellcare® Information Sheets on topics related to well maintenance, well water testing, and ground water quality; and issues reports on national data related to the number of wells, water usage, ground water resources, water rights, and related subjects. The wellcare® Hotline can be reached at 1-888-395-1033 or www.wellcarehotline.org.

For more information on the wellcare® Well Owners Network, the wellcare® Program or other WSC programs, contact Kathleen Stanley, WSC Executive Director, at 202-625-4387.

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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