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MEDIA ADVISORY

- WHO:** Don Welsh, regional administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and representatives of the city, state and federal governments
- WHAT:** Presentation of the Environmental Protection Agency's Source Water Protection Award to the Philadelphia Water Department
- WHEN:** Wednesday, May 8 at 11 a.m.
- WHERE:** The Fairmount Water Works gazebo overlooking the Dam

DETAILS:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency will present the Source Water Protection Award for Region III to the Philadelphia Water Department. The award is bestowed upon a utility or other entity that exemplifies good stewardship of a region's natural resources and drinking water supplies through the implementation of innovative source water protection programs.

The award recognizes the groundbreaking work the Philadelphia Water Department and its regional partners have recently completed – a source water assessment investigation of the 130-mile long, 2,000 square mile Schuylkill River Watershed. This assessment has been recognized as a template for utilities nation-wide.

The assessment details the potential sources of contamination to the Schuylkill River, the major pollutants that threaten the water quality of the river, and provides recommendations for protection and improvement activities that should be adopted.

The award will be presented by Don Welsh, Regional Administrator for the EPA, to Joyce Wilkerson, Mayor John F. Street's Chief of Staff, on behalf of the Mayor.

Other attendees will include City Managing Director Estelle Richman, Water Department Commissioner Kumar Kishinchand, Christine Martin from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Fairmount Park Director William Mifflin.

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