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Philadelphia Water Department Sets Schedule of Events for National Drinking Water Week

PHILADELPHIA, April 29 — The Philadelphia Water has announced its schedule of events to be held in conjunction with National Drinking Water Week, May 2-8. All events will take place at the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center, 640 Water Works Drive, on the Schuylkill River, between the Philadelphia Museum of Art and Boathouse Row.

• May 3-8: Exhibition of the winning drawings from the "Clean Water Begins and Ends with You" contest held for Philadelphia K-12 students.

The Water Department's new 2003 Water Quality Report will also be available at the Interpretive Center beginning this week. The sixteen-page illustrated publication covers everything about Philadelphia's water, from its sources, to how water is treated, tested and monitored, and includes special instructions for those with special health needs.

- Monday, May 3, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.: Officials from federal, state and local government will sign the constitution of the Schuylkill Action Network, pledging their resources to protect and enhance the health of the river.
- Monday, May 3, 11:00 to 11:40 a.m.: Presentation of the Educational Sector Source-Water Protection Award to seven regional schools and universities
- Tuesday, May 4, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.: Tours of the Fairmount Water Works, undertaken in conjunction with the Fairmount Park Council for Historic Sites
- Wednesday, May 5, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.: Scientists from PWD's Bureau of Laboratory Services will be on hand to assist 40 students from Northeast High School who will be doing research for a water project.
- Thursday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. to noon: Philadelphia Water Department experts explain and perform desk-top demonstrations of the water treatment process.
 Treatment plant managers will also field questions posed by more than 30 seventh graders from the Martha Washington Middle School.
- Friday, May 7, 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Sixth and seventh-graders from the Souderton Charter School will visit the Interpretive Center to learn about its architecture.

The Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center is an environmental education center sponsored by the Philadelphia Water Department. The Center is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free and is ADA accessible. For more information, call 215-685-0723, or visit our website at www.fairmountwaterworks.org