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LOCAL WATER UTILITY RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD OF RECOGNITION *Less Than One Percent of Nation's Utilities Receive Honor*



Clifton, Colorado – July 10, 2013 – Clifton Water District Charles A. Strain Water Treatment Plant has received the “Directors Award of Recognition” from the *Partnership for Safe Water*, a national volunteer initiative developed by EPA and other water organizations representing water suppliers striving to provide their communities with drinking water quality that surpasses the required federal standards. The Clifton Water District was presented the award for successfully completing the Self-Assessment and Peer Review phase of the *Partnership* program, a phase which consists of identifying factors that limit treatment plant performance.

“We are thrilled to receive this award,” said Clifton Water District Manager Dale Tooker. “Our goal is to continuously strive to improve our water quality, and it is an honor to be recognized as one of the highest performing plants in the country. The Clifton Water District uses “state-of-the-art” water treatment processes, including Nanofiltration and Reverse Osmosis. Continuing the District’s commitment for improved water quality, the District has recently embarked on a project to add Microfiltration and Ultrafiltration membrane technology to its treatment processes.”

The *Partnership* currently includes more than 220 water utilities, collectively serving more than 85 million people. This represents more than 60 percent of the U.S. population served by surface water supplies. Each utility has committed to the enhancement of drinking water quality and operational excellence in water treatment. As members of the *Partnership*, utilities make a pledge to their communities to improve their treatment operations to reduce the risk of exposure to microbial contaminants, namely *Cryptosporidium*, a parasite that can cause illness. By making this commitment, the member utilities’ treatment practices undergo a rigorous review developed by national experts, and includes a four-phased, self-assessment and peer-review process.

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The Partnership for Safe Water is sponsored by the American Water Works Association, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, United States Environmental Protection Agency, National Association of Water Companies, and the Water Research Foundation.

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PHOTO ATTACHED of Award Presentation at the American Water Works Association (AWWA) ACE Conference in Denver on June 10, 2013

Presenters shown in the images are:

Left: Mr. James Chaffee, American Water Works Association President.

Center: Ms. Rachel Roten, Clifton Water District Water Treatment Plant Operator

Right: Mr. Peter Grevatt, Director, United States Environmental Protection Agency Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

