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**Saint Paul Regional Water Services receives national award
for ongoing commitment to water quality**

15-Year Status in Program Receives National Recognition

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA – July 2013 - - Saint Paul Regional Water Services, McCarrons water treatment plant, has received a national award for maintaining the Directors Award of Recognition from the Partnership for Safe Water.

The award reflects the utility's outstanding commitment to delivering superior quality drinking water to their customers. Those utilities that subscribe to the Partnership for Safe Water are dedicated to providing high-quality water to customers beyond the regulatory requirements.

The Partnership for Safe Water is a national volunteer initiative developed by Environmental Protection Agency and other water organizations representing water suppliers striving to provide their communities with drinking water quality that surpasses the required federal standards. It includes more than 200 water utilities, collectively serving more than 85 million people. This represents 60 percent of the U.S. population served by surface water systems.

The Directors Award is presented to water systems that have completed a successful review in the Partnership's Self-Assessment and Peer Review phase. During this phase, utilities examine the capabilities of their treatment plant operation and administration and then create a plan for implementing improvements.

Saint Paul Regional Water Services has maintained the Directors Award for 15 years, an honor achieved by only a dozen water utilities across the country.

Saint Paul Regional Water Service's ongoing participation in the program includes a rigorous review of treatment practices developed by national experts, and also includes a four-step, self-assessment and peer-review process.

"Maintaining Directors Award status for fifteen years demonstrates our philosophy of constant vigilance to improve water quality," said Steve Schneider, general manager. "We are thrilled to receive national recognition for this ongoing commitment."

Saint Paul Regional Water Services was presented with the 15-Year Directors Award at the American Water Works Association's Annual Conference & Exposition in Denver, Colorado in June.

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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 American Water Works Association Research Foundation.

EDITORS: Photo attached to email. Caption: Steve Schneider, general manager of Saint Paul Regional Water Services (center with award), received the Partnership for Safe Water 15-year Directors' Award in June American Water Works Association's Annual Conference & Exposition in Denver, Colorado. From left are, James Chaffee, president of the American Water Works Association; Matt Anfang, president of the Board of Water Commissioners; Schneider; Greg Kleindl, commissioner on the Board of Water Commissioners; and Peter Grevatt, director of the United States Environmental Protection Agency Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.