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Local Water Authority Lab Wins Quality Assurance Award From Georgia Association of Water Professionals

ATLANTA (Nov. 17, 2010) – Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA) announced today its laboratory, which ensures safe drinking water for Metro Atlanta residents, received a quality assurance award from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP).

CCMWA's lab, responsible for ensuring that water throughout its service area meets quality requirements, competed against other drinking water labs with similar size and functionality. In addition to the written application process, a panel of judges, comprised of other water professionals throughout the state, reviewed CCMWA's quality assurance manual and did an on-site evaluation of the laboratory. The result was a perfect score.

Karen Osborne, laboratory division manager for CCMWA, says the award signifies the Water Authority's commitment to consistency in following procedures and regulations. "Earning this award is a huge honor for CCMWA," says Osborne. "It proves we've effectively done our jobs in a proficient manner and gives us feedback for future improvements."

Earlier this year, both of CCMWA's water treatment plants won Water Facility Gold Awards for 100 percent compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

About the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority

The Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority is the second largest provider of drinking water in Georgia. CCMWA provides treated drinking water on a wholesale basis to Cobb County, Paulding County, Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority, Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority, City of Marietta, City of Smyrna, City of Austell, City of Powder Springs, City of Mountain Park, City of Woodstock and Lockheed Martin Corporation. For more information, visit www.ccmwa.org.

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