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Local Water Treatment Plant Wins Top Honor from Statewide Professional Group

*-- Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Wyckoff Plant Named Water Plant of the Year
by Georgia Association of Water Professionals --*

MARIETTA, Ga. (April 27, 2011) – Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA) announced today its Hugh A. Wyckoff Water Treatment Plant, which ensures safe drinking water for northwest metro Atlanta residents, received the Water Plant of the Year award from Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP).

“This award signifies our organization’s commitment to excellence and to the protection of public health and safety,” says Glenn Page, general manager of CCMWA. “Providing reliable, high quality and affordable drinking water is our mission at the Water Authority, and GAWP’s recognition proves the dedication of not only the organization, but also of each individual staff member. To receive an award of this nature during a major plant construction project affirms our belief that our success lies in our people.”

CCMWA’s plant competed in the category of plants with a capacity to produce at least 50 million gallons of drinking water per day – the largest category in the competition. The Wyckoff Plant was selected as the winner after intense inspection of the facility and its operation, as well as a review of adherence to industry standards.

Cole Blackwell, assistant division manager for the Wyckoff Plant, says the award represents CCMWA's commitment to members of the community. “Water users in CCMWA's service area can be assured they will consistently have access to high quality drinking water.”

Also recognized this year by GAWP was Brian Smith of CCMWA who won Top Operator of the Year for District 3, which includes most of metropolitan Atlanta. Last fall, CCMWA's Calvin F. Simmons

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Microbiological Laboratory received the 2010 GAWP Laboratory Quality Assurance Award for a Drinking Water Laboratory.

For more information about the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, please visit www.ccmwa.org.

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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