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ECWA RELEASES 2011 WATER QUALITY REPORT
Report shows drinking water is of high quality

Buffalo, New York - The Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) today released its 2011 water quality report. The report fulfills the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) requirement for public water suppliers to annually prepare and deliver a consumer confidence report.

"We are once again very pleased with the results of our water quality monitoring report for 2011," said ECWA Chairperson Francis G. Warthling. "Our customers deserve to know and understand the quality of their drinking water. This monitoring report provides that information and assures customers that they are receiving safe, high quality drinking water at a very affordable cost."

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets national standards for drinking water quality. In New York, the State Health Department enforces the EPA's regulations and often imposes stricter standards for some regulated contaminants. According to ECWA Director of Water Quality Paul Whittam, New York State has among the highest standards for water quality in the country.

"The State Health Department's requirements in many cases are even more stringent than the EPA's," Whittam said. "Our customers are receiving among the safest drinking water in the country right here in Erie County."

The ECWA conducted more than 70,000 quality tests in 2011, to make certain all federal and state drinking water regulations were met. "We have a nationally recognized water quality laboratory and use state-of-the-art equipment at our facilities to test our water 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," Whittam said.

ECWA has begun mailing its annual water quality report to customers in their current quarterly bill.

If a customer has any questions or would like more information or additional copies of the report, visit www.ecwa.org.

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