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AWT Names Water Technologist & Supplier of the Year

Rockville, Md. (November 21, 2007) – The Association of Water Technologies (AWT) awarded the Ray Baum Memorial Water Technologist of the Year Award, as well as the Supplier of the Year Award at the 2007 Annual Convention and Exposition in Colorado Springs, Colorado on November 10, 2007.

Richard L. Tassone, Kemira Chemicals, Inc., received the prestigious Ray Baum Memorial Water Technologist of the Year Award. The award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurial spirit and contributions to the field of water treatment and particularly for service to AWT and its members. Tassone has been a long time friend of AWT through his activity with the Education Committee. His tireless efforts and work led to the development of AWT's highly successful Wastewater Treatment Training Seminar. During his distinguished career, Tassone authored numerous papers and articles on the subject of water treatment and has made multiple presentations at AWT seminars.

Past recipients of this award include: D.C. "Chuck" Brandvold, Robert R. Cavano, Ronald Knestaut, Dennis Clayton, E.J. Caruso, John J. Baum, Jessie Jefferies, Brent Chettle, Dr. Janet E. Stout, Dr. Arthur J. Freedman, Dr. Bennett P. Boffardi, Dr. Zahid Amjad, Richard Blake, Colin Frayne, William E. Pearson, and Bruce Ketrick.

Rex Rankin, with Water Treatment Industry Assurance Company received the Supplier of the Year Award. This award recognizes the suppliers who are an integral part of the water technology industry. Water Treatment Industry Assurance Company offers insurance products to those in the industry. They provide not only great customer service and quality products, but are dedicated to the business needs and goals of the water technology professional.

Past recipients of this award include: Zibex, Inc., and Advantage Controls, Inc.

AWT is an international trade association representing over 500 companies that specialize in industrial and commercial water treatment for heating and cooling systems. These companies may also specialize in wastewater treatment, potable water treatment, and other industry segments. For additional information about AWT, please visit our web site at www.awt.org or call our headquarters at 301-740-1421.

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