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Press Release – Wisconsin Rural Water Association

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**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES EMPLOYEE RECEIVES FRIEND OF
RURAL WATER AWARD**

STEVENS POINT, WI - The Wisconsin Rural Water Association (WRWA) recently held its Annual Technical Conference in eastern Wisconsin. Over 1,200 water systems and industry personnel met for four days exchanging ideas and technology through technical sessions and exhibits.

Larry Schaefer, received the Association's prestigious 2008 Friend of Rural Water award. Schaefer, who is currently the Drinking Water and Groundwater Supervisor.

This award is presented to an individual affiliated with Wisconsin Rural Water Association that has shown a high level of support to the mission of WRWA by participating and assisting in Rural Water programs and activities and to individuals who have shown exemplary service to their customers and the communities they serve.

Wisconsin Rural Water Association (WRWA) is a non-profit organization of rural and small water and wastewater systems. Its mission: To assist water/wastewater systems improve and preserve the quality and quantity of water resources in the State of Wisconsin". WRWA is the largest utility association in Wisconsin.