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Anniston Water Wins Regional Water Award

Anniston - The Anniston Water Works has won the 2015 <u>Best Tasting Drinking Water Award</u> as recognized by the industry's largest association, American Water Works Association (AWWA). Anniston's Water was selected as 'Best Tasting' in a blind taste-test among 15 finalist utilities at the AWWA Alabama/Mississippi Section annual conference.

Water Samples for the test are submitted in a special container and must come from an active 'tap' or connection on each utility's system. Competing utilities must demonstrate they have had no regulatory violations in the preceding year.

"It is no surprise to us that our water would be selected as best tasting" said Ed Turner, General Manager, of Anniston Water Works. "We are fortunate to have two outstanding water sources in Coldwater Spring and Hillabee Reservoir, but more importantly we are fortunate to have 61 dedicated employees that play a role in making sure our water is delivered in best-tasting condition to 20,000 customers everyday". Continued Turner, "In order to taste good, water has to be clean and safe and no one does that as well as the employees of our water system".

Anniston Water has won this competition before, winning in 1994, 2010 and now in 2015.

For more information, contact Ed Turner, General Manager, or Rodney Owens, Assistant General Manager, at 256-241-2000. For comments from AWWA contact Sam Agnew, Section Chair, at 225-295-1200.

Enclosure/Attachment is a photo of the 2015 AWWA Best Tasting Drinking Water award

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