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## **Spartanburg Water lab analyst awarded for outstanding service**

*Water Environment Association of South Carolina (WEASC) awards Hillary Messer at district level*

SPARTANBURG – A Spartanburg Water laboratory analyst was recently recognized for exemplary achievement by the Water Environment Association of South Carolina (WEASC). Hillary Messer, Quality Assurance Officer for the utility, was awarded the Blue Ridge Foothills District Laboratory Analyst of the Year for calendar year 2024.

This award is presented annually to one water treatment analyst for excellence achieved in the laboratory of a water and/or wastewater treatment plant in South Carolina. Hillary is tasked with implementing and managing the quality management system for the central lab and the satellite laboratories located at Spartanburg Water’s treatment facilities. In this role, she ensures that the laboratory data meets method requirements and remains legally defensible, supporting the utility’s mission of delivering safe, high-quality water.

Hillary holds a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Queens University of Charlotte. She began her career with Spartanburg Water in 2011 as a Laboratory Technician I and has since played a key role in water and wastewater quality assurance efforts.

“Hillary’s dedication plays a key part in Spartanburg Water’s exemplary compliance record. In overseeing the quality assurance of laboratory data, Hillary is paramount in providing safe drinking water and wastewater services to our customers,” said Rick Jolley, Vice President of Plant and Field Operations at Spartanburg Water.

The Blue Ridge Foothills District is one of 10 regional districts of the Water Environment Association of South Carolina (WEASC). The district includes Spartanburg, Greenville, Pickens, Oconee and Anderson counties. Annually, members are selected for outstanding service in categories as defined by the WEASC. These individuals are now eligible to receive awards from the corresponding state organization in March.

ABOUT THE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA (WEASC): WEASC serves more than 3,000 members across 10 districts throughout South Carolina. It is affiliated with the Water Environment Federation (WEF), which is composed of affiliates and members throughout the world. Its



purpose is to serve those whose vocation is the promotion, protection and preservation of the water environment. And, by extension, to serve all those who enjoy the waters of South Carolina for recreation or refreshment.

ABOUT SPARTANBURG WATER: Spartanburg Water, an industry leading utility, is comprised of Spartanburg Water System and Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District. It serves a population of more than 200,000 within Spartanburg County, as well as others in parts of Greenville, Union and Cherokee counties. With the help of its dedicated team of about 300 employees, each day it produces an average of 25 million gallons of drinking water and cleans 12 million gallons of reclaimed water for its customers and community.

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