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## **Spartanburg Water's Water Treatment Facilities Recognized for Continuing Excellence**

Spartanburg Water's Water Treatment Facilities were recently recognized for continuing excellence and meeting or exceeding industry and award standards by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the national American Water Works Association (AWWA). All eligible Water Treatment Facilities received awards.

The R. B. Simms and the Landrum Water Treatment Facilities received the South Carolina Area-Wide Optimization Award for the calendar year 2010. SC DHEC initiated the SC Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) in 1997. AWOP is an effort to optimize the performance of existing surface water treatment facilities. The goal of the program is to optimize particle removal and disinfection at all filtration plants to maximize public health protection. AWOP was originally focused on microbial contaminants, but has expanded to include a disinfectant byproducts component.

The R. B. Simms, Landrum and the Blalock Water Treatment Facilities received the AWWA *Partnership for Safe Drinking Water* Directors Award for continually meeting or exceeding the **Phase III** program requirements for 2011. **Phase III** is a comprehensive self-assessment evaluation following the "Self-Assessment Guide for Surface Water Treatment Plant Optimization". A completion report is submitted and reviewed by a team of utility peers. Satisfactory reports result in the plant receiving the Directors Award from the Partnership. In order to renew the award the facility must supply turbidity data and a written report that demonstrates that the facility continues to actively support the goals of the program.

"Spartanburg Water is proud to have its Water Treatment Facilities and employees recognized for their achievements in producing high quality water for our customers and for protecting the public health", stated Sue Schneider, General Manager. "The focus and attention of our employees for 24 hours a day, 365 days a year is the main reason for this great accomplishment."

**Spartanburg Water – An Award Winning Utility**