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**THE MDC PROMOTES “DRINKING WATER WEEK 2014”
MAY 4TH-MAY 10TH**

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(HARTFORD, CT) This week, the MDC will promote Drinking Water Week 2014 by unveiling a “Five Facts About Your Water” campaign to raise awareness among member town residents and businesses about the critical role water plays in our daily lives and in the quality of life we enjoy.

The “Five Facts About Your Water” campaign will educate the public about the work and history of the Metropolitan District, including the following examples:

- **Did you know that your water is safe, pure, and better than the water available in much of Connecticut and the rest of the country?** The MDC’s watershed land acts as a natural filter and buffer to pollutants and protects the integrity of the District’s drinking water supply reservoirs.
- **Did you know that your water comes from 31,000 acres of watershed land that includes two reservoirs containing nearly 40 billion gallons of water, all maintained by the MDC?** This land also provides Connecticut’s more popular recreation areas, including paved and gravel roads for joggers and bicyclists, hiking trails, wheel-chair accessible picnic groves, and areas for cross-country skiing and snow shoeing.
- **Did you know that your water rates are among the most affordable in CT and the country?** For \$2.00, you can have one gallon of name brand bottled water delivered to your home or approximately 333 gallons of MDC water – a savings of \$1.99 per gallon!

Brochures highlighting these important facts and more about the water we use and consume every day will be distributed to Town Halls and community organizations in member towns. In addition, the MDC Water Wagon will be deployed to area events during the week.

About Drinking Water Week: For more than 35 years, the American Water Works Association and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week – a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives. Additional information about Drinking Water Week is available at www.awwa.org

About the MDC: *The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, sewer and household hazardous waste collection services to its member municipalities: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. In addition, under a series of special agreements, the District supplies treated water to portions of Glastonbury, South Windsor, Farmington, and East Granby.*

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