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### Drinking Water Section

April 6, 2016

Ms. Judy Simpanen  
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Dear Ms. Simpanen:

Congratulations, You have been chosen by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Drinking Water Section to receive the 2016 Educational Public Health Drinking Water Merit Award. This award is given during Drinking Water Week to recognize an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field of drinking water operator certification, workforce development and training.

As part of celebrating National Drinking Water Week, you are being recognized for your outstanding contributions to the field of drinking water operator certification, workforce development and the training of operators. We recognize your important involvement for more than 15 years as Chairperson of the Connecticut Section American Water Works Association's Operator Certification Committee. This committee serves as the Drinking Water Section's (DWS's) required stakeholder committee, providing routine input as to the implementation of CT DPH's Water Operator Certification Program. Your professionalism has greatly assisted this office with the following:

1. Evaluation of operator training course applications,
2. Development of criteria for remote operator training courses,
3. Routine review of all state certification examination questions, providing input and assisting in the selection of replacement questions,
4. Guidance towards development of the proposed operator certification regulations,
5. Evaluation of DWS operator certification applications / forms,

Additionally, you are being recognized for your efforts in initiating an operator internship program at Aquarion Water Company, which will involve job shadowing and positioning of interns at facilities.

We look forward to presenting you with your award at a ceremony on April 26, 2016, at 4:30pm at Legislative Office Building, during CTAWWA's Water for People event.



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Should you have any questions, please contact William Sullivan of the DWS at (860) 509-7333 or via e-mail at [william.sullivan@ct.gov](mailto:william.sullivan@ct.gov). Again thank you for all that you do to ensure the public health and safety of drinking water in Connecticut.

Sincerely,



Raul Pino, MD, MPH  
Commissioner

Cc: Dr. Michael Blefeld, Director of Health, Stonington Health Department  
Mr. John P. Walsh, Vice President, Aquarion Water Company  
Mr. Chuck Firlotte, Vice President and CEO, Aquarion Water Company