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AUB ISSUES ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Athens, Tenn. – The Athens Utilities Board (AUB) has completed preparation of its 2005 Water Quality Report. AUB will send copies to its water customers and will distribute the report to schools, nursing homes, plants, and municipal facilities. The report is also available on AUB's website.

“Clean drinking water sometimes is taken for granted because you turn on the tap and there it is. But in this day in age we all should be aware of the work that goes into providing homes and businesses a high-quality product,” said AUB's Wayne Scarbrough.

“As in past years, we are pleased to tell the community that in 2005 AUB water quality exceeded all state and national standards,” he said.

AUB Water Superintendent Jill Davis said the Water Quality Report covers a broad range of possible contaminants common to all water systems and shows how AUB water measured up to those state and national standards.

“The report includes information about where our water comes from, how we test it, and how we treat it. We also provide detailed data results from water sampling and testing throughout 2005,” Davis said.

AUB has a rigorous year-round program of quality assurance testing that extends from the source of the water all the way to the tap, Davis said, adding that careful system maintenance of reservoirs and lines coupled with general water-quality management further ensure top-notch water.

“Jill's division of water professionals never loses sight of their mission in such a thorough program. Their dedication pays off year after year,” Scarbrough said. “The entire community can be proud of their work, because their work is on behalf of the whole community.”

Athens drinking water comes from the Ingleside Spring and from wells that tap an aquifer that parallels Oostanaula Creek. Water from these sources is treated at AUB's filtering plant. A third source is the Hiwassee Utility Commission, which supplies AUB about 18 million gallons per month of treated surface water from the Hiwassee River.

For copies of the AUB 2005 Water Quality Report, go to AUB's website at www.aub.org, or call AUB at 745-4501.

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