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## **News Release**

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### **AUB ISSUES ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT**

Athens, Tenn. – The Athens Utilities Board (AUB) has completed preparation of its 2006 Water Quality Report.

“Once again we are pleased to report to the community that in 2006 AUB water quality exceeded all state and national standards,” said AUB’s Wayne Scarbrough.

AUB is now distributing copies of the report to water customers as a bill stuffer and subsequently will deliver the report to schools, nursing homes, plants, and municipal facilities.

The 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 document also includes information about where AUB water comes from, how the utility tests it, and how they treat it, Scarbrough said.

“For those who want to look a layer deeper we provide detailed data results from water sampling and testing throughout 2006,” he added.

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, said AUB Water Superintendent Jill Davis.

“Our people are simply some of the best in the business and their work speaks for itself,” Davis said. “That fact was highlighted recently when they were given top honors by one of the most respected water organizations in Tennessee.”

AUB’s water filtration plant was named the top water plant in the state of Tennessee in 2006 by the Tennessee Water and Wastewater Association.

AUB 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 18 to 20 million gallons per month of treated surface water from the Hiwassee River.

For more copies of AUB’s 2006 Water Quality Report, go to the company’s website at [www.aub.org](http://www.aub.org), visit the AUB offices, or call AUB at 745-4501.

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