

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 7, 2007

For more information, contact:

Jill Estabrook Wisheart, Director of
Communications and Marketing,
303.347.6111 or 303.907.3567,
jwisheart@awwarf.org

AwwaRF Announces Report on Endocrine Disrupting Compounds in Drinking Water

(Denver, CO) — Awwa Research Foundation (AwwaRF), the leading nonprofit water research foundation dedicated to advancing the science of drinking water, today announced the publication of a new report on endocrine disrupting compounds (EDCs) and pharmaceuticals and personal-care products (PPCPs). These contaminants have been detected at low concentrations in streams around the world.

The study upon which the report is based is one of the first to comprehensively and systematically investigate how well these contaminants are removed by different treatment processes used by water utilities. AwwaRF has been a proactive leader in sponsoring research on EDCs and PPCPs in drinking water since 1999. Additional AwwaRF studies are underway to learn more about EDCs and other emerging contaminants. The research will provide water utilities and regulatory agencies with important information to help them understand the issues involved in order to protect public health.

“One of the goals of AwwaRF research is to anticipate issues that the water supply community may have to deal with in the future,” said Robert C. Renner, executive

director of AwwaRF. “By proactively sponsoring research on emerging issues, AwwaRF helps to develop solutions for the continued delivery of safe drinking water to consumers.”

The report, *Removal of EDCs and Pharmaceuticals in Drinking and Reuse Treatment Processes* (order #91188), is currently available only to subscribers of AwwaRF. The report will become available publicly later this year. To learn more about AwwaRF and its research, please go to www.AwwaRF.org.

About the Awwa Research Foundation (AwwaRF)

The Awwa Research Foundation (AwwaRF) is a member-supported, international, nonprofit organization that sponsors research to enable water utilities, public health agencies, and other professionals to provide safe and affordable drinking water to consumers. With more than 900 subscriber members in the U.S. and abroad, AwwaRF has funded and managed more than 1,000 projects valued at more than \$400 million. More information on the Awwa Research Foundation is available at www.AwwaRF.org.

###