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AQUARION WATER COMPANY DIVERS TO SURVEY EASTON RESERVOIR
Final Scuba Survey of the Season to Maintain Water's High Quality

BRIDGEPORT, CT: September 18, 2007 – Aquarion Water Company has commissioned its dive team to survey several reservoirs throughout its 36-town Connecticut service area to help minimize the adverse effects that summertime algae growth could have on the quality of the water.

The final survey for the season is scheduled for the company's Easton Reservoir at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 20th. (If interested in reporting on the dive, media representatives should meet the team at the boat ramp on South Park Avenue in Easton, CT).

The Easton Reservoir, one of Aquarion's largest, is one of eight surface water sources that provide about 40 million gallons of water a day to approximately 350,000 people throughout the 10-town Greater Bridgeport area. The surveys are conducted by divers from Ecosystem Consulting Service Company of Coventry, CT, who may delve as deeply as 25 feet below the surface of the reservoirs to identify and assess algae mats.

As noted in its recently mailed annual Water Quality Reports, Aquarion's water continues to meet, and often is better than, state and federal drinking water safety and quality guidelines. However, Aquarion's water quality professionals routinely monitor algae growth during the summer season to minimize its effects on the aesthetics of the water.

Bradford M. Hanover, Aquarion's manager of water quality, said while algae naturally grows quickly in reservoirs due to summertime weather patterns, "Aquarion's water quality professionals work hard to continually monitor and reduce its impact as quickly as possible." Other management tools include aeration, chemical treatment and reservoir sample testing, he noted.

Aquarion Company's principal business is public water supply. Through its Aquarion Water Company subsidiaries, it is one of the 10 largest investor-owned water utilities in the U.S., serving some 207,000 homes and businesses, or approximately 700,000 people, in 44 Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire communities. Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut provides high-quality water to 179,000 customers, or some 600,000 people, in 36 cities and towns. Please visit www.aquarionwater.com for more information.

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