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**AQUARION WATER COMPANY ASSIGNS DIVE TEAMS
TO SURVEY RESERVOIRS**

***Scuba Surveys Utilized to Maintain Water's High Quality for Greater Bridgeport
Area***

BRIDGEPORT, CT, July 26, 2006 – Aquarion Water Company has commissioned dive teams 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.

A survey is scheduled for the company's **Hemlocks Reservoir from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 28th across from the Warner Water Treatment Plant at 4975 Black Rock Turnpike in Fairfield, CT. The Hemlocks 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.

Brad 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 diligently 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 219,400 homes and businesses, or approximately 677,000 people, in 53 Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire communities. Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut provides high-quality water for some

176,000 customers or more than 587,000 people in 36 cities and towns.