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**AQUARION WATER COMPANY ADDRESSES QUALITY
CONCERNS IN MYSTIC**
Water Continues to Meet Safe Drinking Water Standards

BRIDGEPORT, CT, August 3, 2007 – Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut's water quality and supply operations professionals are currently addressing algae growth-related issues in its Mystic reservoirs that are causing a noticeable taste and odor in some customers' tap water.

As has occurred during previous summers, the algae growth affects the aesthetics of the water only. Aquarion's water continues to meet state and federal drinking water safety and quality guidelines.

John J. Herlihy, director of water quality management, said while the taste and odor stems from naturally occurring algae growth in the Mystic reservoirs and summertime weather patterns, Aquarion's water quality professionals are working diligently to continually monitor the water quality and solve the problem as soon as possible. Specifically, Aquarion Water installed a \$135,000 aeration system a few years ago (that helps to control algae growths), the team is testing the water at varying depths, and the company has increased the frequency of algae mat inspections by reservoir dive teams. Aquarion is increasing treatment of the reservoirs with copper sulfate as well. Residents should notice improved aesthetic water quality in several days.

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.

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