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**Minnesota Rural Water Association**

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**CITY OF BATTLE LAKE WINS WATER TASTE TEST!**

Officials at the Minnesota Rural Water Association have found the best-tasting water in Minnesota. On March 3, 2015, at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual MRWA Water and Wastewater Technical Conference, the winner of a statewide competition was announced in an effort to identify the best tasting water in Minnesota and participants hope, in the nation.

Small and rural water utilities from around the state submitted samples of their water, straight from the tap.

The winner of the event was the City of Battle Lake, whose water sample was chosen by judges as the most appealing. “It tasted clean, pure and refreshing”, stated the judges. Steve Seufert is shown in the photo above (*second from right*) representing the city of Battle Lake along with MRWA Groundwater Specialist Robyn Hoerr (*far right*) and MRWA Source Water Protection Specialist Mike Strodtman (*back row*).



Judges for the competition were (*shown in the photo above, from left to right*) Doug Anderton, National Rural Water Association (*left*); Terry Maier, Team Lab Chemical Corp (*second from the left*); and Jon Pratt, Apex Engineering Group (*third from left*).

“Because of the quality of this water, Minnesota has a good chance at the national taste test in Washington, D.C.” added Ruth Hubbard, Executive Director of Minnesota Rural Water Association.

The competition is part of the *Quality on Tap!* campaign to emphasize the high quality, standards and taste of water. Winners of the state taste test will compete in a national contest at Capital Hill in Washington, D.C. in February 2016. This event is part of the Rural Water Rally, an annual legislative event for the 49 state affiliates of National Rural Water Association.