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Water Authority of Dickson County Earns 100 on Sanitary Survey

The Water Authority of Dickson County learned in late December 2011 that it earned a score of 100 on the Sanitary Survey of its public water system, conducted November 17-18 by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Water Supply. A score of 100 is the highest grade given by the State.

In the announcement letter, TDEC stated, "The Division would like to commend the Water Authority of Dickson County for earning a score of 100 during this survey period. All of the Division staff that participated noted that all of the programs that were reviewed were well maintained and executed. Of particular note were the maintenance and operations of the water treatment plants and new line installation procedure documentation."

The Sanitary Survey, conducted annually by the TDEC Division of Water Supply, represents the quality of every portion of the public water system, from withdrawal of source water through treatment and distribution to delivery in the customer's water meter. The Survey also evaluates the regulatory compliance of newly constructed or renovated water lines as well as satisfactory resolution of customer complaints.

Kyle Ruf, Chairman of the Authority's Board of Commissioners, commented, "Any organization that reaches the top levels of its craft should take pride in that; but doing so in an organization that is so closely tied to public health and quality of life is even more important due to the trust placed in us by the public. The men and women of WADC are to be commended for their achievement and for upholding that trust to the highest established standards."

The Water Authority was also commended in December by the Harpeth River Watershed Association for its improvement in the water quality in Flat Rock Branch, the stream to which the Authority's Fairview Wastewater Treatment Plant discharges its treated effluent. TDEC removed the sewer connection moratorium in Fairview as a result of process and capital improvements made by the Authority that resulted in higher water quality in Flat Rock Branch, also justifying its removal from the federal 303(d) list of impaired streams.