

S.C. Water District to be awarded

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The Simpson County Water District, recognized for excellence in its public communications regarding the quality of local drinking water, will receive an award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Thursday, Feb. 23.

The 2005 Consumer Confidence Report Excellence Award will be presented to the district in a ceremony scheduled for 1 p.m. CST at 108 Morgantown Road in Franklin.

EPA initiated the award to highlight water systems that demonstrate effective public communications. The Simpson County Water District is the first in Kentucky to receive the award.

Nominations were solicited in six categories, from small systems serving as few as 25 people up to those serving more than 10,000. Surface water and ground water systems are included.

The Simpson County Water District won the Medium Surface Water category.

The system purchases water from Whitehouse, Tenn., and distributes it to approximately 9,100 people.

This significant achievement demonstrates the utility's commitment to high water quality standards, excellence in operation and communication and increased public health protection.

Water suppliers are required to prepare annual water quality reports, consumer confidence reports or drinking water quality reports for customers.

Reports must contain information about the source of water, susceptibility to pollution, levels of contaminants found, potential health effects of those contaminants, the water systems compliance with water-related rules, educational statements on several contaminants and sources for additional information.