



# North Jersey Water Conference

*Meets Monthly from September to June  
To Educate, Familiarize, and Create Fellowship.*

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear friends and colleagues,

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I hope everyone has enjoyed fun, relaxing summers with their friends and families; our thoughts and prayers go out to all those impacted by Hurricane Irene. As we closeout the summer of 2011, it is time for us to kickoff our 2011-2012 Conference year at the North Jersey Water Conference. We are very excited about our upcoming calendar and are certain that you will find your membership in the Conference invaluable on both professional and personal levels.

For our 2011-2012 Conference year, we will achieve our goals to Educate, Familiarize, and Create Fellowship by continuing the basic format of our monthly meetings where opportunities to obtain Technical Contact Hours (TCH’s) for our Licensed Water Operators is provided, along with one on one networking opportunities for everyone. In the interest of continued improvement, you will notice some changes this year in how we go about implementing these goals. For our members that hold Professional Engineering Licenses, we are also trying to get our TCH program accepted by the NJ Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to fulfill the training requirements they have recently enacted.

In these challenging economic times, there may not be a better way to kick off our Conference year than with our Vendor Event where attendees are provided with one of the most cost effective advertising, networking, and learning opportunities available in the state. We have made significant improvements to our Vendor Event over the past several years, and this year’s Event promises to be one of our best ever. The Event will be held at the Bethwood in Totowa in late September and will be comprised of an afternoon of training on Field Safety and our annual NJDEP Regulatory Update, along with vendor exhibit time. This will be followed by our evening meet and greet, dinner, and vendor prize giveaways. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

Don’t worry, don’t worry – we will still be having our beefsteak. The Vendor Event will be followed in early November by our Beefsteak Dinner at the Brownstone in Paterson. Our holiday party will be held in early December at Portobello’s in Oakland, including great food, music and a comedian. We will have a 2 TCH lunch meeting in January, and our April dinner meeting will include a tour of a local water facility. We will closeout our Conference year with our Harold V. Florence, Jr. charity golf outing in May, the picnic in early June, and the fishing trip in late June.

On a personal level, I would like to challenge each one of you to *introduce at least one new person to the Conference this year*. I would also like to thank the NJWC Executive Board, Committee members, and all other volunteers that together help make this the great organization that it is. As always, I welcome any feedback and input on ways you think we can make the Conference better together.

Thank you for your continued support,

James A. Floystrop, President  
North Jersey Water Conference