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**DENR RECOGNIZES WEB WATER DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION FOR
DRINKING WATER COMPLIANCE**

PIERRE - The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) announced today that the WEB Water Development Association public water system and the system's operation specialists have been awarded a Drinking Water Certificate of Achievement Award.

"We cannot live without water; it is just that simple, " said DENR Secretary Steve Pirner. "With these awards, DENR salutes the best-of-the-best drinking water systems and operation specialists who deliver safe water 24 hours-a-day to their customers and successfully met all of the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act last year."

The system's operation specialists are Stuart Surma, Dean Perry, Ronald Gibson, Clayton Larson, Marty Hertel, Richard Adema, Gregory Schock, Eric Hansen, Scott Hoffman, Robert Haliburton, David Vogel, Kevin Schlechter, Dustin Tople, Todd Pinkman, Torrey Wahl, Shawn Rangel , Randy Zens, Tyler Pahl, Chad Feldman, Garry Lone, Joel Kennedy, Jordan Arthurs, Quinn Vinger, Craig Bonen, Derek White and Michael Stiklestad.

To qualify for the Drinking Water Certificate of Achievement Award, public water systems and their system operations specialists had to meet all of the following requirements for 2016:

- compliance monitoring and reporting,
- drinking water standards, and
- certification requirements.