



## News Release

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### Water Quality Evaluation Tests Not Sponsored by Emerald Coast Utilities Authority

ECUA's "Best Tasting Water" Recognition Returns Home in 2009

PENSACOLA—The Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) has learned private, independent water technology companies have been soliciting local consumers to allow them to test their drinking water as part of a water filter sales campaign. The water testing is not being initiated or sponsored by the ECUA. Residents should be advised that in the past, some water filtration/sales companies operating in the local area have been investigated by the Florida Attorney General's Office for allegedly engaging in deceptive testing and sales practices.

The ECUA's drinking water meets all federal and state requirements. The ECUA Drinking Water System is *within full compliance* of all required safe-water testing limits. The results can be viewed in ECUA's 2008 Water Quality Report at [www.ecua.org](http://www.ecua.org). Our goal is to serve our customers with a high quality, dependable and safe supply of drinking water. We continually strive for excellence, to improve and maintain the quality of water we deliver, and to protect our water resources.

In addition to achieving these water testing results, a regional best-tasting water competition was conducted in March 2009. The challenge included water utilities located in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties. The Region IX of the Florida Section/American Water Works Association (FS/AWWA) announced the ECUA had the "Best Tasting Water." The ECUA also won the taste competition in 2004 and 2005.

About ECUA: Originally founded as the Escambia County Utilities Authority in 1981. The ECUA is a local governmental body, existing under the laws of the State of Florida and provides sanitation, water, and wastewater services. The ECUA's name was officially changed to the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority on June 29, 2004.

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