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eHT Project Wins National EPA Award

ABILENE, TEXAS — The Possum Kingdom Water Supply Corporation (PKWSC) serving the Possum Kingdom Lake area in Palo Pinto and Stephens Counties in Texas received the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2006 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Award for Sustainable Public Health Protection. This award recognizes projects that have shown creativity, effectiveness and dedication to public health protection. This award was the only one given out in the State of Texas and was one of only 27 awards total given across the United States.

Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc. (eHT), a civil, environmental and geotechnical engineering firm headquartered in Abilene, Texas, is responsible for the planning and design of the regional water treatment plant and distribution system for potable water to serve the PKWSC.

The PKWSC had multiple non-compliant, private, small systems without disinfection using Possum Kingdom Lake water that contained high levels of chlorides, sulfates and total dissolved solids (TDS). PKWSC consolidated the small systems and constructed a new water intake, water filtration plant and distribution system, all planned and designed by eHT, to remove chlorides, sulfates and TDS.

According to a media release from the TWDB, Kevin Ward, TWDB Executive Administrator said, "The TWDB is very pleased that the Possum Kingdom WSC was selected to receive this prestigious EPA award. This project represents a highly successful and innovative partnership that has improved the lives of many Texans."

The Texas Water Development Board presented the award to PKWSC representatives at their September 19 Board Meeting. Winners were also acknowledged at the national Council for Infrastructure Finance Authorities meeting in Philadelphia, PA in November 2006.

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About DWSRF:

The DWSRF was established in 1996 through the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The goal of the DWSRF is to provide states with a financing mechanism for ensuring safe drinking water to the public. States can use federal capitalization grant money awarded to set up an infrastructure funding account from which assistance is made available to public water systems. The program places emphasis on small and disadvantaged communities and on programs that emphasize prevention as a tool for ensuring safe drinking water.

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