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On Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at the regular meeting of the Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Spartanburg, Mr. Frank Dukes and Ms. Megan Monahan of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, presented the prestigious Consumer Confidence Report Excellence Award to Joshua Smith, Regulatory Affairs Specialist representing Spartanburg Water. The award was presented for the Landrum Consumer Confidence Report by EPA Region IV in recognition of the best Consumer Confidence Report by a Medium Surface Water Public Water Supply.

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule is a federal regulation that requires community water systems to provide an annual report to customers on the quality of their drinking water. To win the award, the utility must do more than comply with the regulation. It must demonstrate a commitment to compliance, and provide customers with opportunities to participate in decision-making processes that affect their drinking water. Extra points are given for community outreach and education activities.

Spartanburg Water acquired and manages the Landrum system. Landrum's drinking water meets standards significantly higher than current regulations due in part to the participation by the Landrum Water Treatment Facility in the South Carolina Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP), which focuses on treatment enhancements. The Landrum facility was recently recognized by DHEC for achieving the AWOP program goals. In addition, Spartanburg Water continues to partner with the EPA and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) as a member of the Partnership for Safe Water. The Landrum Water Treatment Facility has received the Director's Award for this program.