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Spartanburg Water's Lake Blalock Water Treatment Plant has received a national "Directors Award of Recognition" from the *Partnership for Safe Water*, a national volunteer initiative developed by the EPA and other water organizations representing water suppliers striving to provide their communities with drinking water that surpasses the requested federal standards. The Directors Award is presented to the water systems that have completed a successful review in the Self-Assessment and Peer Review phase of the *Partnership* program, a phase in which utilities examine the capabilities of their treatment plant operation and administration and then create a plan for implementing improvements.

Jeff Phillips, Water Resources Facilities Manager at Spartanburg Water, was presented on Monday, June 9th with the Director's Award for successful completion of Phase III of the Partnership Program for Safe Water. The presentation was made at the 2008 Annual Conference and Exposition of the American Water Works Association held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The *Partnership for Safe Water* currently includes more than 200 water utilities, collectively serving more than 85 million people. This represents 60% of the U.S. population served by surface water supplies. Phase III involves a comprehensive self-assessment evaluation following the "Self-Assessment Guide for Surface Water Treatment Plant Optimization". A report is submitted and critically reviewed by a team of utility peers. Spartanburg Water is proud to be proactively striving to meet all *Partnership for Safe Water* water quality goals as just one part of its mission to protect public health and the environment.