



American Water To Host AwwaRF Asset Management Research Workshop

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American Water, the largest water services provider in North America, today announced that it will host an [Asset Management Research Workshop](#) at its water treatment plant in Delran, N.J. on December 4-5, 2006. The workshop, part of a research project funded by the American Water Works Association Research Foundation (AwwaRF), will identify the industry's most pressing needs related to asset management and define a set of comprehensive, cohesive and prioritized research initiatives.

HDR Engineering will lead the Asset Management Research Workshop, with planned attendance by more than 40 water and wastewater utilities and subcontractors, including Weston Engineering (as co-principal investigator), the Electric Power Research Institute and the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. Results of the workshop will establish AwwaRF's asset management research agenda for the next five to ten years.

"As an industry leader committed to asset management, American Water is honored to host this important summit," said John Young, Chief Operating Officer at American Water. "Asset management spans numerous interrelated businesses, and this project is a critical step in setting a unified vision and research roadmap."

At the collaborative workshop, asset management experts will examine information, opinions, software and "best practices" on the topic. The ultimate goal is to ensure the U.S. utility infrastructure's continued provision of reliable drinking and wastewater treatment for future generations, in the most cost-effective manner possible.

For more information on the Asset Management Research Workshop, please contact David Hughes at 856-346-8320, or via email at David.Hughes@amwater.com.

With headquarters in Voorhees, NJ, American Water employs approximately 7,000 who provide high quality water, wastewater, and other related services to more than 18 million people in 29 states and Canada.

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