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a Section of the American Water Works Association

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ENTRY FORM

DAVID M. ERICKSON GROUNDWATER AWARD

Description: The New England Water Works Association (NEWWA) Groundwater Committee is seeking nominations for a recipient of the David M. Erickson Groundwater Award. The purpose of the Groundwater Award is to recognize an individual member, current or retired, of the NEWWA who has demonstrated excellence in the field of groundwater science as it relates to groundwater supply development, management and protection.

DAVID M. ERICKSON (1932-1985)

David M. Erickson was a hydrogeologist whose character, vision and insight exemplify the traits described as necessary for a recipient of the Groundwater Award. He earned the respect and admiration of everyone who was privileged to work with him during his distinguished career.

Dave graduated from the University of Rochester in 1953 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geology. After completing a three year tour of duty in the United States Navy, he began his career in hydrogeology working for the Layne New England/Layne New York Company, rising to the position of Vice President. His career was marked by the completion of numerous municipal and industrial large capacity groundwater supply and well design projects located throughout New England as well as New York. He was a licensed geologist and certified as a Professional Geologist by the American Institute of Professional Geologists. His professional volunteer commitments included service to the American Water Works Association, New England Water Works Association and National Well Association (i.e. National Ground Water Association).

As a visionary, Dave left an impressive legacy to the drinking water profession. He was one of the early practitioners of hydrogeology focused on groundwater supply in New England and, in that role, pioneered the field application of what were then "cutting edge" technologies for siting, design and management of groundwater supply wells. These included such methods as use of surface geophysical techniques and dual rotary drilling of production wells, all common practices today. He shared these innovative methods with all who worked with him and encouraged use of their own analytical and creative skills to meet and overcome similar challenges. Today, many of those professionals mentored by Dave are now accomplished mentors in their own right and leaders in the field of groundwater resource development, management and protection throughout New England.

Eligibility: Candidates for the award must have demonstrated the professional leadership, consistent and effective mentorship, and technical expertise that led to significant contributions to the advancement of groundwater supply. The award recipient will have shown outstanding leadership and constructive mentoring of young groundwater professionals. In addition, the award recipient will have excelled in one or more of the following areas: 1) significant service contributions to a groundwater-related professional association; 2) an ability to develop and apply emerging and/or innovative technologies for the advancement of groundwater supply development, practice, management, protection and/or regulation; and 3) the completion and communication of work that produced significant contributions to the understanding, management, planning, science, engineering, policy or education related to groundwater resources and supplies.

(Please complete the application on the reverse side)

1. **Name of Candidate:** _____

Organization Contact: _____ **Title:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

2. How has the nominee shown outstanding leadership in the groundwater profession?

3. How has the nominee demonstrated mentoring of young groundwater professionals?

4. List nominee's additional relevant qualifications and contributions to the groundwater industry.

Optional: Attach a supporting statement to further describe how the nominee exemplifies the award criteria listed above, as needed, and/or further relevant information as to why the nominee should be considered for this award.

Submitted by: **Name (please print):** _____ **Date:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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