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**DAUPHIN COUNTY NATIVE RECOGNIZED FOR
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AT WORK**

Harrisburg, Pa. – The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) recently presented Cindy Obenstine with the agency’s quarterly Spotlight Award for her exceptional work as Administrative Specialist. Obenstine joined SRBC nine months ago. Prior to that she worked 17 years for Science Applications International Corporation in Harrisburg. Obenstine is a native of Dauphin County and currently lives in Elizabethtown, Lancaster County.

The Spotlight Award is presented to employees to recognize outstanding job performance during the past 3-month time period, commonly when they have shown exceptional initiative and gone beyond their general job description. The third quarter of 2005 saw the culmination of several important planning projects at SRBC, and Obenstine played a critical role in producing the reports and other documents necessary to complete the projects.

In particular, Obenstine was recognized for assembling the Northern Lancaster County Groundwater Study report and the Groundwater Management Plan report – both under tight deadlines. She also learned in a short timeframe the procedures for producing SRBC’s project review dockets, while learning new computer programs and handling all of her other administrative duties. Obenstine was also highly praised for her friendly and professional demeanor, her willingness to assist anyone at SRBC and her ability to handle many projects at one time.

SRBC executive director Paul Swartz said, “At the Commission, staff are guided by a set of core values, and they are ‘Teamwork, Professionalism and Quality.’ Cindy truly exemplifies those values. Her diligence and ‘can-do’ attitude translate into good services for the citizens of the Susquehanna basin. The Commission is very fortunate to have her on our team.”

SRBC’s employee award recipients are nominated and selected by their peers. This award program was initiated in 1996.

SRBC is the governing agency established under a 100-year compact signed on Dec. 24, 1970 by the federal government and states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and manage wisely the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Md., where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay.

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