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**BROWNELL APPOINTED HEAD OF
WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AT SRBC**

HARRISBURG, Pa. – Michael G. Brownell of Hershey, Dauphin County, Pa., was recently appointed Chief of the Water Management Division at the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC). The Water Management Division is responsible for SRBC’s regulatory functions, along with engineering and technical services, including flood management, drought coordination and water supply planning and management.

Brownell, who had been serving as the acting chief since April, plans to establish purpose-driven, interdisciplinary teams to maximize staff resources and ensure that decisions are based on sound science as the division carries out its responsibilities. Brownell intends to keep the division’s activities focused on sustainable utilization of the basin’s shared water resources. Brownell also will be working to enhance the compliance and enforcement activities.

Paul Swartz, SRBC executive director said, “Mike is committed to setting the highest standards for himself and his staff. His leadership ability, combined with his technical knowledge and experience, will be invaluable to SRBC and the Susquehanna basin.”

Brownell first joined SRBC in December 1999. Prior to that he worked as a hydrogeologist for ARM Group Inc. in Hershey, Pa., and as a water resource scientist for R.E. Wright Environmental Inc. in Middletown, Pa. He began his working career in September 1990 in New York State as a hydrogeologist for G & G Consulting, Inc. and then the U.S. Geological Survey where he worked on a report detailing the contribution of bedrock aquifers to the Susquehanna River basinflow in upstate New York.

“Even before coming to SRBC, Mike has had a longtime interest in the Susquehanna basin,” said Swartz. “His commitment to this agency’s mission and his enthusiasm for the challenges that lie ahead as the division chief are unmatched.”

A native of Oneonta, N.Y., Mike earned his B.S. in Water Resources from the State University of New York at Oneonta. He resides in Hershey with his wife Rebecca, a teacher at Milton Hershey Elementary School, and son Chase and daughter Paige.

SRBC is the governing agency established under a 100-year compact signed on December 24, 1970 by the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and wisely manage 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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