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YORK SPRINGS NATIVE RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AT WORK

Harrisburg, Pa. – The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) recently presented Dawn Brandt with the organization’s quarterly Spotlight Award, for her exceptional work as Water Quality Specialist. Brandt has been with the Commission for two years, and is both a native of and currently lives in York Springs, Adams County.

The Spotlight Award is presented to a SRBC employee 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. During the fourth quarter of 2004, Brandt demonstrated those qualities while working on the Commission’s Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program, which coordinates TMDL efforts among the Susquehanna River Basin states – Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland.

In particular, Dawn was very involved in TMDL projects for the Pa. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). She helped with the TMDL public meetings, incorporated the comments received into two reports and wrote four additional TMDL documents. She also kept the other Commission staff involved in TMDL work apprised of changes, including computer software changes made by DEP.

SRBC executive director Paul Swartz noted that, “We have been particularly impressed with Dawn’s broad range of technical and data management skills, and her enthusiasm to apply them whenever we call on her. Not only has she been invaluable to the TMDL work, Dawn has been a key member of our team that is revamping the data management system to enhance the Commission’s service to the public.”

Brandt earned a bachelor’s degree in agronomy and environmental science from Delaware Valley College.

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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