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**SRBC PRESENTS ANNUAL, QUARTERLY AND SERVICE
AWARDS TO STAFF**
Clarion, York and Dauphin County Natives Recognized

Harrisburg, Pa. – Last week, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) presented its annual and quarterly employee excellence awards, as well as its service award. The 2004 Annual Staff Excellence Award went to Donna Gavin, for her exceptional work as Geographic and Information Systems (GIS) Analyst. Kevin McGonigal, Water Quality Program Specialist, received SRBC's quarterly Spotlight Award. SRBC also presented a Service Award to Patricia Adams, a Dauphin County native, for her 25 years of dedicated service as Administrative Specialist. The recipients of the Annual and Quarterly Awards are nominated and selected by their peers.

The Annual Staff Excellence Award is presented to the employee who best advances SRBC's mission, goals and program, and displays a long-term excellent performance of his or her job responsibilities. Gavin, a Clarion County native and Clarion University graduate who has been with the commission for six years, plays a vital role in making the GIS and Data Management programs significant assets to SRBC. She routinely promotes data consistency among the commission's member jurisdictions, has automated part of the environmental screening process for the commission's regulatory program and is able to determine how GIS can be applied to monitoring projects. She also is noted for being prolific, artistic and accurate in creating her GIS maps.

SRBC executive director Paul Swartz noted that, "Donna always has a helpful, friendly attitude. She strives to make the jobs of each of her fellow employees more productive using GIS processes. Donna is truly a valuable member of SRBC's team."

The Spotlight Award is presented to an SRBC employee to recognize outstanding job performance during the past 3-month time period, commonly when they've shown exceptional initiative and gone beyond their general job description. McGonigal is a York County native and Penn State University graduate who has been with the commission for two years. He assumed complete responsibility for SRBC's Sediment and Nutrient Monitoring Program, maintained a leadership role on the Agriculture and Consumptive Use Project and routinely assists in most water monitoring efforts that SRBC undertakes.

“Kevin shows a great deal of reliability and independence in his work efforts,” said Swartz, “and is an asset to the commission.”

Both Gavin and McGonigal are members of SRBC’s Watershed Assessment and Protection Division, and Adams is a member of the Administrative and Staff Services Division.

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 management 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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