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CAMP HILL RESIDENT RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AT WORK

Harrisburg, Pa. – The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) recently presented Jen Hoffman, formerly Jen Rowles, with the organization’s quarterly Spotlight Award, for her exceptional work as Section Chief of Monitoring and Assessment. Hoffman, an aquatic ecologist, has been with the Commission for seven years, is a native of Shermans Dale, Perry County and currently lives in Camp Hill, Pa.

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 this first quarter of 2004, Hoffman demonstrated those qualities while assisting the Paxton Creek Watershed and Education Association (PCWEA), the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and other groups in performing a watershed-wide stream survey of Paxton Creek in Dauphin County.

SRBC executive director Paul Swartz noted that, “Jen is an extremely motivated and conscientious employee who is well deserving of this recognition. Her willingness to go above and beyond to help other organizations truly exemplifies our office’s mission of providing excellent service to the public.”

PCWEA president E. Drannon Buskirk, Jr., commended Jen, saying that “because of her generosity in the scientific investigations, we have a chance to develop a meaningful Rivers Conservation Plan for Paxton Creek that, when implemented, will enhance both the watershed and the lives of its stakeholders.

In addition to providing assistance with collecting water quality and macroinvertebrate samples, macroinvertebrate identification and analyses for 24 sites for this watershed project, Hoffman never lost sight of her other responsibilities – meeting all deadlines and producing professional products. She contributed heavily to several major initiatives conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and also worked with other SRBC staff, DEP, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the U.S. Geological Survey and others to establish sediment and nutrient monitoring sites in the Susquehanna River Basin.

Hoffman earned both a master of science and a bachelor’s degree in biology from Shippensburg University.

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 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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