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**SRBC'S EXECUTIVE AND DEPUTY DIRECTORS RECEIVE
QUARTERLY RECOGNITION AWARD**

Swartz and Beauduy Commended For Their Dedication to Legislative Outreach

Harrisburg, Pa. –The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) recently presented its quarterly Spotlight Award to Executive Director Paul Swartz and Deputy Director Tom Beauduy for their continued and outstanding efforts on legislative outreach matters at both the state and federal levels. Swartz is a native of Hummelstown, Dauphin County, Pa., and Beauduy hails from West Long Branch, New Jersey.

During the first quarter of 2005, Swartz and Beauduy traveled extensively in Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and to Washington, D.C. to educate and inform legislators about the valuable work that SRBC does to protect the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. During the more than 62 meetings from January through March, Swartz and Beauduy explained the benefits of SRBC in each of the legislative districts. They also showcased other potential projects and partnerships that would benefit the residents and businesses in the Susquehanna basin.

“As chairman to SRBC, I know first hand just how hard Paul and Tom have been working to secure and maintain good relations with our elected officials,” said Kendl Philbrick, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment. “Given the bewildering number of issues that legislators face day-in and day-out, Paul and Tom understand very well the importance of keeping SRBC in the forefront to ensure that the Commission’s vital work in water resources is not overlooked.”

Among the many issues, Swartz and Beauduy discussed SRBC’s proposed water storage project at Whitney Point Lake in Broome County, N.Y., to allow for water to be released during drought periods. They also discussed the benefits of expanding the basin’s Early Warning System into New York and Maryland to enable water suppliers, state and local agency personnel, and the emergency response community to communicate with each other, thus reducing contamination risks to public water supplies.

Swartz and Beauduy also informed legislators on the vital importance of restoring the dedicated funding for the Susquehanna Flood Forecasting and Warning System, which saves lives and significantly reduces property damages during floods. Finally, they discussed SRBC’s many activities related to the implementation of Pennsylvania’s Water Resources Act.

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. Spotlight Awardees are nominated and selected by their peers.

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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