

## **ORANGE WATER DEPARTMENT WINS STATE AWARD FOR DRINKING WATER EXCELLENCE**

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ORANGE - The Orange Water Department (OWD) received the 2011 Public Water System Award from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) at a ceremony in Devens on May 4<sup>th</sup>. OWD was one of 29 public water systems honored for excellence in providing clean drinking water in 2010.

MassDEP Deputy Commissioner Alicia McDevitt awarded OWD with a certificate of outstanding performance and a Governor's Citation signed by Governor Deval Patrick. "There are more than 1,700 public drinking water systems in the Commonwealth that provide nearly 500 million gallons of safe, clean drinking water to our citizens each day," said Deputy Commissioner McDevitt. "Today, we recognize water suppliers that have exceeded the state requirements for compliance and have done a spectacular job of delivering premium drinking water."

According to MassDEP, OWD and the other winners were chosen based on their compliance with state drinking water regulations. They had no monitoring enforcements or violations, submitted all required reports on time, adhered to good water management procedures, and have excellent source protection standards.



*From left to right: MassDEP Deputy Commissioner Alicia McDevitt, OWD Commissioners Richard Kilhart and Donald Priestley, OWD Foreman Steven Boudreau, OWD Superintendent Michael Heidorn*