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## **Aqua America Promotes Michael Pickel to Vice President and Chief Environmental Officer**

BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Aqua America today announced the promotion of Michael J. Pickel, P.E. to vice president and chief environmental officer for the company. In this role, Pickel oversees water quality and environmental compliance for all of Aqua's drinking water and wastewater systems in eight states. Pickel also manages Aqua's in-house water and wastewater laboratory and the company's water quality services and water resources engineering departments.



Michael Pickel, V.P. and chief environmental officer, Aqua America (Photo: Business Wire)

policy make him an effective steward of our drinking water and wastewater systems - both for our customers and the environment. His insights and expertise will continue to be invaluable to Aqua and the communities we serve."

Pickel is a licensed professional engineer and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the Pennsylvania State University.

Aqua America is one of the largest U.S.-based, publicly traded water utilities and serves nearly 3 million people in Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina, Illinois, Texas, New Jersey, Indiana and Virginia. Aqua America is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol WTR. Visit [AquaAmerica.com](http://AquaAmerica.com) for more information.

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Pickel joined Aqua America in 2008 and has served in increasingly responsible roles in environmental compliance management. Before joining Aqua, Pickel worked for 27 years with the City of Philadelphia Water Department in a range of operational, engineering and regulatory compliance positions.

Pickel is an active member of several American Water Works Association (AWWA) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) advisory groups. He helped develop the Partnership for Safe Water program, a cooperative effort between the EPA, AWWA, the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, the National Association of Water Companies and the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies.

Aqua America's Chairman and CEO Nicholas DeBenedictis said, "Mike's strong technical skills and broad experience in environmental