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## Aqua America Hires New Director of Water Quality and Environmental Compliance

BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Aqua America, Inc. (NYSE: WTR) has hired Deborah Watkins as its new director of water quality and environmental compliance. Watkins replaces Colleen Arnold, who Aqua promoted to deputy chief operating officer in September of last year.

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Deborah Watkins is director of water quality and environmental compliance for Aqua America. (Photo: Business Wire)

Watkins comes to Aqua America with more than 30 years of experience, most recently as senior project manager at O'Brien & Gere, an engineering firm with advanced manufacturing, energy, environmental, and water services. She was responsible for identifying, developing, and managing initiatives involving water and wastewater treatment facility consultation, design, construction, and regulatory permitting. Prior to working for O'Brien & Gere, Watkins spent several years at Weston Solutions, Inc. where she began her career as a technical director of engineering. She was promoted to vice president after successful development of the pharmaceutical industry practice and subsequent development of the upstream oil and gas practice in the company's Mid-Atlantic division.

"We are pleased to have someone with Deborah's experience and education lead our environmental compliance team at Aqua," said Vice President and Chief Environmental Officer Mike Pickel, to whom Deborah will report.

Watkins earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from Bucknell University and a Master of Science degree in water resources and environmental engineering at Villanova University. She is a licensed professional engineer in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

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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