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TO: Minnesota Rural Water Association Members

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RE: Enclosed Groundwater & Drinking Water Educational Material:

- **Drinking Water Education Material for the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Water Week Poster Contest Information**

Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) is committed to helping you educate community youth about the importance and value of our drinking water resources! To help achieve that goal, we are targeting the enclosed education and poster contest material at the 4<sup>th</sup> grade student level. Distribute the enclosed 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Water education material and annual MRWA Water Week Poster Contest information to area 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to increase local awareness of groundwater issues!

**Material Highlights:**

- ✓ The enclosed material focuses on Groundwater and the Water Cycle.
- ✓ The material includes a set of 4 "Lesson Plans" that focus on interactive activities and web links to assist teacher's present and discuss groundwater with their students.
- ✓ The material was reviewed and "*certified to meet Minnesota 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Science curriculum standards*" at the time that they were reviewed in 2008.
- ✓ Distribution of the enclosed Water Week Material to Teachers should be done within the next several weeks so lessons can be incorporated into student lesson plans.

**Follow These Steps:**

1. Find out who is the local 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher in your school. By phone or in person, contact the teacher and inform him / her of your interest and why you are providing the information.
2. Fill in or edit the enclosed template letter and provide the letter and enclosed packet to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.
3. Set a time to follow-up with the teacher about participating in the Water Week Poster Contest.
4. **Submit the (1) local winning 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Water Week Poster to the MRWA Office, Elbow Lake, MN before February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.** You will need to arrange a time and process locally to select the local winning 4<sup>th</sup> grade student poster. (See enclosed flyer with complete poster contest instructions & requirements)
5. MRWA will select the top 3 posters, and they will be displayed at the MRWA Annual Technical Conference in St. Cloud on March 6-8, 2012. The winner will be selected by conference attendee popular vote!

We hope that you and local 4<sup>th</sup> grade students take advantage of the material that has been developed and participate in the Water Week Poster Contest! If you have questions, please contact MRWA at (800) 367-6792.