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Area Residents Approached By Water Filtration Company

Okatie, SC (February 11, 2011) - Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority (BJWSA) has been made aware of a company in the area asking to enter private homes to obtain water samples. These individuals are not BJWSA employees; no BJWSA employee will ask to enter your home unless you were notified prior to the visit. If a BJWSA employee comes to a customer's home, he or she will have an official BJWSA truck, BJWSA uniform, and picture identification. **BJWSA advises all customers to make sure that anyone that enters their home has proper identification.**

The individuals in question may be attempting to sell customers a water filtration system. BJWSA and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) test drinking water in certified laboratories under strict scientific controls. BJWSA drinking water meets all Federal and State quality standards for safe drinking water. Additionally, BJWSA's water is considered relatively "soft". Purchasing a water filter is a personal choice, but is not necessary to receive safe drinking water from BJWSA.

If someone claims to be with BJWSA, residents can call BJWSA's Customer Service for verification at 987-9200. To receive a consumer confidence report describing what is found in drinking water, contact our Communications Department at 987-9213 or 987-9219, or read the water quality report on the BJWSA website at www.bjwsa.org.

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