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## **Spartanburg Water Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Wins District Award for Excellence**

*Jimmy Vess receives honor as Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year*

SPARTANBURG – Spartanburg Water’s Jimmy Vess was awarded the Blue Ridge Foothills District Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year for 2022 at an awards banquet held on January 19.

This award is presented annually to a wastewater treatment plant operator for excellence achieved in the direct operation of a wastewater system in South Carolina. Jimmy Vess is an operator for the A. Manning Lynch, Lower North Tyger and South Tyger River Wastewater Treatment Facilities. Vess retired from Spartanburg Water in 2021 but decided to come back to the team in 2022 as a full-time employee.

“Not only did he return, he also gained a level in certification after retirement, talk about initiative,” said Wastewater Treatment Superintendent, Lance Johnson. “We are grateful that Jimmy Vess was awarded for his dedication and hard work during his long career with Spartanburg Water. He is an integral part of our wastewater team.”

The Blue Ridge Foothills District is one of 10 regional districts of the Water Environment Association of South Carolina (WEASC). The district includes Spartanburg, Greenville, Pickens, Oconee and Anderson counties. Annually, members are selected for outstanding service in categories as defined by the WEASC. These individuals are now eligible to receive awards from the corresponding state organization in March.

**ABOUT SPARTANBURG WATER:** Spartanburg Water, an industry leading utility, is comprised of Spartanburg Water System and Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District. It serves a population of more than 200,000 within Spartanburg County, as well as others in parts of Greenville, Union and Cherokee counties. With the help of its dedicated team of about 300 employees, each day it produces an average of 25 million gallons of drinking water and cleans 12 million gallons of reclaimed water for its customers and community. For more information on Spartanburg Water’s water quality efforts, visit us at [spartanburgwater.org](http://spartanburgwater.org).



**ABOUT THE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA (WEASC):** WEASC serves more than 3,000 members across 10 districts throughout South Carolina. It is affiliated with the Water Environment Federation (WEF), which is composed of affiliates and members throughout the world. Its purpose is to serve those whose vocation is the promotion, protection and preservation of the water environment. And, by extension, to serve all those who enjoy the waters of South Carolina for recreation or refreshment.

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