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MUNICIPALITIES RECEIVE REBATES FROM THE BCUA

Little Ferry, N.J., June 16, 2011 — Rebates totaling \$ 52,443 have been sent to all Bergen County municipalities participating in the BCUA Sewer Connection Fee Municipal Incentive Program. This program provides an incentive for towns to file a Sewer Connection Municipal Referral Form when a new home or commercial facility is built on a vacant lot or an existing structure is expanded. All member municipalities are eligible to participate in this program offered by the BCUA. In turn, the municipality receives a percentage of the sewer connection fees collected by the BCUA by simply submitting the completed form. Individual municipalities are eligible to collect up to \$5,000 per connection. Since this inception of the program in 2005, over \$570,000 in rebates has been distributed by the BCUA to participating municipalities.

The BCUA maintains a wastewater system that includes 115-miles of gravity and pressure sewer lines, eight sewer pumping stations, 170 sewer meters and two sewer treatment plants that process an average of 83 million gallons per day of sewage. The BCUA provides its most vital mission of protecting the water environment and public health for the Hackensack River basin at a rate well below the national average.

The BCUA has been and continues to implement innovative cost saving solutions to its operation while continuing to invest in the infrastructure required to maintain its mission and legal requirement to process wastewater from its 47 member municipalities to the environmental standards dictated by the NJDEP and USEPA. "The revenue received by the BCUA through the connection fee program helps to offset the costs of treating municipal wastewater" stated BCUA Chairman Andrew "Chuck" Vaccaro. "The connection fee program has been successful in providing the BCUA and Bergen County municipalities a revenue source while ensuring that each user of the BCUA treatment works system pays it fair share of the system."

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