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2003 WATER TASTE TEST

GRAND PRIZE



Congratulations to
**Lake Section
Water Company**
FOR BEING SELECTED AS THE
BEST TASTING WATER IN
NEW MEXICO!

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Lake Section Water Company of Chaparral, New Mexico is One of America's Top Five Drinking Water Systems!

(Washington, D.C.) – You don't have to buy bottled water to get real quality. At least, that is the case if you live in the district of Lake Section Water Company of Chaparral, New Mexico. In this rural community, all you have to do is turn the faucet for pure "Quality On Tap!"

Lake Section Water Company was one of the top five finalists today at the Fourth Annual Great American Water Taste Test. The taste test is held each year on Capitol Hill in conjunction with the National Rural Water Association's Annual Rally in Washington, D.C.

NRWA represents over 22,400 rural and small utilities so it is quite an accomplishment to make it to the final competition where Lake Section Water Company competed against the top water systems from 44 state rural water associations finishing in the top five with the winner being Public Wholesale Water Supply District #4 of Cherryvale, Kansas.

The judges for the event were, Hilda Legg, Administrator Rural Utilities Service; John W. Keys, III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and Sarah Lucas, Deputy Staff Director for the Democratic Senate Committee. Each judge evaluated glasses of water from the five finalists measuring them on clarity, bouquet and taste.

The five finalist were: Lake Section Water Co., Chaparral, New Mexico; Public Wholesale Water Supply District #4, Cherryvale, Kansas; Regional Water, Inc., Avoca, Iowa; Zephyr Water Supply, Zephyr, Texas; and Town of Smithfield, Smithfield, Virginia.

State Rural Water Associations conduct preliminary competitions selecting the best water from small and rural systems to represent their state at the national finals.

Every April, the National Rural Water Association sponsors the Rural Water Rally and Great American Taste Test on Capitol Hill to give utility and state officials an opportunity to visit one-on-one with their Congressional representatives and discuss key water and wastewater issues.



Photo (Left to Right):
Agustin and Imelda Quintana, Angelina Colquitt, Bobbie Wright and John Colquitt display water from Lake Section Water Company of Chaparral, New Mexico which was voted as one of the top five water systems for "Quality On Tap!" at the 4th Annual Great American Water Taste Test held during the National Rural Water Rally in Washington D.C.