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ASIWPCA Releases Unprecedented Reference on Nation's Clean Water Programs

The Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators (ASIWPCA) has released a never-before-published historical reference on the Clean Water Act and State/Interstate efforts to control water pollution. Entitled ***Clean Water Act Thirty-Year Retrospective: History and Documents Related to the Federal Statute***, this publication is an unprecedented collection of history and historical documents that are of use for those with an interest in the nation's clean water programs.

"Many thanks for sending your historical review of the Clean Water Act. I found the trip down memory lane fascinating. It was most instructive to see the power of the public's desire to clean up its waterways reflected in the words of the Senators and Congressmen regardless of party. I believe that commitment is still there but it needs to be stimulated by political focus and debate. Congratulations on this fine piece of work", William D. Ruckelshaus, USEPA Administrator 1970 – 1973 and 1983 – 1985.

"The ***Retrospective*** is truly unique," said Robbi Savage, ASIWPCA Executive Director. "While there have been multiple histories of Federal clean water programs, there has been far less attention given to the history of State and Interstate efforts to protect water quality. The ***Retrospective*** tells both stories, with historical overviews as well as collections of some of the most notable Federal and State/Interstate documents.

It also lets those who have made clean water history speak for themselves. ASIWPCA invited former and current Members of Congress; heads of Federal, State, and Interstate agencies; and Congressional staff to comment on the development, enactment, and implementation of the Clean Water Act thirty years after its passage, and the letters from those individuals shed tremendous light on the challenges and obstacles related to the development of the nation's clean water programs."

"This was truly a labor of love for those of us who were involved in the early years of ASIWPCA and the passage of the 1972 statute," said Alfred Peloquin, ASIWPCA President, 1973-1974. "I applaud the Association for documenting its and the nation's clean water history and for incorporating the perspectives of water quality professionals from both the present and the past."

Among the documents included in the ***Retrospective*** are Presidential veto statements; House and Senate debates on overriding vetoes; State/Interstate recommendations for improving national clean water programs from past and current decades; and State/Interstate evaluations of progress in water programs. The ***Retrospective*** also includes:

1. **Origins of the Clean Water Act:** text of original Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1948.
2. **Text of Clean Water Act** (Federal Water Pollution Control Act) as amended through 2002.
3. **Historical funding levels** for wastewater infrastructure programs (construction grants and clean water state revolving loan fund); for State/Interstate water quality management programs under Section 106; and for State nonpoint source management programs under Section 319; and
4. **Much more** (see Table of Contents can be downloaded via the ASIWPCA web site at: <http://www.asiwpc.org/publications/docs/FrontCoverandTOC.pdf>).

The ***Retrospective*** can be ordered by faxing to 202-898-0929 the order form (available at: <http://www.asiwpc.org/publications/publications.htm>) or by calling 202-898-0905.