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**LUS Water Manager to Retire**

**LAFAYETTE, La. (November 15, 2010)** – Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) Water Operations Manager Don Broussard has announced that he will retire from his position, effective November 30, 2010. His retirement will mark the end of a 32-year career with LUS, marked by several notable accomplishments and improvements to LUS water services.

Broussard began his career with LUS in 1978, as an Engineer I in the water and wastewater field. He was later promoted to Engineer II and, after passing the professional engineering licensing examination, to Engineer III. Broussard was appointed as Water Production Superintendent in 1987, a position that later became the Water Operations Manager after a LUS reorganization in 1997. During his time with LUS, Broussard has served under several directors, including Roy Hebert, Don Ouchley, Sylvan Richard, T.J. Labbé and Terry Huval.

As the head of LUS's water operations, Broussard has seen many changes and improvements in the system. He helped usher in the use of technology in water treatment and ensured his staff was certified and professional. He also oversaw expansions at both of LUS's water treatment plants. Beyond LUS, Broussard has testified before state leaders regarding uses of the Chicot Aquifer (the source of LUS's drinking water) and in favor of a city ordinance preventing the fluoridation of tap water. He also testified before a U.S. Congressional committee on a proposed geosequestration bill.

Broussard is also widely respected in the water community for his national leadership on water security and emergency preparedness issues. He is currently serving a one-year term as a vice president for the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and has served on the association's Water Utility Council since 2006. He also chairs the Water Sector Coordinating Council, which works with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Homeland Security on water security preparedness and emergency response.

After Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana but spared LUS, Broussard became a liaison for the state health department and U.S. EPA, matching the needs of impacted water utilities with offers of help. The experience led him to co-found the Louisiana WARN (Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network) in conjunction with the Louisiana Rural Water Association. He has since traveled the country training others on AWWA's WARN initiative. His water security experience extends to the federal level as well, where he serves on U.S. EPA's Water Security Initiative Executive Committee and the DHS's Editorial Review Committee.

Broussard recently was presented with the George Warren Fuller Award for distinguished service from AWWA's Southwest Section. He has also earned the Southwest Section's Glen T. Kellogg Leadership Award and the George H. West Memorial Award from the Louisiana Conference on Water Supply, Sewerage, and Industrial Wastes.

Broussard earned a BS in Civil Engineering in 1978 from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and is a graduate of Leadership Lafayette's Class 13. He has also coached youth baseball and softball teams, and served with his wife, the former Nannette Guilbeau, as a presenting team and local leader for Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Broussard and his wife now live in south St. Landry Parish. They have two children, Valerie, 29 and Jason, 28, and one daughter-in-law, Julie David Broussard.

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