



## **American Water Announces Investment In Innovation & Technology**

### **Company Underscores Commitment to Environment, Quality, Growth**

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American Water announced today the expansion of its Innovation and Environmental Excellence team, evidencing the company's commitment to environmental research and business growth.

Dr. Mark LeChevallier, director of Innovation & Environmental Excellence, noted "our core areas of business are water and waste water. In order for us to be competitive and provide value add to our customers in these markets, we need to have an experienced staff dedicated to ensuring a high level of environmental quality and compliance, while providing technical assistance to new business development."

Those joining the Innovation and Technology team include, Dr. Eugenio Giraldo who started with American Water on February 21, as technical manager of Commercial Wastewater Projects. Dr. Giraldo has worked for various consultants in New Jersey, and has held appointments with Rutgers University and the University of Los Andes in Bogota, Columbia.

Also joining the team is Dr. Adrian Mercer who will join on April 1, as senior environmental engineer. For the past eight years, Dr. Mercer was employed by RWE Thames Water's wastewater research and development group serving as research project manager and divisional resourcing manager. Dr. Mercer holds a Ph.D. in environmental engineering technology from the University of Surrey, UK.

"I am confident that the technical and operational expertise of both Dr. Giraldo and Dr. Mercer will enable us to continue the growth and performance of our wastewater business." Dr. LeChevallier continued.

Dr. Giraldo and Dr. Mercer will be based at American Water's headquarters in Voorhees, NJ.

Ms. Lauren Weinrich joined American Water on February 28 as a research analyst at the Innovation & Technology laboratory in Delran, NJ. Ms. Weinrich recently completed her Masters degree in Environmental Sciences at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill working with renowned scientists Dr. Howard Weinburgh and Dr. Phil Singer on advanced methods for analysis of disinfection by-products. While at the University she was the laboratory manager for a new wastewater research center where she trained students in analytical techniques. She will assist with laboratory analyses for water and wastewater research projects.

Mr. Matthew Corson joined the Company on March 7 as manager of Environmental Compliance. He will coordinate all environmental compliance activities within American Water. For the past six years Mr. Corson was employed by the Association of State Drinking Water Administrator's office in Washington, DC, where he represented the interests of state regulators to the USEPA. Mr. Corson also worked seven years with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection where he was responsible for permitting and operational oversight of 60 drinking water systems. He has a Bachelors of Science in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University and is a licensed professional engineer.

American Water's Innovation and Environmental Excellence department, headed by Dr. Mark LeChevallier, is committed to supporting environmental compliance, new technology and operational efficiencies for American Water's operating companies. Dr. LeChevallier received his Bachelor of Science and Masters degrees in Microbiology from Oregon State University in 1978 and 1980. He worked as a Research Associate at Montana State University where he received his Ph.D. in Microbiology in 1985. Since 1985 he has worked for American Water and is currently the Director of Innovation & Environmental Excellence at the American Water Corporate Center in Voorhees, NJ where he is responsible for both the research and environmental compliance programs.

With a history of over 100 years, American Water provides high quality water, wastewater, and other related services to over 18 million people in 29 states and 3 Canadian provinces. American Water is part of RWE Thames Water, the third largest water and wastewater services company in the world. Through our combined experience and financial strength, we provide customers with global expertise in water quality, research and development, customer satisfaction and security. More information can be found by visiting our website, [www.amwater.com](http://www.amwater.com).

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