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Taste Test Proves Boston's Drinking Water is New England's Best
Boston Water and Sewer Commission Takes the "Water Cup" at Regional Conference

Boston, Mass. – Boston's drinking water won New England's Best Drinking Water taste test competition today, and will represent the region at the national conference held in 2018. The Boston Water and Sewer Commission ([BWSC](http://www.bwsc.org)) entered the water into the 8th annual "New England's Best Drinking Water Taste Test" competition at the New England Water Works Association conference held this week in Brewster, Massachusetts.

"I'm very proud of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission's status as a water leader in our region," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "BWSC has the important task of ensuring long-term quality of our water and sewer services. Today's win proves they perform this task with excellence for the City of Boston; providing the best tasting and highest quality water for residents and businesses."

"It is an honor to be recognized as the provider of New England's best drinking water," said Henry F. Vitale, executive director of BWSC. "This is a testament to the top-performing work that we are doing on behalf of the City of Boston to ensure our drinking water exceeds industry standards."

Boston's drinking water, which comes from the Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs, has won numerous awards for its excellent quality and taste. BWSC's most recent drinking water victory was the 2014 "Best of the Best" prize from the highly publicized, national Tap Water Taste Contest held by American Water Works Association (AWWA).

This year, Boston's drinking water competed against ten other samples from throughout New England. Today's win now makes Boston eligible to compete against other cities from across the United States, Canada, and Mexico at the American Water Works Association's annual conference scheduled for 2018.

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Boston is home to New England's oldest and largest water, sewer and stormwater systems, which are owned, maintained and operated by the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC). Established in 1977, BWSC provides potable water and sewer services to more than one million people per day. BWSC is also the leading organizer of *We Are All Connected*, a campaign to raise public awareness about the importance of protecting and preserving Boston's waterways. For more information please visit: www.bwsc.org.