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**NYC DEP Announces Internship Opportunities for College Students**

**Program Envisions Development of Personnel Resources to Lead the Water Supply in the Future**

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced today that the Bureau of Water Supply (BWS) is sponsoring a summer internship program for 10 college students and graduating high school seniors who are presently enrolled in accredited college programs. The interns are expected to be assigned to seven different DEP facilities in Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster Counties. The internships run from early June 2008 until late August 2008, depending upon the academic calendar of each intern.

Interns will be placed in assignments that focus on engineering and scientific disciplines and will include tasks in water supply and wastewater treatment operations, water quality, watershed protection, and administration.

"This program is designed to develop future employees to lead the water supply into the future and to improve the partnership with watershed communities that is essential to long-term filtration avoidance," said Paul Rush, DEP's Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Water Supply.

James Eisel, Chairman of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, said, "This internship program will be a great opportunity for young people to participate in a work program. Every job created is an investment in Delaware County's economic future."

In addition, "This program will allow the interns to consider staying home in Delaware County instead of leaving the County to find employment," said Martin A. Donnelly, Supervisor of the Town of Andes.

Students interested in this opportunity should submit their resumes to NYCDEP, BWS, P.O. Box 358, Grahamsville, NY 12740 by April 25.

NYCDEP has a long history of working closely with communities and strengthening its ongoing education and outreach programs to promote stewardship of New York

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City's water resources. With this internship program, DEP will provide students with the opportunity to explore, study, and participate in the important work performed, largely by watershed residents, to provide drinking water to nine million people.

DEP is responsible for operating and protecting the City's water supply system, one of the largest in the world, which serves nearly eight million residents of the City and one million people in Westchester, Putnam, Orange and Ulster Counties, as well as the millions of tourists and commuters who visit the City every year. The watershed of the City's 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes includes parts of eight counties on both sides of the Hudson River - Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster in the Catskill Region, and Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester Counties east of the Hudson.