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## New York City Department Of Environmental Protection Commissioner Christopher O. Ward's Comments On The New Zagat's Restaurant Survey

Commissioner Christopher O. Ward of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) commented today on the 2004 Zagat New York City Restaurant Survey, which found that 71% of customers at the City's "fine dining restaurants" prefer tap water to bottled water.

"Zagat's has confirmed what most of us have known for years; that savvy New Yorkers don't waste their money on bottled water," said Commissioner Ward. "Even the finest restaurants can't improve on the great tasting water the City has been providing for over 150 years. And City tap water is free in restaurants and just about \$1.50 for 750 gallons at home.

"So the next time a waiter asks if you want bottled water, don't be intimidated and don't be embarrassed – tell him that you'll have the best water in the house, New York City tap water.

"That's what the makers of the best food in the City are saying. Ever wonder why you can't get a decent bagel or slice of pizza outside of the City? Ask someone who makes bagels and he'll tell you it's because of the water. That same water is prized by the City's world-class chefs. They don't use bottled water when City tap water is available, so why should you?" continued Ward.

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