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Eastside Utility District Wins TAUD Region 10 Best Tasting Water Contest

CHATTANOOGA – The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD) held the Region Ten Best Tasting Water Contest at Eastside Utility District on Wednesday, May 26th where the host utility was named as Best Tasting Water in Region Ten.

TAUD Region Ten consists of: Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, Rhea, Sequatchie, and Van Buren counties.

Etowah Utilities, Hixson Utility District, Ocoee Utility District, and Tellico Area Services System also participated in the competition. Drinking water samples are judged on their clarity, bouquet, and taste. Dusty Phillips of G&C Supply, Jason McGee of Southeastern Tank, and Jason Kouba of TN 811 served as judges for the contest.

This spring, TAUD will conduct the Best Tasting Water in Tennessee Contest in each of our eleven regions. Each regional winner will compete at the Association's 2021 Business Conference at the Gatlinburg Convention Center on Thursday, August 12th. The statewide winner represents TAUD at the Great American Taste Test held in conjunction with the National Water Association in 2022.

The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts is comprised of America's finest water, wastewater and natural gas personnel providing the highest quality of service for Tennessee's residents. TAUD provides training, technical assistance, and advocacy to these industry professionals. For more information about TAUD please visit our website at www.taud.org or follow us on facebook (Tennessee Association of Utility Districts) and Instagram at taudwater.

Pictured left to right are: Jason Kouba, Dusty Phillips, Eastside Utility personnel Chris Rice, Kaleb Thompson and Nick Oberg, Jason McGee, and Jason Griffin with OHM Advisors