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### **First Utility District of Knox County Wins TAUD Region 2 Best Tasting Water Contest**

**Knoxville** – The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD) held the Region Two Best Tasting Water Contest at the First Utility District of Knox County in Knoxville on Wednesday, June 2nd. The host utility was awarded Best Tasting Water in Region Two.

TAUD Region Two consists of: Blount, Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, and Sevier counties.

Other participating utilities from Region Two were: Hallsdale Powell Utility District, Lenoir City Utilities Board, Northeast Knox Utility District, Tellico Area Services System, and West Knox Utility District.

NRWA State Director Phillip Combs, Seth Rye of Rye Engineering, and Alice Eads of Southeast Bank participated as contest judges. The drinking water samples were judged on their clarity, bouquet, and taste.

TAUD conducted the Best Tasting Water in Tennessee Contest in each of our eleven regions over the last few months. 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](http://www.taud.org) or follow us on facebook (Tennessee Association of Utility Districts) and Instagram at [taudwater](https://www.instagram.com/taudwater).

Pictured (l-r): Neal House, Marcos Serrato, Gary Massey, Craig Mayes, and Chris Smith of First UD of Knox County. Contest judges: Alice Eads, Seth Rye and Phillip Combs.