Best Tasting Water Contest

Think your utility has the best tasting water in South Carolina? Here’s your chance to prove it! Bring a sample of your utility system’s potable water and let our panel of “expert” judges decide whose water tastes the best.

Submission criteria:

- Two liters of potable water drawn from the organization’s distribution system must be submitted.
- Samples must be in clear glass autoclaved 1-liter bottles. Bottles must be previously unused, sterilized, rinsed with sample, filled, and capped, with no headspace.
- Samples should be kept on ice or refrigerated at 4°C until drop-off. Samples must NOT be frozen.
- Samples must be accompanied by a Chain of Custody form. This form will be acknowledged by a representative from the Lab Committee when the sample is dropped off.
- Samples must be clearly marked with utility/organization name on all bottles, coolers, and boxes. Bottles must be labeled using tags or water resistant removable tape (tags are preferred). Do NOT use permanent markers to label bottles. Samples marked with permanent marker will be disqualified. You are responsible for ensuring that your samples are properly labeled until they are dispensed for the contest.
- Systems submitting samples must be in compliance with all state and federal regulations.

Deliver your samples to the Hall of Fame area (next to the side entrance doors to Exhibit Hall) between 9AM – 12PM on Sunday, March 15, 2020. Look for a table manned by the Lab Committee volunteers. Entries will not be accepted after 12PM on Sunday, March 15, 2020. Empty coolers/containers should be retrieved from the drop-off location no later than 4:30PM on Monday, March 16, 2020. Unclaimed containers will be discarded.

The contest will be held Sunday, March 15, 2020, from 5:30PM – 6:30PM in the Exhibit Hall. Samples will be at room temperature at the time of the tasting. Awards will be presented for First, Second, and Third place winners.

Questions about the contest should be directed to Pam Moss, Best Tasting Water Sub-committee of the Lab Committee, at pmoss@hach.com or at 970-227-1498.