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## **Service Authority Board Member Receives National Environmental Award**

WOODBRIDGE, VA, February 16, 2024 — Dr. Jack Kooyoomjian, Ph.D., a longstanding member of the Prince William County Service Authority Board of Directors, has received the 2024 National Environmental Achievement Award for Environment. The award, presented by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), acknowledges individuals and NACWA member agencies that have demonstrated exceptional contributions to environmental protection and the clean water community.

The award ceremony took place on Wednesday, February 14, during the NACWA Winter Conference in Austin, Texas. Calvin D. Farr, Jr., PE, General Manager/CEO of the Service Authority, accepted the award on behalf of Dr. Kooyoomjian, who was unable to attend the ceremony.

Since 1995, Dr. Kooyoomjian has served on the Service Authority Board of Directors, and he is being recognized for his significant role in elevating the Service Authority as a national leader in ensuring water system reliability, water reclamation and environmental stewardship.

In a written statement, Dr. Kooyoomjian expressed his gratitude for the award. "It is indeed an honor and most humbling to receive formal recognition by NACWA, as the association honors my career accomplishments and commitment to my community, the environment, and the challenges the NACWA member agencies face."

In addition to his role with the Service Authority, Dr. Kooyoomjian also led numerous environmental initiatives during his professional career. During his years with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), he played a major role in the team that was instrumental in passage of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, which gives EPA the authority to control hazardous waste from cradle to grave. Dr. Kooyoomjian also spearheaded establishment of the inaugural National Environmental Protection Act permits for industrial wastewater discharge, which are aimed at ensuring that discharge substances do not compromise water quality or public health.

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The Service Authority provides drinking water and wastewater services to approximately 386,000 people in homes, schools and businesses throughout Prince William County.