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### **Vanleer Waterworks Wins TAUD Region 9 Best Tasting Water Contest**

**DICKSON** – The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD) held the Region Nine Best Tasting Water Contest at the Montgomery County Shooting Complex on Thursday, March 15th. Vanleer Waterworks was awarded Best Tasting Water in Region Nine.

TAUD Region Nine consists of Cheatham, Dickson, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery and Stewart counties.

Pleasant View Utility District, Second South Cheatham Utility District, Vanleer Waterworks and the Water Authority of Dickson County participated in the competition. First Utility District of Knox County General Manager, Bruce Giles; Warner Taylor, Former Director of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Dickson and Nick Newman, VP of Operations and Maintenance with Memphis, Light, Gas and Water participated as judges in the competition. The drinking water samples were judged on their clarity, bouquet, and taste.

TAUD will conduct the Best Tasting Water in Tennessee Contest in each of the Association's eleven regions in upcoming months. The winner of each regional competition will compete at TAUD's 2018 Business Utility Conference at the Gatlinburg Convention Center on Thursday, August 9th. The statewide winner represents Tennessee in the Great American Taste Test at the National Rurally Water Association Rally in Washington DC in February of 2019.

The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts is Tennessee's first source of training, technical assistance, and advocacy for over 400 water, wastewater, and natural gas utility members. For more information please visit our website at [www.taud.org](http://www.taud.org) or follow us on facebook (Tennessee Association of Utility Districts).



Pictured (l-r): Bruce Giles, Warner Taylor, Darren Green and Gary Trotter with Vanleer Waterworks, Nick Newman