



DRINKING WATER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

NEWS RELEASE

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Drinking Water Research Foundation (DWRP) Trustees Elect Dr. Eugene W. Rice to Serve on the DWRP Board of Trustees

Alexandria, VA - DWRP is pleased to announce that Eugene W. Rice, Ph.D., has been unanimously elected by the DWRP trustees to serve as a member of the DWRP Board of Trustees for a three-year term. Dr. Rice is looking forward to joining DWRP as a trustee. His expertise in microbiology will be a welcomed addition to the research foundation. At the June 2017 DWRP meeting, Dr. Rice spoke to the trustees on the topic of "Microbial Inactivation Studies," which included some interesting disinfection studies he has conducted using chlorine, ozone, ultraviolet irradiation, and heat. DWRP Trustees recently asked Dr. Rice to analyze and evaluate a research proposal that will examine the effectiveness of microbial inactivation by ozone in sealed, finished bottled water containers.

Dr. Rice retired in 2016 after 38 years at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Research & Development located in Cincinnati, Ohio. While with the EPA, he worked in both the Water Infrastructure Protection Division and the Drinking Water Research Division. He received many awards, including the Distinguished Career Service Award in 2016 and the Office of Research & Development Statesmanship Award in 2015. Dr. Rice has served with fellow trustee Dr. Andrew Eaton on the joint editorial board of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater," in addition to editorial duties with "Applied and Environmental Microbiology." His certifications include:

- Board Certified Environmental Scientist through the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists
- Principal Investigator – Select Agent Program through the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services/ U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Approved Research Advisor with the National Research Council, Office of Scientific and Engineering Personnel, Washington, D.C.

He has published more than 100 peer reviewed articles on topics ranging from ozone inactivation of cryptosporidium, to the occurrence and control of tularemia in drinking water.

Dr. Rice will be in attendance at the next DWRP board meeting, which will be Tuesday, November 7, 2017 during the IBWA Annual Business Conference.

If you have any questions, please contact IBWA Director of Science and Research Al Lear: alear@bottledwater.org.

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The Drinking Water Research Foundation (DWRF) is an independent, not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 foundation that was established in 1984 by several members of the bottled water and point of use drinking water filtration industries. The mission of DWRF is:

- *To conduct research and disseminate information regarding the sources, evaluation and production of safe and affordable drinking water, including bottled water, tap water and filtered water, and the associated health benefits related thereto.*
- *To evaluate alternative techniques for production and delivery of drinking water under emergency conditions.*
- *To educate the public and provide information regarding effective means for complying with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and related state and international laws and regulations.*
- *To provide education to the public regarding drinking water quality, production and delivery.*

DWRF remains dedicated to the continuous development of scientific research in areas of interest to consumers and the drinking water industry, including bottled water, tap water and filtered water. Co-located with and partially supported by the International Bottled Water Association in Alexandria, VA, the Foundation strongly supports tap water infrastructure and quality improvements: measures that may directly impact manufacturing process waters as well as the finished product quality of some utility-sourced bottled waters. Scientific results obtained through DWRF-sponsored research projects are recognized nationally and internationally as important reference tools by which to make better informed policy decisions regarding drinking water. These sponsored projects and other scientific works, articles, and related news items are cited in this DWRF website to promote a better understanding of The Facts about Water.

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