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Alcoa Water System 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 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville on Wednesday, March 11th. Alcoa Water System 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: First Utility District of Knox County, Hallsdale Powell Utility District, Knox Chapman Utility District, Lenoir City Utilities Board, Maryville Water Quality Control, Northeast Knox Utility District, South Blount Utility District, Tellico Area Services System, and West Knox Utility District.

Gabriel Bolas of Knoxville Utilities Board, Robert Ramsey of TDEC and Alice Eads of Southeast Bank participated as contest judges. The drinking water samples were judged on their clarity, bouquet, and taste.

This spring, TAUD will conduct the Best Tasting Water in Tennessee Contest in each of our eleven regions. Each regional winner will compete at the Association's 2020 Business Conference at the Gatlinburg Convention Center on Thursday, August 13th. The statewide winner represents TAUD at the Great American Taste Test held in conjunction with the National Rurally Water Association Rally in Washington DC in February of 2021.

The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts is the state's best source for training, technical assistance, and advocacy for our over 400 water, wastewater, and natural gas utility members. For more information about TAUD please visit our website at 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): Gabriel Bolas, Russell Whitehead with Alcoa Water System, Robert Ramsey, and Alice Eads