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## **Becker Named General Superintendent Of Sewerage & Water Board**

Joseph R. Becker, a 21-year employee of the Sewerage and Board of New Orleans, has been named general superintendent of the Board, replacing G. Joseph Sullivan, who is retiring after 36 years position. Sullivan will become general superintendent emeritus/consulting engineer with the Board.

Becker, who most recently was deputy general superintendent for 15 months, was the network design superintendent for seven years prior to becoming deputy general superintendent. He also served as pressure system superintendent and gravity system superintendent since he joined the staff in 1987. He is a licensed professional civil engineer and a licensed professional environmental engineer.

Marcia St. Martin, executive director of the Board, said, “We are most fortunate to have someone with Joe Becker’s experience and background to fill this important position at this most crucial time in the Board’s history. The positions he has held with the Board have prepared him well for the duties he handle.”

She added, “We are also proud to be able to promote someone from within the ranks of the Sewerage and Water Board who knows our systems, policies, financing and needs so well.”

Becker will report directly to the executive director. The general superintendent’s office is responsible for all aspects of the field operation, maintenance and engineering design for the Board. The office also oversees the work of the Drainage, Water Purification, Wastewater Treatment, Engineering, Operations, Networks, Maintenance and Plumbing Departments.

In addition to his engineering work, Becker was involved with the Sewerage System Consent Decree negotiations between the Sewerage and Water Board and the Federal Government. He was the Board's expert in several areas of construction and management and played a key role in the development and implementation of the Board's Preventive Maintenance Manual as well as its Emergency Response Manual, both of which are included in the final consent decree agreement.

Becker, 46, also holds licenses from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals for Class IV Wastewater Collection Operator and Class IV Water Distribution Operator. He holds membership in the American Public Works Association, the American Water Works Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of New Orleans and completed the Management Development Program of Loyola University of New Orleans.

Becker has been married to wife Kerri for 16 years and they have two sons, Ryan, 13, and Robert, 11. He has coached youth baseball, soccer and basketball and is a Cub Scoutmaster and an assistant Boy Scoutmaster.