

## **Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) News Advisory**

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### **MAWSS Director to Retire**



Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS) Director W. Malcolm Steeves has announced plans to retire in May 2013. Steeves worked for MAWSS as a consultant from 1984 until he came to the organization as Assistant Director in 1994. He was selected as Director in 1999. Working with twenty-five different MAWSS Board members, he has steadily guided the organization's performance improvements for almost three decades, focusing on healthy drinking water, environmental protection, and low service rates.

Embracing the latest technology and equipment for the MAWSS workforce, Steeves supports the business practice of collecting accurate data, making informed improvement decisions and working effectively. During his tenure, MAWSS' wastewater collection system and treatment plants underwent significant upgrades and emerged from a federal consent decree to receive numerous national and state awards for environmental stewardship. Other areas of focus included resource protection, regional concerns, and employee development.

Prior to coming to Alabama, Steeves had extensive experience as a private consulting engineer for government and commercial interests in the fields of water, wastewater, and solid waste in Alabama, Florida and Georgia. He is a graduate of the University of Florida's Civil Engineering program, where he also obtained a Master of Environmental Engineering.

MAWSS serves more than 88,000 customers in the Mobile County area and employs more than 380 employees.

