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**ATLANTIC STATES RESTRUCTURES ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO INDUSTRY VETERANS**

Phillipsburg, NJ, July 25, 2005 – Atlantic States Cast Iron Pipe (“Atlantic States”) today announced the restructuring of its environmental affairs department with the hiring of Dennis Zurakowski as the new director of environmental engineering and Jeffery Smith as senior environmental engineer. Together, the two industry veterans bring more than 40 years of combined experience in environmental engineering and compliance. The restructuring of the department comes on the heels of Atlantic States’ new emission control system and is intended to position the foundry as an industry leader in environmental protection and compliance.

“With the combination of revolutionary infrastructure modifications and the addition of new personnel, Atlantic States is undergoing a significant transformation to build for the future,” said Mitchell Kidd, vice president and general manager of Atlantic States. “Our mercury emission control system is the first of its kind in the country and demonstrates our commitment to environmental protection. To live up to that commitment over the long term we have restructured our environmental affairs department around the experience and leadership of Dennis and Jeffery.”

Today’s announcement follows the investment of \$9.3 million by Atlantic States in a state-of-the-art emission control system to limit the amount of mercury emissions. This system, which Atlantic States expects to be ready in the first quarter of 2006, will not only greatly reduce the mercury and carbon monoxide emissions, but will also reduce the noise levels of the foundry and eliminate the visible steam plume for the first time since 1856. Atlantic States will be the first foundry in the country to substantially reduce mercury emissions, thereby making their emission control system a model for foundries across the country.

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Dennis Zurakowski is a licensed professional engineer with more than 25 years of experience in regulatory compliance, project management, planning and organizational development. Before joining Atlantic States, he served as director, environmental, health & safety for a Michigan-based company where he was responsible for managing regulatory compliance for two carbon steel manufacturing facilities and a commercial industrial waste landfill. Previously, he was employed by the Mercury Refining Company in Albany, NY as their regulatory compliance manager. In this capacity, he was responsible for environmental, health and safety, plant facilities, as well as managing the construction of a state-of-the-art mercury reclamation facility designed to minimize employee exposure and air emissions.

Jeffery Smith, who has more than 16 years of broad engineering, safety and environmental compliance experience, comes to Atlantic States from a manufacturing company in Pennsylvania where he was an environmental, health and safety (EHS) audit manager. His accomplishments include developing EHS compliance programs, the generation and submission of annual compliance reports and permit applications and/or renewals as well as providing personal health, safety and OSHA compliance training.

About Atlantic States

Atlantic States Cast Iron Pipe Company, based in Phillipsburg, NJ, is a Division of McWane Inc. The foundry was first founded on March 3, 1856 as the Warren Foundry and Machine Company and was acquired by McWane, Inc. in 1975. Today, Atlantic States Cast Iron Pipe Company, which employs approximately 300 people and utilizes the latest engineering techniques, is recognized as one of the country's most experienced manufacturers and suppliers of ductile iron pipe, meeting customer needs throughout the Mid-Atlantic, New England states and Canada.

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