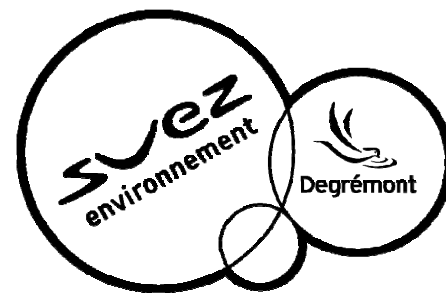


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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **New Dialysis Developments Reduce Water Use By At Least 45% and Lower Risks of Electromagnetic Interference**

DAYTON, OH February 17, 2012 – AmeriWater Corporation (SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT) unveiled two significant advancements to its exclusive MRO Series reverse osmosis portable dialysis water treatment units designed for one and two patient stations.

#### **Water use reduced by at least 45%**

To help lower the environmental impact of dialysis treatments at medical facilities, AmeriWater has developed a new recirculation feature that reuses excess product water instead of diverting it to the drain. As a result, the units are fed with cleaner water, improving both water quality and RO performance. "This latest enhancement to our MRO Series lowers the risk of infections to patients while reducing dialysis water use at most facilities up to 45%," said AmeriWater CEO Diane Dolan.

#### **Lower risks to patients from electromagnetic interference**

In response to new standards set by the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) to control electromagnetic interference (EMI) in medical facilities, AmeriWater announced its MRO series units now meet all the AAMI guidelines for Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC). According to the AAMI TIR18 report, "patient safety can potentially be put at increased risk because of the effects of electromagnetic interference (EMI)." The MRO products are ETL classified devices conforming to IEC/UL Standard 60601-1.

"Both these innovations are part of the ongoing product development that has kept AmeriWater at the forefront of water treatment for dialysis since 1995," said CEO Diane Dolan. "Our goal is to keep improving the best water treatment equipment in the healthcare field."

#### **ABOUT AMERIWATER**

*AmeriWater is a premier provider of water treatment solutions for health care and industrial applications. Established in 1995, AmeriWater is headquartered in Dayton, Ohio with regional distributors across the Western Hemisphere. In 2011, AmeriWater was acquired by Degremont, Within SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, Degremont has been the world water treatment specialist for more than 70 years. Operating in more than 70 countries with 4,400 employees, Degremont generated revenues of 1.5 billion euros in 2010.*

#### **SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT**

*Natural resources are not infinite. Each day, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT (Paris: SEV, Brussels: SEVB) and its subsidiaries deal with the challenge of protecting resources by providing innovative solutions to industry and to millions of people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT supplies drinking water to 91 million people, provides wastewater treatment services for 63 million people, and collects the waste produced by close to 57 million people. SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT has 80,410 employees and, with its presence on five continents, is a world leader exclusively dedicated to water and waste management services. In 2011, SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, a subsidiary owned 35,7 % by GDF SUEZ, achieved revenue of EUR14.8 billion.*