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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Worker Dies in Fall at Water Tower

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (December 5, 2012) – At 11:04 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012 emergency personnel responded to a report of an accident at a water tower owned and operated by Audubon Water Company. The tower is located on Featherbed Lane in the Audubon section of Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County, PA.

Upon arrival, emergency personnel found that three employees of Corrosion Control Corp. of Pedricktown, NJ had been performing maintenance work in the 80' tall water tower. The tower did not contain water at the time. Two of the employees were working in an elevated position in the tower and the third employee was working at ground level.

One of the employees working at an elevated position fell to the ground level and the other dropped several feet and remained suspended inside the tower. The third employee called 9-1-1. Emergency personnel who responded found the worker who had fallen to ground level unresponsive. The worker was pronounced dead at the scene by the Montgomery County Coroner's Office.

Rescue personnel from multiple Montgomery County units responded and participated in a high-angle rescue in order to extricate the suspended employee from inside the water tower. The suspended employee was extricated at 2:25 p.m. and transported to Paoli Hospital, conscious with an undetermined medical evaluation.

Units Involved in the rescue included Lower Providence Township Fire Company, Lower Providence Township Emergency Medical Services, Fairmount/Norristown Heavy Rescue, King of Prussia Heavy Rescue, Black Rock Fire Company, and North Penn Goodwill.

Personnel from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) responded to the scene.

The names of the involved employees are being withheld pending notification of relatives.

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