The Water Research Foundation Names Peter Grevatt as New Chief Executive Officer

Denver, CO 12/10/18 – The Water Research Foundation (WRF) has named Dr. Peter Grevatt as Chief Executive Officer, effective in February 2019.

"We are thrilled that Peter will be leading The Water Research Foundation team,” said Kevin Shafer, co-Chair of the WRF Board of Directors. “Throughout his career, Peter has demonstrated strong leadership and exceptional communication skills, combined with extensive water research knowledge. He’s an experienced and respected thought leader throughout the water sector and an ideal fit to lead WRF into the future.”

Grevatt has over 30 years of experience leading the implementation of public health and environmental protection programs including significant national leadership experience in the water sector. Most recently, Grevatt served as Director of EPA’s Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW). At OGWDW, he was responsible for ensuring the safety of the nation’s drinking water supply through the development and implementation of national drinking water standards, oversight and funding of state drinking water programs, and the implementation of source water protection and underground injection control programs.

Prior to joining OGWDW in October 2012, Grevatt served as the Director of the Office of Children’s Health Protection and as the Senior Advisor to EPA’s Administrator for Children’s Environmental Health. Grevatt has held leadership roles in EPA’s national hazardous waste and water quality programs. Grevatt received his MS and PhD degrees in Basic Medical Sciences from New York University Medical Center and earned his bachelor’s degree in Biology from Earlham College.

“I could not be more excited to join with the great professionals at The Water Research Foundation,” said Grevatt. “The Foundation is perfectly positioned to collaborate across the water sector, lead innovation in integrated water resources management, and provide the highest level of service to our subscribers and the public.”

Grevatt takes over as CEO during a time of unprecedented change and opportunity for The Water Research Foundation. In January 2018, the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation and the
Water Research Foundation integrated to become the world’s leading water research organization. The integration represented the evolution of water research issues, the overlap between water, wastewater, stormwater, and reuse, and efficiencies to be gained through a consolidated research program. The new organization serves as a model for collaboration across the water sector.

While major strides have been made in the last year, much work remains in not only consolidating WRF’s research programs, subscriber services, and other programs, but tackling pressing water sector issues such as aging infrastructure, dwindling water supplies, and lead in drinking water, plus opportunities in resource recovery and technology development and testing.

Grevatt replaces Robert Renner, who will retire. Renner has led the Water Research Foundation since 2005. Under Renner’s leadership, the legacy Water Research Foundation successfully transitioned from primarily a drinking water organization to focusing on the entire water sector, and then the integration with WE&RF.

“Rob’s technical knowledge, communication skills, leadership and management capabilities, and ability to nurture professional relationships and trust throughout the water community have served WRF well, especially during this transition to a One Water approach,” said Chuck Murray, WRF Board of Directors co-Chair. “Rob’s strong commitment to improving subscriber value is obvious in the many new ways WRF now prioritizes research and communicates results. It has been a great privilege to work with Rob for these last 14 years.”

About WRF
The Water Research Foundation is a 501c3 organization officially formed in January 2018 after the merger of the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation and Water Research Foundation. The merged Foundation is the leading water research organization, funding research, pilot projects, and technology demonstrations that maximize the value of all water, including wastewater, stormwater, drinking water, and recycled water. Learn more at www.werf.org or www.waterf.org.