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## **A Four Decade Hydropower Veteran Honored With Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Washington, D.C.**—Ronald Corso, a 48-year veteran of the hydropower industry, received the lifetime achievement award, named after Dr. Kenneth Henwood, on Tuesday April 4, 2006 from the National Hydropower Association. Corso is Senior Project Manager at Mead & Hunt, where he has been since 1995.

“When it comes to dedication to hydropower, Ron’s career and enthusiasm for this clean renewable resource is unmatched,” said Michael A. Murphy, chair of the 2006 Henwood selection committee. “His uncommon energy and commitment to hydropower is genuine.”

In 1995, after a 37-year career, Corso retired from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Although his final position was Director-Division of Dam Safety and Inspections, during his almost four decades of service he had— at one time or another—supervised every facet of FERC’s hydropower program. When he retired, it was noted that he had worked for more than half of all of the Chairman that served at the FERC (and its predecessor, the Federal Power Commission), which is quite a feat considering the Commission began in 1920.

Corso was one of the principal players in developing FERC’s licensing regulations and polices, and was the principal architect of its dam and public safety regulations. An author of more than 75 presentations, he is a sought after expert on hydropower issues. The United Nations lists him as an expert on dam safety, and while serving on the St. Lawrence and Niagara Boards of Control for almost 18 years, he advised the International Joint Commission on management and control of storage and flow in the Great Lakes system.

Currently, at Mead & Hunt, he works with the same hydro owners that he met during his years at the Commission. He assists them with helping navigate the complexities of relicensing and also gives advice on development, focusing on dam safety, public safety, licensing, compliance, and headwater benefits.

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Corso, a life-long Steelers fan, was born in the coal mining town of Biddle, Pa. and was raised near Pittsburgh. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. Currently he lives in Vienna, Va. with his wife Paula Smith, who was working for *Hydro Review Magazine* when they met. He has two sons, Ron of Edgewater, Md. and Dan of Woodbridge, Va.

The Dr. Kenneth Henwood Award is considered the hydropower industry's highest honor, and is given in recognition of an individual's leadership and dedication to hydropower as an energy technology. It was established in memory of Dr. Kenneth Henwood, an engineer and project developer, whose life was tragically cut short in 1990. To earn the distinction an honoree must show persistence in the face of institutional obstacles, exhibit fair dealing and plain speaking, and depict an appreciation of the relationships between project engineering, the environment and economics.

The National Hydropower Association is a nonprofit national association that seeks to secure hydropower's place as an emissions-free, renewable, and reliable energy source serving national environmental and energy goals.

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