

## Congressman Rothman Commends Local Meteorologist for Winning the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Quality Award

(Washington, DC) — Today, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ), commended Andrea Romero, chief meteorologist and nightly weather anchor for WNJU Telemundo/NBC News based in Fort Lee, for winning the 2009 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Quality Award for New Jersey.

"I want to praise Andrea's dedication to providing important environmental information to our community," said Rothman. "Making sure the people of Northern New Jersey are informed and kept safe and healthy is a priority of mine and with people like Andrea working every day for the same cause, means a great deal."

Romero is chief meteorologist and nightly weather anchor for Spanish language WNJU Telemundo/NBC News where she produces and reports on environmental issues. Romero has been instrumental in providing EPA with a venue for timely consumer oriented environmental stories and has made significant personal contributions to the EPA's mission by expanding outreach to minority and non-English speaking populations in which environmental issues are a concern.

The EPA selects Environmental Quality Award winners from non-profit environmental and community groups, individual citizens, educators, business organizations and members of the news media, as well as from federal, state, local or tribal governments and agencies. The honor is given to those individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to improving the environment and public health in EPA Region 2, which covers New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and seven federally-recognized Indian Nations.

For information about the Environmental Quality Awards in EPA Region 2, go to <http://www.epa.gov/region02/eqa/>.

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