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Mr. Kothari is past president of AWWA and currently serves as a board member on the Water Research Foundation. He is also the recipient of the AWWA George Warren Fuller Award.

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