



Aqua Pennsylvania Secures up to \$6.7 Million PENNVEST Grant for PFAS Treatment Facility Serving 25,000 People in Bucks County

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Funding is part of Aqua's commitment to remove "forever chemicals" to meet new federal standard; alleviates associated costs for ratepayers.

BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 21, 2024-- Aqua Pennsylvania announced today it has secured grant funding through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) to construct PFAS treatment at its Edgely Water Treatment facility in Bristol Township. The grant, which provides funding up to \$6.7 million, will allow Aqua Pennsylvania to complete the installation of this treatment at no cost to Aqua customers.

This new facility will provide additional treatment that will remove PFAS from drinking water for about 25,000 people in Bristol Township and Bristol Borough. Aqua will install six 7-foot diameter filter vessels that will use an ion exchange media to remove PFAS and meet regulatory limits.

"We've been working for years on testing and removing PFAS from drinking water in the communities we serve in Pennsylvania, setting an aggressive removal target before regulations existed and now continuing to lead the way in this work to meet the new regulations," said Aqua Pennsylvania President Marc Lucca. "This project highlights our commitment to our customers as well as our efforts to seek alternative funding to mitigate the cost impact on customers."

Aqua's Edgely facility treats water from nine groundwater wells in Bristol Township and Bristol Borough. Aqua was able to temporarily turn off the facility until treatment could be built. During that time, Aqua ensured uninterrupted customer service by bringing drinking water from other local sources, specifically its Bristol Water Treatment plant, which treats water from the Delaware River.

Construction on the facility is scheduled to begin in July.

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