



Aqua Pennsylvania Reports Water Service Operations Intact after Earthquake Tremors

BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- While tremors from today's East Coast earthquake were felt throughout Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s (Aqua's) service territory, Aqua's preliminary review has found its facilities and water service intact. Aqua will continue to check treatment plants, well stations, booster stations, tanks and other key infrastructure to confirm their integrity and operating condition.

According to Aqua President Karl M. Kyriss, the company's capital program has concentrated on replacing aging water mains, and newer and stronger pipe materials can often better withstand stress. Aqua replaces more than 100 miles of water main a year in Pennsylvania.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment estimates a 20-year capital investment need of \$334.8 billion for public water systems. A January 2009 news release issued by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) titled ***Failing Infrastructure Cannot Support A Healthy Economy*** graded the nation's drinking water and wastewater systems a D- and estimated an annual shortfall of at least \$11 billion to replace aging facilities, which are near the end of their useful life, and to comply with existing and future federal water regulations.

Aqua provides water and wastewater services to approximately 1.4 million people throughout Pennsylvania, including 1.3 million people in Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks and Berks counties.

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