



Aqua Pennsylvania Roaring Creek Water Treatment Plant Receives National Award

Less than one percent of nation's utilities receive honor

SHAMOKIN, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s, Roaring Creek Water Treatment Plant has received the "Phase III Directors Award of Recognition" from the *Partnership for Safe Water*, a national volunteer initiative developed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other water organizations representing water suppliers striving to provide their communities with drinking water quality that surpasses the required federal standards.



Aqua's Roaring Creek Plant is just one of 53 surface water treatment plants in Pennsylvania to be presented the award for successfully completing the Self-Assessment and Peer Review phase of the *Partnership* program, a phase which consists of identifying factors that limit treatment plant performance.

"We are thrilled to receive this award," said Plant Superintendent Rich Kotwica. "Water quality is our top priority and we continually strive to improve it. Achieving the ranks of one of the highest performing plants in the country confirms that our diligence is working."

"I am proud of our treatment plant personnel and managers who worked hard to improve water quality and meet the standards established by the *Partnership*," said Vice President, Production Marc Lucca. "All of our treatment plants in Pennsylvania are enrolled in the *Partnership* and each is moving to achieve the status now held by Roaring Creek."

Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s, Roaring Creek Water Treatment Plant has received the "Phase III Directors Award of Recognition" from the *Partnership for Safe Water*. From left: Pennsylvania DEP's Kevin Anderson of the; EPA's Nick Tymchenko; and Aqua Pennsylvania's Vice President of Production Marc Lucca, Manager of Production Curt Steffy, Roaring Creek Superintendant Rich Kotwica, Roaring Creek Plant Maintenance Operator Bob Appel and Roaring Creek Plant Lead Maintenance Operator Gary Hampton. (Photo: Business Wire)

The *Partnership* currently includes more than 200 water utilities, collectively serving more than 85 million people. This represents more than 60 percent of the U.S. population served by surface water supplies. Each utility has committed to the enhancement of drinking water quality and operational excellence in water treatment. As members of the *Partnership*, utilities make a pledge to their communities to improve their treatment operations to reduce the risk of exposure to microbial contaminants, namely *Cryptosporidium*, a parasite that can cause illness. By making this commitment, the member utilities' treatment practices undergo a rigorous review developed by national experts, which includes a four-phased, self-

assessment and peer-review process.

Aqua Pennsylvania serves approximately 1.4 million residents in 30 counties throughout Pennsylvania. Its Roaring Creek Division serves approximately 60,000 people in Northumberland, Schuylkill, Snyder, Columbia, Cumberland, Juniata and Adams counties.

The *Partnership for Safe Water* is sponsored by the American Water Works Association, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, United States Environmental Protection Agency, National Association of Water Companies, and the Water Research Foundation.

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