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PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER URGES RESIDENTS TO COOL OFF SAFELY THIS SUMMER

SCRANTON, Pa. (June 18, 2015) – As summer weather makes its way into Northeastern Pennsylvania, many area residents often look to the cool and inviting waters of our creeks, rivers and reservoirs as a way to beat the heat. Unfortunately, many of these spots are not only on private property, but they could be extremely dangerous as well.

“It might seem easy, fun and free to swim in a nearby stream or reservoir to cool off on a hot day,” stated Robert Burton, senior director of operations, Pennsylvania American Water. “But, there’s always a price to pay, whether it’s a fine for trespassing on private property, or a serious injury.”

Pennsylvania American Water reminds area residents that trespassing is prohibited on all company property and reservoirs, and all areas are clearly marked with signage. The company continues to work with local police departments to increase security patrols and will press charges against anyone who is caught trespassing on company property.

Burton added, “Since 9/11, the safety of our public water supply has been a priority across the nation, and trespassing is not taken lightly.”

Although swimming or entering a water supply reservoir is strictly prohibited, Pennsylvania American Water does allow access to designated areas for residents to enjoy walking trails and shoreline fishing. Walking trails are open from dawn until dusk around the Lake Scranton and Dunmore #1 reservoirs. Shoreline fishing is allowed in designated areas around the following reservoirs:

- **Lackawanna County**
 - Curtis Reservoir – Madison Twp.
 - Dunmore #1 Reservoir – Dunmore
 - Elmhurst Reservoir – Roaring Brook Twp.
 - Griffin Pond – South Abington & Scott townships
 - Maple Lake – Spring Brook Twp.
- **Luzerne County**
 - Ceasetown Reservoir (aka Pikes Creek) Reservoir in Hunlock Creek
- **Susquehanna County**
 - Comforts Pond – Susquehanna

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