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Illinois American Water's South Beloit District to Invest in Water Main Installation

Investment of approximately \$265,000 to install about 1,400 feet of water main

South Beloit, Ill. (July 26, 2012) – Illinois American Water plans to invest approximately \$265,000 to install and rehabilitate approximately 1,400 feet of water main within the South Beloit District. This work will enhance and maintain reliable, quality water service to customers.

Earlier in the construction season, about 100 feet of new 6-inch water main was installed on Hemenway Place from Wheeler to Salmon Avenue to extend water main in this area. This investment project helped to improve system reliability and water flow.

In August, work will begin on Blackhawk Boulevard to replace approximately 1,400 feet of 10-inch water main between Gardner Street and Elmwood Avenue. The project includes structural rehabilitation of the existing 10-inch water main through cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining, as well as replacement of two valves.

According to Mike Smyth, Senior Operations Manager for the South Beloit District, "The age of the pipes coupled with deterioration over the years make the project necessary. This work will add about 40 years to the life span of our water service infrastructure in this area and enhance service reliability."

While the work on Hemenway Place was performed by traditional open trench methods, Illinois American Water contractors will complete the balance of work with zero to minimal impact to customers by using CIPP lining technology. Cured-in-place lining of water main pipe allows a majority of the work to be completed through small excavation pits to access the water main, minimizing the need to perform traditional open trench excavating. This process requires significantly less surface disruption to roads, parkways and landscapes, therefore decreasing inconvenience to customers.

The U.S. EPA reports that the nation's water utilities will need to make more than \$335 billion in infrastructure investments over the next 20 years to ensure public health. These investments include replacing thousands of miles of pipe and upgrades to treatment plants, storage tanks and other assets. Illinois American Water's investment in main replacement in the South Beloit District is just another example of continuous investments and improvements being made, helping to meet the demands of today's customers and planning for the future.

About Illinois American Water

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