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Indiana American Water Backwash Water Recycling Facility Construction Underway in Gary

Project will enhance environment, help City of Gary reduce CSO's

Gary, Ind. (March 26, 2012) – Indiana American Water Company, a subsidiary of American Water Company (NYSE: AWK), today joined Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, community leaders and project partners at a ground-breaking ceremony for a new \$6 million backwash water recycling and residual management facility for its Borman Park treatment facility in Gary.

“We have a strong commitment to providing excellent customer service to all of our customers in northwest Indiana,” said Indiana American Water President Alan DeBoy. “This project is one of the many ways we are making that commitment a reality while enhancing the environment by helping the City of Gary to reduce combined sewer overflows in the area.”

“Once this facility is placed in service this summer, we will be annually recycling more than 100 million gallons of filter backwash water that is currently being discharged to the Gary sanitary sewer system,” said DeBoy. “As a part of the project, we will also be ensuring stormwater from our treatment and pumping facilities at this location is being handled in an environmentally friendly way.”

The project, which got underway last month on Madison Street in Gary, will include:

- Recycling more than 100 million gallons of filter backwash water annually that is currently being discharged to the Gary sanitary sewer system;
- Helping the City of Gary address combined sewer overflow issues by reducing sewer loads associated with the company's water treatment process and storm water discharge from roof drains.
- Re-routing stormwater runoff from the company's pumping and treatment facilities to infiltration trenches that will allow it to be retained on-site and naturally percolate back into the soil.

Indiana American Water's Northwest Indiana District provides water service to several communities in the area, including Gary, Hobart, Merrillville, Chesterton, Burns Harbor, Portage, Porter, South Haven, Winfield, Shorewood Forest and White Oaks. The Northwest Indiana Operations also serves as a regional water supplier by providing water to a number of communities in the area including Schererville, Crown Point, Lake Station, New Chicago and Ogden Dunes through wholesale contracts. The total population served in northwest Indiana is more than 250,000 people.

About Indiana American Water

Indiana American Water, a wholly owned subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to more than 1.2 million people. Founded in 1886, American Water is the largest publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company. With headquarters in Voorhees, N.J., the company employs approximately 7,000 dedicated professionals who provide drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in more than 30 states and parts of Canada. More information can be found at www.amwater.com.

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