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## WEST VIRGINIA AMERICAN WATER TO BEGIN WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN SUTTON NEXT WEEK

**SUTTON, W.Va. (June 11 , 2012)** – West Virginia American Water announced today a water main replacement project along 2nd Street and Riverview Drive in Sutton. The approximately \$120,000 project will replace aging pipe that dates back to the 1940s – improving reliability for customers, reducing service disruptions and increasing water flows for firefighting.

Starting June 18, contractors will replace approximately 1,300 feet of two-inch and four-inch cast iron pipe along 2nd Street and Riverview Drive. The pipe will be replaced with eight-inch PVC pipe that will result in enhanced water quality and improved service reliability. The project will be completed by a qualified pipe contractor, Zinn Hoe Services Inc., and will include the installation of a new fire hydrant as well as the relocation of an existing hydrant to better serve the public.

Crews are scheduled to work Monday through Friday during daytime hours. Traffic disruptions are possible during construction. Emergency responders have been notified and alternate emergency vehicle routes have been identified. The Sutton Post Office will remain accessible to foot traffic and mail delivery will not be disrupted. Weather permitting, the company expects to complete the project by the end of August.

During construction, customers might experience occasional temporary service interruptions to their water service. Crews will work as quickly as possible to shorten the length of these temporary inconveniences. The company appreciates its customers' patience and understanding during this project. For more information, contact West Virginia American Water's 24-hour customer service center at 1-800-685-8660 or visit [www.westvirginiaamwater.com](http://www.westvirginiaamwater.com).

West Virginia American Water is committed to providing high quality, reliable water service to its customers, which requires continually investing in its water distribution system. At the same time, the cost of tap water remains about a penny per gallon – an exceptional value.

*West Virginia American Water, a wholly owned subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water services to approximately 600,000 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, as well as parts of Canada. More information can be found by visiting [www.westvirginiaamwater.com](http://www.westvirginiaamwater.com).*

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