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Virginia American Water to Begin \$202,000 Water Main Replacement in Dale City

Alexandria, VA (May 7, 2012) – Virginia American Water today announced the start of the latest water main replacement project in Dale City to enhance water quality and improve service reliability. The cost of the water system improvements is approximately \$202,000.

Beginning the week of May 7, Virginia American Water will replace approximately 1,100 feet of aging six-inch pipe on Dyer Drive in the Darbydale community of Dale City. The company is replacing pipe that has a history of leaks with new double-cement-lined pipe.

The project follows a pipeline upgrade that Virginia American Water recently announced in Dale City on Castle Court in the Cloverdale community and the rehabilitation of the Packard water distribution tank in Woodbridge. These improvements in Dale City are part of Virginia American Water's long-term strategy of ongoing investment in its water systems.

Crews will work weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The estimated duration of the project is eight weeks. During the project, some residents of Dyer Drive might experience short disruptions to their water service as the construction crews work near their homes. Crews will work as quickly as possible to shorten the length of any temporary inconveniences.

Virginia 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 services to more than 300,000 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 more than approximately 7,000 dedicated professionals who provide drinking water, wastewater and other related services to approximately an estimated 15 million people in more than 30 states and parts of Canada. More information can be found by visiting www.amwater.com.

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