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Illinois American Water's Alton District Announces Water Main Projects during National Drinking Water Week

Investment of approximately \$520,000 to install over half a mile of water main

Alton, Ill. (May 9, 2012) — Celebrating National Drinking Water Week this week, Illinois American Water has announced plans to invest approximately \$520,000 to replace over a half mile of water mains in the Alton District. During National Drinking Water Week, the company hopes to raise awareness to the critical infrastructure of water mains required to deliver water service to the tap.

This investment will enhance and maintain water quality and pressure as well as fire protection to customers. Work begins this week to replace water main in Alton and Godfrey. In Alton, the work includes replacing 1,402 feet of 2-inch water main with 8-inch water main on Myrtle Street from Mitchell Street to Sanborne Street. In Godfrey, the work includes replacing 220 feet of 2-inch water main with 8-inch water main on Sunset Court from Sunset Drive.

Illinois American Water's main replacement program focuses on replacing mains where leaks occur, corrosion has caused damage or the size of the pipe isn't sufficient. According to Grant Evitts, Senior Operations Manager for the Alton District, the age of the pipes coupled with corrosion and sediment accumulation over the years makes the replacements necessary.

Evitts said, "The water mains we are replacing with this project were installed decades ago. Upgrading this infrastructure is essential to ensuring quality water service. Illinois American Water continues to invest annually in its systems to ensure that local water quality and service continues to be as good as or better than local, state and federal quality standards."

Main replacement work will continue throughout the year and includes:

- Installation of 1,325 feet of 8-inch main on Clawson Street in Alton from Maxey Street to Bostwick Street and on Bostwick Street from Main Street to Seminary Street
- Installation of 903 feet of 8-inch main on Judson Avenue in Alton from Main Street to Seminary Street

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 water main projects in the Alton 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

Illinois 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. American Water also operates a customer service center in Alton and a quality control and research laboratory in Belleville.

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

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