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PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER HOSTS TOUR OF \$50 MILLION WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

NEW BEAVER, Pa. (September 29, 2017) – Pennsylvania American Water officials, along with state and local officials, participated today in a tour of the company’s approximately \$50 million water treatment plant construction project. Located in New Beaver Borough, the new treatment facility will serve approximately 18,000 customers in southern Lawrence and Butler Counties and northeastern Beaver County.

“This investment represents one of the largest in the company’s history,” said Jeffrey McIntyre, president of Pennsylvania American Water. “We are excited to take our community partners on this behind-the-scenes tour of our major infrastructure investment, which will provide high-quality, reliable water service for years to come while providing an economic boost to the area.”

McIntyre said Pennsylvania American Water is making this investment to ensure that its drinking water continues to comply with all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water standards. The system upgrades will enable the company to meet new requirements that are more stringent and improve its water treatment process.

“We are incredibly pleased that our partners at Pennsylvania American Water are moving forward with this project,” said Alex McCoy, CEO of the Lawrence County Regional Chamber of Commerce. “We think it speaks volumes about the viability of our region and the potential for growth in the years to come.”

McIntyre added the new plant will replace the existing Ellwood Water Treatment Plant, which was originally constructed in 1909 and expanded to its present capacity in 1918. “The Ellwood Water Treatment Plant has met the end of its useful life span and has both capacity and reliability limitations that will be improved with the new plant facilities,” McIntyre said.

“For more than a century, the facilities here have been providing Lawrence County Communities with clean, safe drinking water,” said State Rep. Aaron Bernstine. “The old plant will be replaced by state-of-the art infrastructure that will ensure the continued safety of our drinking water and support future economic development in the region. This is an exciting time for our region as we create private-public partnerships to create jobs in the 10th Legislative District.”

Pennsylvania American Water hired Reynolds Construction of Orleans, Indiana. Reynolds was chosen using a competitive bid process, which included local and national bidders. Reynolds also is working with Mascaro Construction from Pittsburgh, Construction & General Labors Union 964 along with local suppliers from Lawrence County.

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OFFICIALS TOUR NEW \$50 MILLION LAWRENCE COUNTY WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCT SITE

“Pennsylvania American Water’s investment is vital to our community and we are proud of the work that they continue to do with our local workforce and companies,” said Lawrence County Commissioner Dan Vogler. “Upgrading services that impact our quality of life and public safety makes our county an attractive place.”

The Connoquenessing Creek will be the primary source of supply for the new plant and the Beaver River will be the secondary source. The availability of these two sources of supply will help to ensure a vital redundancy in case of an emergency or condition, which may render either unavailable for treatment.

The company has designed the treatment process at the new plant specifically for the water characteristics of the Beaver River and the Connoquenessing Creek to ensure that water quality meets or surpasses regulatory standards.

Preconstruction activities at the site began in mid-February 2017. The facility is expected to be in service by December 2018. General project hours are from 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. However, some portions of the project may require extended work hours, or work, on Saturdays.

Reynolds Construction has established a customer service number, 1-855-787-8607, for project inquiries. You can also access project information by visiting www.pennsylvaniaamwater.com and click link on homepage, or go to Facebook and search for keyword “Pennsylvania American Water.”

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