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Iowa American Water's Treatment Facility Celebrates Excellence in Workplace Safety

Employees reach seven-year safety milestone without OSHA-recordable incident

DAVENPORT, IA (June 28, 2017) – Employees at Iowa American Water's East River Station Treatment Facility celebrated a significant safety milestone this week. Production and water quality employees at the company's East River Station Treatment Facility have worked seven consecutive years or 2,555 days without experiencing any OSHA recordable incidents.

"This is a true testament to the professional and safety-conscious team we have," said Mary Jane Midgett, director of operations. "They are committed not only to providing reliable, high quality water service to our customers in the Iowa Quad Cities but also to following all safety regulations and procedures to keep themselves, their co-workers and our neighbors and community safe."

Iowa American Water conducts regular safety training for trenching and shoring, respiratory protection and confined spaces, machine guarding, personal protective equipment, lockout tag out, first aid, CPR, hazard communication, work zone safety, slips, trips and falls and other related topics. Training includes both classroom and hands-on learning. Employees also participate in facility and job site audits at every work site to ensure compliance with established workplace safety practices and participate in safety tabletop drills.

"This safety milestone means a lot to our team, but even more important is, by the end of their work day, having our team members arrive home in the same or better condition than when they started their work day. That is our number one priority," Midgett added. "Not only are we committed to providing high-quality, reliable water and exceptional customer service but also to following all necessary safety procedures and receiving continuing education to ensure a safe work environment. Continued learning, safe behavior and a constant focus are key to keeping us safe, whether at the treatment plant, in the field, or when working water emergencies."

About Iowa American Water

Iowa American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water services to approximately 212,000 people. With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly-traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,700 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting www.amwater.com.

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