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Aquarion Wins Top DEP Award For The Third Time In Four Years

System serving Hingham, Hull and Cohasset among the top 1 percent in the state

HINGHAM, MA. – For the third time in four years, Aquarion Water Company has received a Public Water System award for outstanding performance and achievement in 2016 from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) for its water system serving Hingham, Hull, and North Cohasset.

For over two decades, MassDEP has given these awards to acknowledge the many dedicated water professionals whose accomplishments in delivering consistent and safe drinking water to residents are worthy of special recognition. All of the state's 1,735 public water systems were eligible for this award, but only a select few were chosen by MassDEP for this honor.

The MassDEP has announced it will honor Aquarion's achievement at a May 9th ceremony in Devens, MA. Aquarion is one of only 6 medium (population served > 10,000) and large (population served > 50,000) public water systems receiving a similar award for 2016.

The criteria used to select top performing systems includes overall water quality as well as adherence to state regulatory compliance for more than 90 contaminants. Aquarion had no water violations and performs over 100,000 water quality tests annually, including tap water lead and copper levels, to ensure water is safe to drink.

"The results of our extensive water quality testing program helps us assure that the water we provide to the public meets all the standards of safe drinking water" said

Steve Olson, Massachusetts's Director of Operations for Aquarion, Massachusetts.

In announcing the award, Mass DEP Program Director Yvette DePeiza told Aquarion officials in an April 12th letter: "Your system has achieved one of the top scores in the large and medium Community System category".

The letter went on to say, the "Mass DEP realizes that it is no easy task to keep up with the ever-evolving federal and state drinking water regulations. While most systems strive just to comply with the regulations, your system has put forth an extra effort for many years."

Aquarion Vice President of Operations John Walsh said Aquarion strives to deliver the highest level of service and water quality to its customers in Hingham, Hull, and north Cohasset.

"It's an honor to see the commitment of our staff recognized by the State drinking water regulatory authority for being among the best in the state" said Walsh. "This award is a testament to the expertise and hard work of our staff, including our staff in Hingham, and our corporate water quality staff", added Walsh.

About Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts:

A division of Aquarion Water Company, Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts is the public water supply company for more than 50,000 people in the towns of Hingham, Hull, Millbury, and Oxford. Aquarion Water Company is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England and among the seven largest in the United States. Based in Bridgeport, Conn., it has been in the public water supply business since 1857. Across its operations, Aquarion is a responsible steward of the environment and assists the communities it serves in promoting sustainable practices.

For more information on Aquarion Water Company, please visit www.aquarionwater.com.

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