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Aquarion Accord Tank Rehabilitation Project Continues, Final Phase Underway

HINGHAM, MA (March 12, 2018) - In an effort to protect against degradation, Aquarion Water Company announced it has started the final phase of its capital project to rehabilitate its Accord water storage tank, located off of Route 228 in Hingham at Queen Anne's Corner.

The final phase of the rehabilitation project entails erecting scaffolding and a dust containment system and removing the tank's existing coating before applying a specialized, high performance, long-term paint to the tank's interior and exterior. Preparing the surfaces to be painted is a critical step for success. As bare steel is necessary for paint to adhere to the tank it must be sandblasted. Once the old paint has been removed, a new specialized paint will be applied to provide a protective barrier to prevent the steel from corroding and compromising water quality. The 750,000-gallon steel storage tank will be emptied and removed from service to complete the project.

The company has made a significant effort to educate residents, businesses and public officials about the project. In addition to meeting with critical customers, including medical facilities, schools and others, Aquarion has created a project webpage, posted information on its Facebook page, and worked with neighborhoods near the project site, making it faster and easier to receive important updates about the project.

"Our aim is to complete this phase of the project with minimal disruption and inconvenience to neighboring residents and businesses," said Steve Olson, Director of Operations, MA. "The tank was last given a face lift in 1996 and the work we're doing this spring will extend the useful service life of this valuable asset for many years into the future."

With the 1996 paint job beginning to show signs of age, Aquarion engineers began planning the tank rehabilitation project several years ago. In preparation for the project, Aquarion invested in mechanical and computer upgrades at the water treatment plant on Main Street, allowing the company to temporarily and safely operate the system without the use of Accord Tank.

In order to help reduce water demand during the rehabilitation project, Aquarion officials will be asking customers in South Hingham to refrain from turning on their irrigation systems until June,

2018.

“Investing in our infrastructure ensures we can continue to provide affordable, high quality, reliable water to residents and businesses in Hingham, Hull and North Cohasset,” said Olson.

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 town 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. For questions about the Accord Water Storage Tank rehabilitation, please contact Aquarion Customer Service at 1.800.732.9678.

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