Pennsylvania American Water Hosts Tour of Tandem 2-Million-Gallon Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation in Swatara Township

A group of local stakeholders tour one of Pennsylvania American Water's two newly rehabilitated, 1.93-million-gallon water storage tanks in Swatara Township on Nov. 14.

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. (Nov. 14, 2023) – Today, Pennsylvania American Water welcomed a group of local stakeholders to tour an infrastructure improvement project at its Kelker Street tandem water storage tanks in Swatara Township. During the event, more than 20 people had the unique opportunity to step inside one of the two, roughly two-million-gallon capacity tanks, which had been emptied as part of a rehabilitation project designed to extend their service life and help ensure water quality.

"We take pride in continuously maintaining and upgrading the infrastructure that keeps our water and wastewater systems operating efficiently," said Pennsylvania American Water Vice President of Engineering Bruce Aiton. "To do this, our engineering and operations teams work closely to conduct detailed inspections, identify potential areas for improvement, and put plans into action to make upgrades that allow us to continue serving our customers with affordable, high-quality, reliable service."

The Kelker Street water storage tanks were built in 1973 and each have a 1.97-million-gallon capacity. The current rehabilitation project has an estimated cost of $2 million and is being completed by qualified rehabilitation contractor George Kountoupes Painting Company. It involves abrasive blasting and paint application on the interior and exterior of the tank, as well as structural support evaluation and rehabilitation. The project is one of eight similar tank rehabilitation projects being completed by the company across the state this year.

The Kelker Street tanks are part of Pennsylvania American Water's Steelton water system, which provides water to more than 6,000 customers in Steelton Borough and Swatara Township, Dauphin County. Many local businesses and organizations are also served by the water system.

Pennsylvania 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 and wastewater services to approximately 2.4 million 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 approximately 6,400 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and regulated-like drinking water and wastewater services to an estimated 14 million people in 24 states. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable water services to our customers to help keep their lives flowing. For more information, visit amwater.com and follow American Water on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

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