West Virginia American Water Celebrates 50th Anniversary of its Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Feb. 13, 2024 – West Virginia American Water celebrated today the 50th anniversary of its Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant. Dozens of attendees including employees, elected officials, community partners and business leaders gathered at the plant to commemorate the state-of-the-art facility's rich history.

"Over the past five decades, the Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant and our water quality team have earned an excellent reputation for providing high-quality water service to thousands of families and businesses across the region," said Rob Burton, president of West Virginia American Water. "As we celebrate this incredible milestone, we also look to the future, renewing our commitment to strengthening the communities served by this plant."

Originally constructed to combine the Charleston, Belle and Nitro water treatment plants, the Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant went online on December 13, 1973. The facility is West Virginia's largest water treatment plant and serves nearly 302,000 customers in Kanawha, Putnam, Boone, Logan, Lincoln, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Roane, Jackson and Mason counties.

"As we mark the 50th anniversary of the Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant, we're not just celebrating a facility; we're honoring a half-century of unwavering service to our communities," said Kanawha County Commission President Lance Wheeler. "This plant stands as a testament to innovation, resilience and the dedicated individuals who share the same goal as the Kanawha County Commission to help ensure public water to every household."

The Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant is located within Charleston's historic Triangle District. Once a popular destination for Black musicians and artists, City of Charleston Councilwoman Jennifer Pharr shared some of the resurgence efforts underway for the district in partnership with the City and West Virginia American Water.

"As a councilwoman, I've witnessed the rich cultural significance of Charleston's history, notably in the Triangle District," said City of Charleston Councilwoman Jennifer Pharr. "We grateful for our partnership with West Virginia American Water that will support a historic marker paying homage to the Triangle District and continued investment in cultural programming."

In December 2021, the Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant completed a $25 million upgrade to provide ultra-violet (UV) disinfection as part of its treatment process and to utilize sodium hypochlorite instead of gaseous chlorine.

To view the water quality report for the Kanawha Valley or learn more about the water treatment plant and its source, please visit the "Water Quality" page on our website at www.westvirginiaamwater.com.

About American Water

American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the United States. With a history dating back to 1886, We Keep Life Flowing® by providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people with regulated operations in 14 states and on 18 military installations. American Water's 6,500 talented professionals leverage their significant expertise and the company's national size and scale to achieve excellent outcomes for the benefit of customers, employees, investors and other stakeholders.

As one of the fastest growing utilities in the U.S., American Water expects to invest $34 to $38 billion in infrastructure repairs and replacement, system resiliency and regulated acquisitions over the next 10 years. The company has a long-standing history of executing its core operations, aligned with sustainable best practices, through its commitments to safety, affordability, customer service, protecting the environment, an inclusive

workforce and strengthening communities.

American Water has been recognized on the 2023 Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index for the fifth consecutive year, ranked 18th on Barron's 100 Most Sustainable U.S. Companies 2023 List, earned the U.S. Department of Homeland Security SAFETY Act designation and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense® Excellence Award, among additional state, local and national recognitions.

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