New Jersey American Water Prepared to Meet Final U.S. EPA PFAS Rule

CAMDEN, N.J. – April 10, 2024 – New Jersey American Water announced today that it is prepared to meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) final national drinking water standards for PFAS, released this morning. PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances, also referred to as "forever chemicals") are manufactured chemicals historically used in many household products including nonstick cookware, stain repellants, and waterproofing.

In March 2023, the U.S. EPA announced a proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) to set historic Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for six PFAS found in drinking water. The U.S. EPA's final PFAS rule remains substantially unchanged from the proposed rule.

"As a company whose mission is rooted in safeguarding clean, reliable drinking water, we support the EPA's efforts to protect public health," said Mark McDonough, President, New Jersey American Water. "New Jersey American Water is well positioned to stay at the forefront of regulatory and monitoring PFAS strategies, building on our proactive capital planning, engineering upgrades and advanced water quality treatment capabilities throughout New Jersey since 2012.

"New Jersey American Water strongly supports sound governmental policies that ensure compliance by all water utilities while also protecting customers and communities from these costs. For this reason, we, along with American Water, are advocating for funds to help mitigate compliance costs from both those who created the problem through participation in multi-district litigation and government funding. We also believe that all water and wastewater utility providers, whether privately or municipally owned, should have equal access to any federal and/or state funding related to treating PFAS," added McDonough.

To learn more about what New Jersey American Water is doing to address PFAS, visit www.newjerseyamwater.com and select Water Quality, PFAS.

About New Jersey American Water

New Jersey American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 2.9 million people.

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