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American Water Celebrates 50 Years of the Safe Drinking Water Act



Click the image to view American Water employees celebrating the SDWA 50th Anniversary.

CAMDEN, N.J. – DECEMBER 16, 2024 – American Water (NYSE: AWK), the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., is proud to join the water industry in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), the landmark law that has safeguarded public health by protecting drinking water quality since its passage on December 16, 1974.

“Today we reflect on 50 years of the Safe Drinking Water Act and are reminded of its profound impact on the nation's public drinking water supply,” said M. Susan Hardwick, Chief Executive Officer, American Water. “From scientists to operators, we celebrate and thank the dedicated professionals who ensure we continue to deliver safe, clean, reliable and affordable water to the communities we serve nationwide.”

American Water recognizes the SDWA's 50-year impact on water quality and emphasizes the need for continued investment to address emerging challenges in water safety and quality. The company expects to invest over $40 billion in infrastructure repairs and replacement, and system resiliency over the next 10 years. This investment aligns with the spirit of the Safe Drinking Water Act and its mission to safeguard public health for not only American Water customers but communities across the nation.

American Water launched a 50-day countdown to the SDWA anniversary. View the highlights here.

American Water customers can view annual Water Quality Reports by zip code here.

Learn more from Hardwick, as she highlights our dedication to providing customers with safe, clean and reliable drinking water here.

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.

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