

Virginia American Water President Addresses ASCE 2026 Report Card for Virginia's Infrastructure

Urges More Investment in Critical Water and Wastewater Systems

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Aug. 27, 2026 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- Laura Runkle, President of Virginia American Water, issued the following statement in response to the grade of C+ for drinking water and D+ for wastewater in the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) 2026 Report Card for Virginia's Infrastructure:

"Another report card, and no change or improvement in the last four years. Virginia's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure is stagnant. At Virginia American Water, our responsibility is clear: provide safe, clean, reliable and affordable water and wastewater service while investing in the systems that sustain the communities we serve. The urgency of this mission is highlighted by the recent ASCE 2026 Report Card for Virginia's Infrastructure, which outlines the state's drinking water grade as a C+ and wastewater grade as a D+, the same grades as the 2022 ASCE report.

The report card underscores the growing infrastructure challenges facing Virginia, including aging assets, recruiting and retaining licensed operators, and the need for greater climate resilience. These pressures reinforce the importance of continued, long-term investment in critical water and wastewater infrastructure and Virginia American Water plans to invest more than \$360 million over the next 5 years to upgrade its water and wastewater systems to help ensure safe, reliable service for generations to come."

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 and celebrating 140 years in 2026, We Keep Life Flowing® by providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable drinking water and wastewater services to approximately 14 million people with regulated operations in 14 states and on 18 military installations. American Water's approximately 7,000 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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About Virginia American Water

Virginia American Water, a subsidiary of American Water, is the largest regulated water utility in the state with approximately 115 dedicated employees working to provide safe, clean, reliable and affordable water and wastewater services to approximately 365,000 people.

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