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AKRON WATER SUPPLY PLANT RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Akron, Ohio, November 1, 2016 - The Ohio EPA has notified the City of Akron that the Akron Water Supply Plant (AWS) has been awarded the Ohio EPA *E3 Award*, the only water plant in Ohio to receive such recognition. Over the last several years, the AWS staff has invested time and resources to upgrading and improving plant operation and efficiency through capital investments and best management practices. Several of these initiatives have improved environmental performance and resource conservation.

The Ohio EPA *Encouraging Environmental Excellence Program* targets those who reduce waste, improve efficiency and work to continuously improve as an environmental steward. The program has a four-level approach to provide recognition to Ohio businesses and other organizations completing environmentally beneficial activities. AWS was given the award due to extensive accomplishments in energy efficiency, beneficial reuse of industrial waste and paper waste reduction measures.

The Akron Water Supply Plant (AWS), located at Lake Rockwell Reservoir, is the water treatment facility for the City of Akron and surrounding communities, providing an average of 35 million gallons of water daily to approximately 280,000 customers. The plant has been in operation for 100 years and employs approximately 40 people.

Mayor Horrigan notes, “We have an amazing staff of highly skilled people working every single day to improve the water efficiency and safety in Akron and the surrounding communities. This award is further proof of how forward-thinking Akron is when it comes to water reclamation and treatment. This is an award well deserved.”

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