Aqua Pennsylvania Awarded $17.3 Million in Funding to Remove PFAS from Drinking Water, Replace Lead Service Lines

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Funding is part of Aqua Pennsylvania's commitment to provide safe, reliable drinking water and reduce associated customer costs

BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 9, 2025-- Aqua Pennsylvania announced it was awarded a combination of grant and low-interest loan funding through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST). Funding totaling $15.05 million will support Aqua Pennsylvania's continuing commitment to remove PFAS from drinking water. Another $2.3 million in funding will go toward Aqua Pennsylvania's ongoing lead service line replacement program. PENNVEST funds allow recipients like Aqua Pennsylvania to complete these important infrastructure upgrades at a reduced cost to customers.

"Aqua Pennsylvania's commitment includes delivery of safe, reliable drinking water to its customers," said Aqua Pennsylvania President Marc Lucca. "Our commitment includes pursuit of PENNVEST funding which will help mitigate impacts to our customers."

PFAS Treatment Systems

More than $15 million in PENNVEST funding will support 6 PFAS treatment installation projects at community well sites in Bucks, Chester, and Luzerne Counties. The PFAS treatment systems will positively impact more than 5,800 customers in the following communities:

BUCKS COUNTY

- New Britain Borough

CHESTER COUNTY

- East Marlborough Township, Franklin Township, West Brandywine Township, West Whiteland Township

LUZERNE COUNTY

- White Haven Borough

Construction on these treatment facilities is expected to be completed in summer/fall of 2026.

In April 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for six PFAS chemicals in drinking water. Funding awarded by PENNVEST will move Aqua Pennsylvania closer to meeting the federal guidelines ahead of the EPA's required compliance in 2029.

Lead Service Line Replacements

More than $2 million in combined grants and loans from PENNVEST will go toward the replacement of more than 200 customer-owned lead and galvanized service lines in Bristol Borough, Bucks County. Customer-owned service lines are the pipes running from approximately the curb line to homes and businesses. Aqua already treats drinking water to prevent lead leaching from pipes into the water, but replacing these aging pipes is an extra step in reducing the risk for customers.

The lead service line replacement project in Bristol is expected to start in June 2025 and is estimated to be completed in early 2026. The replacement is done at no direct cost to the customer. A warranty is also provided on the completed work.

Find out more about Aqua Pennsylvania's commitment to our customers in the Commonwealth.

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