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## **Aqua Pennsylvania Wraps up 2014 \$217 Million Statewide Capital Program**

BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Aqua Pennsylvania (Aqua) today announced it has just about completed its \$217 million 2014 capital program, the majority which was dedicated to infrastructure improvements. The company has spent approximately \$200 million since the beginning of the year to make improvements to its distribution and collection systems and treatment facilities throughout the state. The capital expenditure for major projects includes:

- \$127.5 million throughout its Southeastern Pennsylvania operating division, which comprises parts of Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties
- \$610,000 throughout its Susquehanna operating division, which comprises parts of Athens Township and Athens, South Waverly and Sayre boroughs in Bradford County
- \$10 million throughout its White Haven operating division, which comprises parts of Wyoming, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Schuylkill, Susquehanna and Carbon counties
- \$8.8 million throughout its Honesdale operating division, which comprises parts of Lackawanna, Monroe, Pike and Wayne counties
- \$13.2 million throughout its Roaring Creek operating division, which comprises parts of Adams, Columbia, Cumberland, Juniata, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Snyder counties
- \$15.6 million throughout its Shenango operating division, which comprises parts of Lawrence, Mercer, Forest, Crawford, Venango, Clarion, Warren and Clearfield counties.

"There was a big emphasis on replacing old and smaller diameter cast iron mains with new cement-lined ductile iron main," said Aqua Pennsylvania President Steve Tagert who added that much of the water infrastructure in Pennsylvania, as well as the country, is reaching the end of its useful life. "Similarly we made significant improvements to many of our wastewater facilities including collection system main replacements and improvements to our treatment facilities."

Earlier in the year when the program was first announced, Tagert said Aqua is committed to making ongoing, prudent investments to update and improve its infrastructure so the utility can continue to provide customers with quality water and wastewater services. "We have seen first-hand how this investment is helping to increase service reliability. For example, in our Southeastern Pennsylvania division, we experienced 27 percent fewer main breaks during the winter of 2013 - 2014 when compared to the equally brutal winter conditions of 2008 - 2009. This decrease can be credited to the more than \$950 million in infrastructure that Aqua made in between 2009 and 2013."

Aqua Pennsylvania serves approximately 1.4 million people in 31 counties throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Visit [AquaAmerica.com](http://AquaAmerica.com) for more information, or follow Aqua on Facebook at [facebook.com/MyAquaAmerica](https://facebook.com/MyAquaAmerica) and on Twitter at [@MyAquaAmerica](https://twitter.com/MyAquaAmerica).

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