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## Aqua Pennsylvania's Roaring Creek Division Water Treatment Plant Receives Elite National Recognition

## Roaring Creek is one of 15 water treatment plants in Pennsylvania to receive honor from the Partnership for Safe Water

BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Aqua Pennsylvania (Aqua) announced today that its Roaring Creek Division water treatment plant in Elysburg, Pa. recently received the Partnership for Safe Water's Phase IV President's Award, one of the highest honors given by the organization. The Partnership is a national volunteer initiative developed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and six water organizations that strive to provide drinking water quality that surpasses federal standards.

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Aqua Pennsylvania's Roaring Creek earned the water treatment plant team Partnership for Safe Water's Phase IV President's Award, one of the highest honors given by the organization. The Roaring Creek operations team includes L to R: Lead Maintenance Operator Gary Hampton, maintenance operators Dan Ogden and Terry Weidner, and Plant Superintendent Rich Kotwica. Not pictured are maintenance operators Jeremy Nicodemus, Bryan Yagel, Aaron Tom and Mike Budwash (Photo: Business Wire)

paying off."

Aqua's Roaring Creek plant is one of just 15 water treatment plants in Pennsylvania to be presented with the President's Award, which recognizes treatment plants that have achieved the highest possible levels of individual filter performance. Roaring Creek was assessed against very stringent performance goals with specific numeric water quality standards by the Partnership for Safe Water's Treatment Plant Optimization Program. The program was designed to help utilities assess treatment plant performance, make enhancements in operations to reduce risk of exposure to contaminants such as Cryptosporidium, and achieve superior water quality beyond regulations.

"It is an honor to be recognized by the Partnership for Safe Water for our commitment to water quality," said Roaring Creek Superintendent Rich Kotwica. "We work hard to maintain the highest water quality standards possible, and continually strive to improve our operations for our customers' benefit. To be recognized as one of the highest performing plants in the country reaffirms that our diligence is

"I am very proud of the employees who make up the Roaring Creek Division water treatment plant team and who have done a tremendous job improving water quality and meeting the high standards of the President's Award," said Aqua Pennsylvania President Marc Lucca. "Achieving this recognition is a prime indication of how committed Aqua's employees are to protecting and providing the Earth's most essential resource."

The Partnership for Safe Water currently includes more than 250 water utilities, collectively serving more than 100 million people. Each utility has committed to the enhancement of drinking water quality and operational excellence in water treatment. The Partnership is an alliance of the American Water Works Association, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, United States Environmental Protection Agency, National

Association of Water Companies, and the Water Research Foundation.

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