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This Month Marks the 40th Anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act

December 16, 2014 marks the 40th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), the law at the core of national efforts to provide quality drinking water and fire protection and protect the health and safety of American citizens. This December, we celebrate this important Anniversary by reminding everyone of the value of drinking water to each of us in our daily lives – and by rededicating ourselves to the critical task of ensuring that safe drinking water is available at the tap each and every day.

The SDWA Anniversary highlights the importance of water source protection, water conservation, and the value of water resources. Over the last 40 years, the Safe Drinking Water Act has addressed a wide array of drinking water contaminants, thereby preventing waterborne disease and helping to protect the health of our citizens and families. The SDWA has also contributed to the sustainability of our economy, communities, and businesses, all of which rely on safe and adequate supplies of drinking water.

This anniversary also serves as a reminder that there is much work to be done. We must continue to protect our drinking water sources, address our aging infrastructure, and take steps to prepare for the future. These tasks are challenging in an era of scarce resources.

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission works to ensure that the water delivered to our customers meets and is better than all federal and state standards, and is clean and abundant. These efforts are vital to supporting the public health and safety of our communities while supporting economic development for our region. The Commission is committed to providing a safe and dependable water supply, both now and in the future.

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