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Springfield Water and Sewer Commission Honored by Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Commission's Annual Water Quality Report for 2025 Also Released

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Drinking Water Program recognized the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (Commission) at its 40th Annual Drinking Water Awards Day, held during National Drinking Water Week, for its exemplary operation of a complex drinking water system.

The Commission received a Regional Recognition award for its proactive advancement of the New West Parish Water Treatment Plant project, which will modernize treatment capabilities, improve system resiliency, and support long-term compliance with state and federal drinking water standards. MassDEP acknowledged the challenges of operating a system serving the largest population in MassDEP's Western Region and commended the Commission's long-term approach to addressing DBP compliance through planning that began in 2016 to the groundbreaking for the new plant in 2024.

"We are proud of this recognition from our regulatory partners at MassDEP, which reflects our steadfast commitment to investing in modern, resilient infrastructure that will serve our community for generations to come, while continuing to deliver safe, reliable drinking water service to more than 250,000 people every day," said **Executive Director Josh Schimmel**.

In conjunction with this recognition, the Commission released its annual Water Quality Report, covering the previous calendar year 2025. The report summarizes the results of all drinking water quality testing completed in 2025 for Springfield and Ludlow and how those results compare to state and federal drinking water quality requirements.

The 2025 report also highlights the Commission's latest efforts to protect drinking water at its source – Cobble Mountain Reservoir in Blandford and Granville – through innovative practices and routine maintenance as part of its Source Water Protection Program.



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The Commission releases the Water Quality Report, also referred to as a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), annually in accordance with federal and state Safe Drinking Water Act requirements, but also because the information is important and valuable to Commission customers.

The Water Quality Report is available in English and Spanish on the Commission's website at <http://www.waterandsewer.org/WaterQualityReport>. In addition, billing customers will be notified that the report is available online via a message on their May and June water and sewer bills. Hard copies of the report will also be sent to local libraries, health department offices, and municipal offices in Springfield and Ludlow.

The Commission encourages customers with questions about the report's contents, or that wish to request a hard copy, to email info@waterandsewer.org or call 413-452-1300.

About the Commission

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission is an independent, regional public utility that provides drinking water and wastewater service to approximately 250,000 people in the lower Pioneer Valley. The Commission provides retail drinking water service to Springfield and Ludlow, and regional drinking treatment to Agawam, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, and Southwick, as well as emergency/peak service to several other communities. The Commission provides retail wastewater service to Springfield and regional wastewater treatment to West Springfield, Agawam, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Wilbraham, and Ludlow.

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