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## LOCAL PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER TREATMENT PLANT RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN WATER QUALITY

*Partnership for Safe Water also honors company's Clarion treatment facility*

**SPRING CITY, Pa. (August 27, 2018)** – The professional staff at Pennsylvania American Water's Shady Lane Water Treatment Plant, which serves approximately 17,000 customers in Chester and Montgomery counties, today accepted the Phase III Directors Award from the *Partnership for Safe Water*. The program was established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, American Water Works Association and other organizations to recognize water suppliers that continuously provide water quality that surpasses regulatory standards.

Pennsylvania American Water's facility earned the Five-Year Directors Award for achieving optimal treatment performance standards for five consecutive years. Nationally, more than 400 surface water treatment plants are involved in the *Partnership for Safe Water*, a voluntary effort that is designed to increase protection against microbial contamination through treatment optimization.

Company officials hosted a recognition ceremony at the Shady Lane facility today to honor the plant's production and water quality staff for achieving the milestone. The plant is located along the Schuylkill River near Spring City.

On August 8, the company held a similar event to recognize its Clarion Water Treatment Plant team for earning the 10-Year Directors Award from the *Partnership for Safe Water*. The Clarion facility serves approximately 4,000 customers in Clarion County.

"Our local teams have worked very hard to earn the Directors Awards, and this recognition is a testament to their expertise and dedication to better serve our customers," said Christopher Abruzzo, director of water quality and environmental compliance for Pennsylvania American Water. "These awards indicate the higher standards met by our water plants and demonstrate a commitment to continuous improvement in the performance of our treatment facilities to help protect the public's health."

Abruzzo noted that American Water accounts for about 20 percent of the participating plants across the country and has received more *Partnership for Safe Water* awards than any other utility nationwide. Participating utilities are committed to the *Partnership's* goals of providing safe, high-quality drinking water through achieving operational excellence in water treatment. *Partnership* members participate in a rigorous four-phase self-assessment and peer review process, developed by industry experts and are recognized for their commitment to delivering safe water to their communities.

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