



American Water Receives National Awards For Excellence In Water Quality

14 water treatment plants honored in 2006

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American Water is proud to announce that it has earned Five-Year Directors Awards of Recognition from the Partnership for Safe Water this year for maintaining Phase III certification at 14 facilities. The Partnership is a national voluntary initiative developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and other water organizations to recognize water suppliers that consistently achieve water treatment standards that surpass EPA regulatory requirements.

Stephen Schmitt, vice president of operations services for American Water said, "Our employees are committed to delivering the best quality water possible to our customers and we're proud to receive this recognition from the Partnership as a testament to our dedication to operational excellence."

The Directors Award is presented to water systems that have completed a rigorous review of treatment practices developed by national experts, and a four-step, self-assessment and peer-review process. This year, 14 of American Water's drinking water plants were recognized by the Partnership for maintaining these standards for five years, joining 26 other American Water plants that have already received the Five-Year Directors Award in the ongoing program. The following American Water treatment plants have received the Five-Year Directors Award in 2006.

- **Illinois American Water** , Illinois River Treatment Plant
- **Indiana American Water** , White River Treatment Plant
- **Iowa American Water** , East River Station Treatment Plant
- **New Jersey American Water** , Jumping Brook Treatment Plant
- **Pennsylvania American Water** , Big Run Filter Plant, Brownsville Treatment Plant, Crystal Lake Treatment Plant, Kane Treatment Plant, Lake Scranton Treatment Plant, Norristown Treatment Plant, Susquehanna Treatment Plant, Watres Treatment Plant and White Deer Creek Treatment Plant
- **West Virginia American Water** , Ada Treatment Plant

"As a member of the Partnership, American Water demonstrates its commitment to voluntarily providing drinking water of a quality better than is required by federal standards," Schmitt continued. "Of American Water's more than 80 surface water treatment plants, 75 percent of the facilities have received Phase III certification."

The Company noted that the water system in Evansville, Indiana, which is managed and operated by American Water, is also a recipient of the Directors Award.

With headquarters in Voorhees, NJ, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse provider of water services in North America. Employing approximately 7,000 and reporting \$2.2 billion in revenue for fiscal 2005, American Water provides high quality water, wastewater, and other related services to more than 18 million people in 29 states and Canada.

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