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**CAPITAL REGION WATER BEGINS ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

FINANCING REFLECTS RENEWED TRUST IN HARRISBURG'S WATER UTILITIES

HARRISBURG (April 1, 2014): Capital Region Water has secured financing to begin necessary upgrades to its Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility (AWTF). Upgrades at the AWTF are the first major upgrades since 1979 and include the installation of ammonia treatment and nitrogen removal processes, increasing the capacity of existing processes, and the repair and updating of aging equipment.

"This financing reflects trust in our staff's expertise and our commitment to being fiscally responsible while providing the best possible service," said Capital Region Water Executive Director Shannon Williams. "For too long, necessary repairs and preventive measures were put off until tomorrow resulting in unmet regulatory requirements. That ends now as we enter a new era of proactive management for our customers."

Plans for the upgrades were selected by Capital Region Water's Board of Directors after careful review of alternatives in March of 2009. The upgrades are required to meet state and federal requirements under the Clean Water Act. Of the \$49.3 million total cost about 75 percent is related to the installation of ammonia treatment and nitrogen removal processes and 25 percent of the total is related to the upgrade of existing equipment. The selected upgrades save roughly \$25 million compared to a prior upgrade plan from 2007.

"It's about more than just meeting regulatory standards. We want to do the right thing for rate payers and our community" said Williams. "We're excited to use innovative and cost effective technology like side stream processing to reduce pollution entering the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay while minimizing costs."

Customers will not notice any impact to their service during the AWTF upgrades. Crews are beginning work at the site now and are scheduled to complete the upgrades by the end of 2015.

Williams encourages customers with questions about the upgrades or Capital Region Water to visit myharrisburgwater.com or call (717) 525-7677.