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Mr. Gerard M. Beausoleil and Mr. Douglas Cutler
Putnam Water Pollution Control Commission
126 Church Street
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RE: 2016 Small Community Public Health Drinking Water Merit Award

Dear Mr. Beausoleil and Mr. Cutler:

Congratulations! The Putnam Water Pollution Control Commission has been chosen by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Drinking Water Section to receive the 2016 Small Community Public Health Drinking Water Merit Award. This award is given during National Drinking Water Week to recognize small community public water systems serving less than 10,000 people that have made outstanding contributions to the field of drinking water in the area of water operations and administration.

This award recognizes the performance of a PWS serving less than 10,000 individuals. Award recipients are recognized for working to address issues in a proactive manner, recognizing the need to maintain and improve the water quality and quantity of their water system, and upholding public health as their number one priority.

The Putnam Water Pollution Control Commission is receiving this award in recognition of the scope of work done to the public water system through the Commission which understood the need to reinvest in the aging infrastructure to ensure a safe and an adequate supply of potable water. We acknowledge the following projects, including but not limited to:

A. Park Street Wellfield Expansion

- Development of seven (7) new production wells at the Park Street Wellfield to augment the system's supply due to the projected reduction in use of the Little River (primary source of supply).
- Construction of a new treatment facility at the Park Street Wellfield to serve the new production wells and three (3) existing production wells. The treatment system is intended to provide adequate chlorination (4-log removal), corrosion control, and pH adjustment of well water to ensure the quality is safe for drinking.

B. Water Main Replacement



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- Replacement of approximately 45,915 lineal feet of water main throughout the distribution system that is 100 years old or older.
 - Cleaning and relining of approximately 8,665 lineal feet of existing water main in 15 different streets. This water main replacement/improvement project is being completed to maintain reliability of water supply to customers and prevent the likelihood of supply disruption due to main break.
- C. Water Main Interconnection
- Completed Water Main Interconnection to Crystal Water Company that allows Putnam to provide continuous water service to its customers in the event of emergency situation.
- D. Pilot Study of Filtration System to Improve Well Water Quality
- Completed a biological filtration system pilot study to determine if such treatment is effective process to remove excess levels of iron and manganese from the production wells located at Park Street Wellfield.
- E. Groundwater Under the Direct Influence (GWUDI) of Surface Water Study
- Completed the required GWUDI study for Wells SG-2, SG-3, SG-4, and SG-5 to determine if these sources of supply are directly under the direct influence of surface water in the area in accordance with the terms of the Well Use Approval for these wells.

Your leadership and commitment to public service has resulted in improved system operation, water quality, water quantity, and protection of public health.

We look forward to presenting you with your award at a ceremony in your community.

Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Iozzo of the DPH Drinking Water Section at (860) 509- 7333 or via email at richard.iozzo@ct.gov

Thank you for all that you do to protect public health and ensure the safety of public drinking water in Connecticut.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Ms. Susan Starkey, Director of Health
Honorable Mae Flexer, CT State Senator, District 29
Honorable Daniel S. Rovero, CT State Representative, District 51st
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