



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WATER SUPPLY

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The Onondaga County Water Authority is pleased to provide its customers and consumers with the Authority's Annual Water Supply Statement and Consumer Confidence Report for the year ending December 31, 2015. Throughout this report, readers will find useful information specifically related to OCWA, as well as information related to water in general. In addition to mailing a notice to all customers of record announcing the availability of the report, the Authority continues its practice of providing copies of the report to local libraries. OCWA also advertises the availability of the report in local print media.

2015 began with all of Central New York experiencing record cold temperatures which lead to a record number of water main repairs and a significant number of customers experiencing frozen water lines. Dealing with the issues caused by historically cold weather presented a great challenge to both OCWA customers and personnel. Yet, under very difficult and demanding circumstances we are proud to report that OCWA's personnel, across the board, did an incredible job addressing each and every challenge and ultimately kept the system operational throughout. We are also extremely grateful for the support and patience our customers displayed through this trying winter.

For the year, OCWA's ongoing infrastructure reinvestment program continued at a brisk pace. Capital improvements for 2015 resulted in \$9,557,155 of new plant and equipment placed in service by year-end. Projects completed through the annual capital improvement program included replacement of 15,722 feet of water mains, hydrants, and valves plus major improvements and replacements of pump stations and storage tanks.

In addition to ongoing capital projects several unique capital projects were undertaken. OCWA's Otisco Lake Dam was extensively evaluated and as a result a \$1.4 million improvement project was completed, enhancing the dam's safety for many decades to come. A replacement pump station on Hinsdale Road in the Town of Camillus was built and placed in services and another replacement pump station, on Sherwood Avenue in Camillus, was under construction. Design was completed for a larger tank to be built, in 2016, to replace the Eagleview tank in the town of Manlius. Two major transmission main stabilization projects were completed during the year, with two more planned for 2016. OCWA is also working with the Town of Geddes and the Village of Solvay on their streetscape improvement project, with OCWA replacing all of the water main along the route.

OCWA is proud to report that the Authority received the 2015 Partnership for Safe Water "Director's Award of Recognition" from the United States Environmental Protection Agency recognizing the Marcellus Water Treatment Plant for 18 consecutive years of compliance with the Agency's voluntary self-assessment and optimization program for water treatment plants. OCWA's Marcellus Water Treatment Plant is one of the original program partners and was the 8th plant in the nation recognized for Phase 3 compliance in the voluntary program and has now sustained compliance each year since joining the program.

On a related note, OCWA is pleased to announce that the New York Chapter of the American Public Works Association named the Authority's Water Plant Manager, Mark Murphy, as the 2015 Professional Manager of the Year for Water Resources. Mr. Murphy has managed OCWA's Marcellus Water Treatment Plant since 1989 and has been instrumental in the Authority's efforts related to the Partnership for Safe Water and the development of a well-trained and dedicated staff that strives each and every day to provide safe, high quality water to the public.

To learn more about the OCWA water system and water supply, you are urged to read the information included in this report. Readers that have questions regarding the report or require additional information can contact OCWA's Water Quality Manager, Bob Rusyn by calling 315-673-4304, extension 11.

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