



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WATER SUPPLY**

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The Onondaga County Water Authority (OCWA) is pleased to provide its customers and consumers with its ***Annual Water Supply Statement and Consumer Confidence Report*** for the year ending December 31, 2019. 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, OCWA continues its practice of providing copies of the report to local libraries and advertises the availability of the report in local print media.

By the end of 2019 several major projects were completed, including replacement of the fluoride feed systems for both the Lake Ontario and Otisco Lake water treatment plants. The disinfection systems, employed at both the Eastern and Western reservoirs, were successfully converted from chlorine gas to sodium hypochlorite, a safer liquid form of disinfectant. Also, by year end the replacement Skyview tank in Camillus and the replacement Southwood tank in Jamesville were placed in service with site clean-up work to be completed in 2020.

Work on the planned upgrade of the Lake Ontario water treatment plant got underway in 2019 as well. For the better part of the year OCWA's consultant conducted a thorough evaluation of the plant and related facilities, including pilot testing the treatment process and conducting a full evaluation of the Lake Ontario intake tunnel. With the basis of design in hand, work on the final design is underway for 2020 with the intent to put the project out for bids for construction starting in 2021.

On a related note, the replacement of the electrical substations for the Lake Ontario intake site and the water plant campus was successfully bid by the end of 2019 and work is getting underway early in 2020. Once completed the main electric components for both sites will be brought up to current standards and will also see the addition of auxiliary power generators that will allow for continuous operations during a power outage, similar to all other OCWA system facilities.

Looking ahead, OCWA has several other major projects in the works. Design for the replacement of the 10 million-gallon Fairmount reservoir is underway, as is the design for the north shore pipeline extension on Oneida Lake which will enhance operations at the eastern end of the water system. Design of the piping improvements for the Otisco Lake dam site is nearing completion and the project should be underway in 2020. In addition to the aforementioned projects, OCWA's ongoing annual capital reinvestment program continues to address replacement of mains, hydrants, water services and continued improvements to tanks and pump stations.

With respect to overall water quality, the Otisco Lake Water Treatment Plant was recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for 21 consecutive years of compliance with the Agency's Partnership for Safe Water. Additionally, the Lake Ontario Water Treatment Plant, which recently joined the program, was recognized for its 4th consecutive year of compliance with the Partnership program. It should be noted the Partnership for Safe Water is a voluntary program that holds its program partners to a higher water quality standard than currently required under the Safe Drinking Water Act and is a clear indicator of OCWA's commitment to providing the high-quality water that the Authority customers deserve and demand.

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 Lisa Yesensky by calling 315-455-7061, extension 3157.

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