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**Forest Park Water Treatment Plant Achieves Prestigious Area-Wide Optimization Program Award for Drinking Water**

**Chalfont, Pa.—July 3, 2024—**Forest Park Water Treatment Plant (FPWTP), a state-of-the-art water treatment facility jointly owned and operated by North Penn and North Wales Water Authorities, is thrilled to announce its achievement of the prestigious Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) Award for the 17<sup>th</sup> year in a row. The AWOP Award recognizes exemplary efforts by water treatment plants in delivering safe and high-quality drinking water to the communities they serve.

Through rigorous monitoring, optimization of treatment processes, and proactive management strategies, FPWTP has demonstrated exceptional performance in maintaining drinking water quality that surpasses regulatory requirements. By participating in AWOP, FPWTP has not only ensured compliance but has also implemented best practices to enhance operational efficiency and reduce the risk of waterborne contaminants.

The prestigious AWOP Award is presented by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) and recognizes outstanding efforts toward optimizing water treatment performance. AWOP is a national optimization effort among 22 states, the EPA, and the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators. The Award will be presented to FPWTP at the Water Works Operators' Association of Pennsylvania (WWOAP) Annual Conference in September.

“As a water utility, our number one job is providing safe, reliable and affordable water to our customers,” said Tony Bellitto Jr. PE, executive director, North Penn Water Authority. “We are proud of the work that our experienced operators perform at Forest Park Water. This honor is a testament to the hard work that goes into producing award-winning water.”

“Forest Park Water provides water to more than 200,000 people in our region, making excellent water quality a paramount goal,” said Robert C. Bender, executive director of North Wales Water Authority. “Year after year, we strive to improve our treatment process to ensure we are providing the safest, most reliable water possible.”

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Forest Park Water Treatment Plant (FPWTP) is a state of the art water treatment facility that combines conventional treatment processes with advanced techniques, which include ozone disinfection and membrane filtration. Membrane filtration is a leading-edge technology capable of consistently producing very high quality water and ensures the plant can safely meet the more stringent federal and state water quality regulations that will be required in the near future. This combination of traditional and innovative water treatment allows FPWTP to produce the safest, highest quality water possible.

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**About North Penn Water Authority**

Established in 1965, North Penn Water Authority (NPWA) is a municipally owned, nonprofit Authority with a dedicated, professional workforce committed to providing the community with a safe, reliable, and economical water supply. Water supplied to their customers comes from a surface water supply that is treated at the state of the art Forest Park Water Treatment Plant (FPWTP). To provide the highest quality water, the Authority has in place a main replacement program and performs annual flushing of its more than 595 miles of water main which serves more than 36,000 customers. NPWA also owns and maintains all fire hydrants in the service area to ensure hydrants are in working order in case of fire emergencies. NPWA employees, many of whom are NPWA customers themselves, take pride in being able to provide this service to the community. For more information, please visit [www.npwa.org](http://www.npwa.org) or call 215-855-3617.

**About North Wales Water Authority**

Since 1951, the North Wales Water Authority (NWWA) has been a beacon of service and reliability in its community. As a municipally owned, nonprofit Authority, NWWA is driven by a passionate and professional workforce dedicated to delivering a safe, dependable, and cost-effective water supply to its customers. The water supplied by NWWA originates from a pristine surface water source and undergoes treatment at the state-of-the-art Forest Park Water Treatment Plant (FPWTP), ensuring the highest standards of quality and safety. In addition to its commitment to exceptional water service, NWWA places a strong emphasis on environmental stewardship and water conservation efforts. The Authority recognizes the importance of preserving natural resources for future generations and actively works towards sustainable practices in all aspects of its operations. For further details, please visit [www.nwwater.com](http://www.nwwater.com) or contact us at 215-699-4836.