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Mayor Mike Levsen
City of Aberdeen
123 S Lincoln St
Aberdeen, SD 57401-4215

RE: Drinking Water Certificate of Achievement Award

Dear Mayor Levsen:

Congratulations to you from DENR! The City of Aberdeen public water system has met the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the state of South Dakota's regulations for supplying safe drinking water to the public. For your efforts and concern for safe drinking water, we would like to present this achievement award to you. This program was initiated by the Drinking Water Program to reward those systems and their operation specialists that have demonstrated excellence in water system management and maintenance.

You will also find enclosed a draft press release concerning the award your system has received. The release can be provided to your local newspaper and includes information about the award as well as those system operations specialists who have been recognized for their dedication and concern for safe drinking water. If any operation specialists are listed in error, please revise accordingly.

Thank you for your interest in maintaining safe drinking water for your consumers. If we can be of assistance to you, please contact us at (605) 773-3754.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark S. Mayer".

Mark S. Mayer, P.E.
Administrator
Drinking Water Program

cc: Janel Ellingson, Utility Manager

Enclosure



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DENR RECOGNIZES CITY OF ABERDEEN FOR DRINKING WATER COMPLIANCE

PIERRE - The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) announced today that the City of Aberdeen public water system and the system's operation specialists have been awarded a Drinking Water Certificate of Achievement Award.

"We cannot live without water; it is just that simple," said DENR Secretary Steve Pirner. "With these awards, DENR salutes the best-of-the-best drinking water systems and operation specialists who deliver safe water 24 hours-a-day to their customers and successfully met all of the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act last year."

The system's operation specialists are Keith Jerke, Brian Decker, Brian Badten, Janel Ellingson, Clarence Fjeldheim, Aaron Glasford, Timothy Callahan, Tim Larson, Jeromy Thorstenson, Daniel Kohnen, Pat Schlotte, Walter Bauer, Dustin Schmierer, Richard Anderson, Dustin Griese, Robert Braun, Joel Eisenbeisz, Ricky Hoon, Scott Ganje, Chris Reder, Robert Jackson and Justin Steiger.

To qualify for the Drinking Water Certificate of Achievement Award, public water systems and their system operations specialists had to meet all of the following requirements for 2016:

- compliance monitoring and reporting,
- drinking water standards, and
- certification requirements.