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Mr. Ron W. Black
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Dear Mr. Black:

Congratulations! You have been chosen by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Drinking Water Section to receive the 2016 Certified Operator Public Health Drinking Water Merit Award. This award is given during National Drinking Water Week to a certified public water system operator who exemplifies exceptional work practices on the job and contributions to the health and safety of drinking water.

The DPH Drinking Water Section (DWS) helps protect public health by assuring the quality and adequacy of the state's more than 2,500 public water systems (PWSs) through administration of state and federal drinking water regulations. It is critical that public water systems provide their customers with an adequate supply of safe potable drinking water. This award is for recognition of the performance of an individual in the area of water operations. Certified Operators, who are responsible for operation of these water systems, are critical to CT DPH's mission, as they represent the front line in protecting public health through maximizing the performance of their treatment and distribution systems, assuring safety of system operations, and improving compliance with regulations.

You are receiving this award in recognition of your work at Water Solutions and Design, Inc. The CT DPH recognizes your contributions as the designated Chief Operator for at least 54 public water systems and your role in improving public water systems newly acquired by Aquarion Water Company. In addition to the daily operation and maintenance of the water systems, you have taken on a number of critical issues to improve these systems and to ensure a safe and an adequate supply of potable water, including:

- Your high level of skill in installing operation and control systems for small water systems.
- Recognition by the Drinking Water Section of your professional expertise concerning small water system issues.
- Your enthusiasm for the work and pride in completed projects.
- Your lifelong career in the water industry.
- Your recognition in the water industry as a person who can be called upon to oversee and complete projects and to operate small water systems.



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- Your contributions to the Connecticut Section- American Water Works Association Small Systems Committee.

Your dedication has resulted in improved system operation, water quality, water quantity, and protection of public health for many small water systems.

We look forward to presenting you with your award, at a ceremony during National Drinking Water Week at the CTDPH Drinking Water Section office in May. Should you have any questions, please contact Vicky Carrier or John Czaja the DPH Drinking Water Section at (860) 509- 7333 or via email at vicky.carrier@ct.gov or john.czaja@ct.gov .

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

Sincerely,



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Cc: Mr. Robert Rubbo, Director of Health, Torrington Area Health District