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Mr. Scott R. Madigan, President
Tariffville Fire District Water Department
42 West Point Terrace
Tariffville, CT 06081

RE: 2017 Small Community Public Health Drinking Water Merit Award

Dear Mr. Madigan:

Congratulations! The Tariffville Fire District Water Department has been chosen by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CTDPH) to receive the 2017 Small Community Public Health Drinking Water Merit Award. This award is given during National Drinking Water Week to recognize small community public water systems serving less than 10,000 people that have made outstanding contributions to the field of drinking water in the area of water operations and administration.

This award recognizes the performance of a public water system serving less than 10,000 individuals. Award recipients are recognized for working to address issues in a proactive manner, recognizing the need to maintain and improve the water quality and quantity of their water system, and upholding public health as their number one priority.

Tariffville Fire District Water Department is receiving this award in recognition of the scope of work done to the public water system through the water department, which understood the need to reinvest in the aging infrastructure to ensure a safe and adequate supply of potable water. We acknowledge the following projects, including but not limited to:



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A. Addressing Aging Infrastructure

- Collaboration with Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) to develop asset management and fiscal management plans in accordance with the Department of Public Health guidelines.
- Developed a rate structure that takes advantage of the Connecticut Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program in order to fund a \$1.5 million tank replacement project with a 330,000-gallon above grade concrete storage tank. The current storage tank is over 80 years old. This is the largest capital improvement project the system has undertaken in recent history.

B. Workforce Redundancy

- Hired a certified operator. Prior to this project, Tariffville Fire District Water Department did not have a certified backup operator. The system now has contracted with an individual who holds both a Class III Distribution and Class IV Treatment certifications as a backup operator.

C. Community Outreach & Communication

- This volunteer commission has gone above and beyond to raise local awareness and keep ratepayers informed on the project's progress.
- Tariffville Fire District Water Department had several newspaper articles published, presented project details to its' customers, held a ground breaking ceremony, and created a website which detailed the progress of the construction of the new tank.

Your leadership and commitment to public service has resulted in improved system operation, water quality, water quantity, and protection of public health.

We look forward to presenting you with your award at a ceremony in your community.

Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Iozzo of the DPH Drinking Water Section at (860) 509- 7333 or via email at richard.iozzo@ct.gov

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

Sincerely,



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Cc: Jennifer Kertanis, Director of Health, Farmington Valley Health District
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