



AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Illinois Department of Public Health Commendation – Information Only

Presenter: John Lamb

Please check appropriate box:

	Government Operations	X	Government Services 11.23.15
	Planning & Development		City Council

Estimated Cost:		Budgeted:	YES		NO	
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If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

Executive Summary:

All communities in Illinois are required to treat drinking water with fluoride and maintain the level between 0.9 and 1.2 parts per million (ppm) on a daily basis. Fluoride in drinking water has long been acknowledged as a benefit to the public and a safe and effective practice. It is considered one of the “ten great public health achievements of the 20th century” by the Centers for Disease Control.

This year the City of St. Charles received a commendation from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for compliance with the Illinois Fluoridation Act. The commendation is specifically for the City meeting regulatory limits for fluoride for twenty (20) years in a row. There are approximately 420 community water systems in Illinois that are required to fluoridate their water. The City of St. Charles in one of sixty (60) communities who have met the twenty years of compliance milestone.

This commendation is the result of the commitment and expertise of the staffs of the City Water Division and the City Water and Wastewater Laboratory who are all responsible for contributing to this achievement. The Water Division staff which is comprised of six IEPA certified operators, samples all seven wells five days a week. The samples are then tested by the City Laboratory staff of two Laboratory Technicians. Using results from the testing the Water Operators adjust the fluoride feed accordingly. The combination of these procedures and diligence contributed to this accomplishment.

Attachments: *(please list)*

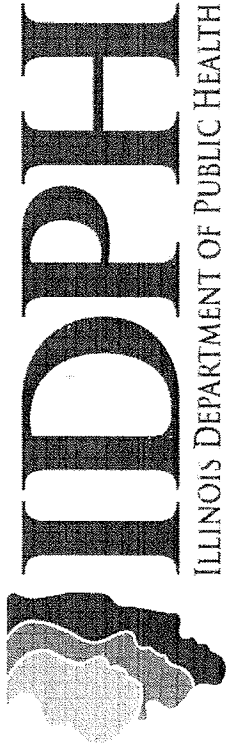
* Illinois Department of Public Health Certificate

Recommendation / Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

None.

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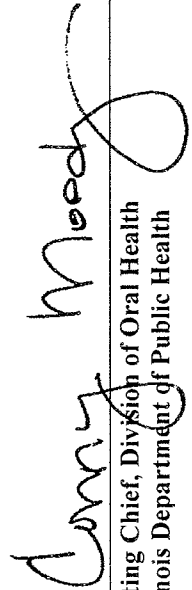
Awards this certificate of commendation to

St. Charles Water Department

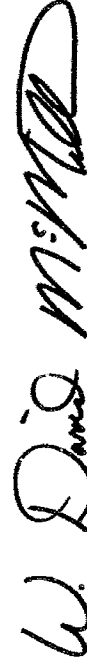
in recognition of achieving the highest standard of compliance for at least 20 years
in accordance with the Illinois Fluoridation Act

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By the Division of Oral Health
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Division of Water, Public Water Supplies


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