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**SOUTHEAST MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
PWS NJ #1424001**

2018 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

(Cedar Knolls, NJ) — In October 2018, The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (Authority) awarded a \$2,685,739 contract to Reivax Contracting of Newark, New Jersey. The Authority's Engineering Division staff will conduct construction administration services for this work. The project will address the 2018 Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) as summarized below. The Authority appreciates our community's support as we complete this important project.

Investment in these improvements is a necessary part of maintaining a reliable water system and is also a required component of the recently enacted Water Quality Accountability Act, P.L. 2017, c. 133; which established new requirements for public water systems including water main renewals, asset management, and hydrant and valve maintenance.

The 2018 WSIP project will be completed over a period of approximately 18 months, or between December 2018 and May 2020, and includes the following improvements:

- Replacement of 29 fire hydrants and 13 valves located throughout the service area.
- Installation of 25 new sampling stations at key locations to provide for improved monitoring of water quality.
- Installation of six (6) automatic flushing devices to improve water age at targeted locations.
- Construction of chlorine contact time improvements at the Lidgerwood Well (Town of Morristown), Turnbull Well (Town of Morristown) and Wing Well (Hanover Township).

- Replacement of 7,316 linear feet of water main, including new valves, fire hydrants and water meter chambers, at the following locations:
 - Township of Hanover
 - 1,071 linear feet on McNab Avenue
 - Borough of Morris Plains
 - 1,110 linear feet on Park Road connecting to Forest Drive
 - 850 linear foot extension on Jim Fear Drive to connect to Parker Drive
 - Township of Morris
 - 1,240 linear feet on Old Glen Road
 - 570 linear feet on Van Beuren Road
 - 1,125 linear feet on James Street
 - Town of Morristown
 - 1,350 linear feet on Conklin Avenue

The Authority's current Capital Improvement Program estimates an approximate \$2.1 million annual investment in future main renewal projects over the course of the next six (6) years.

PROJECT UPDATES: The 2018 WSIP project updates will be maintained on SMCMUA's website at www.smcmua.org. Questions can also be addressed to Customer Service. A letter describing the project will be issued to the affected customers and routine updates will be issued as necessary using the Authority's RAVE notification system (registration information is provided below). Communications will also be distributed on a routine basis to local public officials.

CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE: Consumers can report non-emergency questions or concerns regarding this project and other matters to our Customer Service Division at 973-326-6880 or customerservice@smcmua.org. Emergency conditions should be reported directly to 973-326-6880 during normal business hours and 973-867-1758 for after-hour emergencies.

ACCOUNT INFORMATION: The Authority requests that account holders maintain current contact information to aid in communications for billing, service and emergency purposes. Contact Customer Service to confirm your account information is accurate.

REGISTER FOR CITIZEN ALERTS: The Authority requests that all consumers who live and/or work in the service area register with the **Smart911™** Notification System (<https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=smcmua>) to better ensure the timely delivery of emergency notices associated with water supply, quality or other important community messages. If you do not have access to a computer, please ask a relative, friend or neighbor to register for you. You can also register at www.smcmua.org and choose the **“REGISTER FOR CITIZEN ALERTS”** icon. If you were previously registered with Everbridge®, you will need to register again.

The Authority was established in December of 1976 and provides drinking water to approximately 67,000 consumers in Morris County. The Authority creating municipalities are the Town of Morristown, the Township of Morris, the Township of Hanover and the Borough of Morris Plains. For more information, visit www.smcmua.org or call Customer Service at 973-326-6880 during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or at 973-867-1758 for emergencies during non-business hours.