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News Release

Catawba River Water Treatment Plant Recognized for Top Water Quality

MONROE, NC (October 3, 2016) – Union County’s drinking water is certifiably excellent. The Catawba River Water Treatment Plant (CRWTP), which provides the majority of the County’s water supply, has been honored for surpassing federal and state drinking water standards.

The CRWTP was recognized by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for achieving the 2015 Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) water quality goals. While all systems have to meet strict state and federal drinking water standards, AWOP establishes performance goals that are significantly more stringent.

“We take great pride in delivering the finest quality drinking water to our residents, so it’s an honor to be recognized for meeting the highest standards,” said Andy Neff, Director of Water & Wastewater for Union County Public Works. “Our customers can rest assured that we’re going above and beyond to bring them clean and safe drinking water.”

The primary source of water for Union County is the Catawba River. Union County jointly owns and operates the CRWTP with the Lancaster County (South Carolina) Water and Sewer District. Currently 80% of Union County’s water needs are met through this facility.

Through its participation in AWOP, the CRWTP increased filtration and treatment systems to help protect and serve the health of the public, achieving water quality that is about three times better than the EPA’s standards for filtration of water. The plant began participating in AWOP in 2003 and has been recognized for achieving the AWOP goals 12 of the last 13 years.

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