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ANNOUNCEMENT

DROUGHT WATCH IN EFFECT FOR DELAWARE AND CHESTER COUNTIES

CHESTER, PA – On September 6, 2016, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) expanded the drought watch declaration to include Delaware and Chester Counties due to low stream flows, declining groundwater levels, and a lack of precipitation. Under a drought watch, everyone is asked to reduce water usage by 5% through voluntary conservation efforts.

The Chester Water Authority (CWA) is asking its customers to continue their current conservation efforts and to implement additional ways to save water. There are a number of simple ways to minimize water use and avoid wasting water. These include:

- Repair drips and leaks
- Run the dishwasher and washing machine only when full
- Don't run the water while shaving or brushing teeth
- Use a bucket of water when you wash the car and use a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle
- Use a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle when watering plants and shrubs

CWA encourages it's customer to use water wisely, avoid wasting it and conserve whenever possible.

Additional information on the drought watch and conservation efforts can be found on the DEP's website at <http://www.dep.pa.gov/drought>.