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CHESTER WATER AUTHORITY'S TREATMENT PLANT TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AREA WIDE OPTIMIZATION PROGRAM AWARD FOR THE 8TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Chester, PA – July 31, 2015: The Chester Water Authority's (CWA) Octoraro treatment plant has been selected to receive the prestigious Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) Award for the 8th consecutive year. The AWOP Award will be presented to CWA by the Water Works Operators' Association of Pennsylvania (WWOAP) at their annual conference in State College, PA on August 4, 2015.

AWOP is a national filter plant optimization effort among multiple states, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) and water systems. This will be the 8th consecutive year that CWA will be recognized for their outstanding efforts toward optimizing filter plant turbidity performance. Turbidity is the level of cloudiness or haziness in water that is caused by suspended particles that are often invisible to the naked eye. Turbidity is measured in Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU) and as a member of the Partnership for Safe Drinking Water, CWA's treatment goal is to achieve 0.10 NTU or less. In 2014, the turbidity average measurement was 0.03 NTU, significantly less than 0.10 NTU.

CWA is proud to once again be the recipient of this award as it is a reflection of the commitment to our mission in providing the highest water quality to all of our customers, when they need it, and at a reasonable cost.