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## **Two Chicago Metro Water Storage Tanks to get Facelifts from Illinois American Water (Homer Glen and Orland Hills)**

### ***Investment of \$1.5 million will ensure continued reliable water service***

**Woodridge, Ill. (Aug. 24, 2017)** – Illinois American Water is rehabilitating two Chicago Metro water storage tanks. The investment of over \$1.5 million will help extend the life of the storage tanks, which ensure adequate water supply and pressure for drinking water and fire protection.

This week work will begin at the 250,000 gallon elevated storage tank on Pebble Creek Court in Homer Glen. The tank was originally constructed in 1990. The facelift for the 400,000 gallon elevated tank located on 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Orland Hills will begin in early September. It was originally constructed in 1973.

Both water tanks will be taken out of service to complete the necessary work, which includes inspection and maintenance to the tanks as well as painting to the interior and exterior. Tank painting will be completed under a canvas shroud to ensure debris and paint does not escape. The old paint will be sandblasted off and then a primer coat will be applied immediately to prevent rusting. Crews will then paint an intermediate coat before applying a third and final coat.

According to Rich Hermann, senior manager of field operations and production, this investment will enhance reliability and longevity of the tanks. “Water tanks not only serve a vital role in our water distribution systems, but they serve as landmarks for communities. We are excited to give these two tanks a facelift.”

Water service will not be significantly affected by this project. At the most, customers may notice a slight variation in water pressure as a result of the tanks being out of service. The quality of the water flowing to customers’ homes and businesses will not be affected and will continue to meet all federal and state water quality regulations.

The tank renovations are expected to be completed by the end of the year. Once the work is completed, the tanks will be inspected and placed back in service.

#### **About Illinois American Water**

Illinois American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 1.3 million people. American Water also operates a customer service center in Alton and a quality control and research laboratory in Belleville.

With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly-traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,700 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting [www.amwater.com](http://www.amwater.com).