

Water Systems Recognized by KDHE



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has awarded 10 public water supply systems with the third annual Capacity Development Awards. The awards were announced last October. An article in the November issue of this magazine was incorrect in that it listed awards made in 2008.

The award program is designed to encourage public water systems to go beyond mere compliance with the Safe Water Drinking Act (SWDA). The program is intended to promote exceeding the standards set out in the Act.

“We commend these 10 entities for going above and beyond the Safe Water Drinking Act to ensure that their consumers and the environment are protected,” said Roderick Bremby, KDHE Secretary.

Systems receiving the the 2009 Capacity Development Achievement Awards were:

- Cowley County RWD 1**
- City of Harper**
- Lyon County RWD 3**
- City of Wichita**
- City of Leonardville**
- City of Belvue**
- City of Pratt**
- City of Waverly**
- City of Chapman**
- City of LaCrosse**



Up to five Capacity Development Awards per year are presented to systems serving populations of 500 or less. Up to five additional awards are made to systems serving populations of between 501 and 3,300 residents. No more than one award each is presented annually for systems serving between 3,301 and 10,000 people, and for 10,001 or more people. In addition, no more than one wholesale water district receives an award.

The awards are made possible using EPA funds that are allocated to states. The majority of SDWA compliance activities performed by KDHE include monitoring public water supplies for health and safety, administering low interest loans to communities that enable them to upgrade and maintain their public water supply treatment systems and providing training and technical assistance to public water supply operators.

The federal SDWA was passed by Congress in 1974 and amended in 1996. The amendments required states to put strategies in place that help public water systems maintain technical, financial and managerial capacity. Originally, the SDWA focused primarily on treatment as the means of providing safe drinking water at the tap. The 1996 amendments enhanced the law by recognizing source water protection, operator training, funding for water system improvements and public information as important activities for ensuring safe drinking water.

Cost – Free to agency willing to pay demolition costs (to be determined)

Tank Information:

Constructed – 1978/79

Contractor – PDM Hydrostorage
(Pittsburgh – Des Moine Steel Company)

Overflow Height (High Water Line)- 121'

Tank Diameter (bowl)- 30'

Last Painting (Exterior)- 2002

Last Coating (Interior)- 2004

Maintenance Records are available.

The tank has been covered under a maintenance program the last 8 years



100,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank

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