



Improving the Quality of Life in Rural Ohio

2015 Second Quarter Report

CASE STUDY:

OHIO RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION CIRCUIT RIDER AND THE VILLAGES OF SYCAMORE AND BEAVER MAY-JUNE, 2015

Zanesville, Ohio:

Mr. Dave Clark, Water Operator for the Village of Sycamore, contacted Jay Koralewski, Circuit Rider 1 (CR1) with the Ohio Rural Water Association (ORWA), seeking assistance in preparing the village's Consumer Confidence Report. The CR1 visited the Village of Sycamore Water Treatment Plant on May 27, 2015 and met with Mr. Clark and Mr. Mikah Ames, Distribution Operator for the village and who is also the Water Operator of Record for the Village of Nevada. Mr. Clark is also the Water Operator of Record for the Village of Bettsville. The CR1 was able to determine what needed to be included in the preparation of the Annual Consumer Confidence Reports for the villages of Sycamore, Bettsville, and Nevada. Mr. Clark and Mr. Ames were both grateful for the guidance that the CR1 and ORWA was able to provide them in the preparation of these Ohio EPA required reports.

Also, On June 18, 2015, Ronda Clemmons, Operator of Record for the Village of Beaver Water System, contacted Jay Koralewski, Circuit Rider 1 (CR1) with Ohio Rural Water Association (ORWA), seeking assistance in completing the annual Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for the village. On June 22, the CR1 was able to meet with Mrs. Clemmons and prepare the CCR from scratch because no previous year's CCR could be found. Ohio EPA requires all public water systems to prepare a CCR and supply them to their consumers by July 1 of each year. Ronda was very grateful for the CR1's assistance in completing the CCR before the July 1 deadline which kept their water system in compliance with Ohio EPA regulations.

Whether it is fixing water leaks, troubleshooting sewage systems, completing testing requirements, training local administrators, protecting drinking water, keeping up with new regulations, or mediating between local communities and regulatory agencies, ORWA is able to solve problems for rural water and wastewater utilities.

The Ohio Rural Water Association was founded in 1976, with the goal of improving the quality of life in rural Ohio. With funding primarily through membership dues and federal grants, ORWA offers free on-site technical support to water and wastewater systems, both large and small. This includes: assistance with the operation and maintenance of water and wastewater treatment plants; source water protection planning; and distribution system troubleshooting such as leak detection, smoke testing, line locating, and sewer line inspecting. ORWA also offers training opportunities on the operation, management, finance, and governance of water and wastewater utilities.

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