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## **ROCKFORD WATER PRAISED FOR IEPA COMPLIANCE**

Rockford, IL – The City of Rockford Water Division recently received high praise in a compliance letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for its active engagement in improving the city’s water quality and infrastructure. The IEPA conducted a comprehensive survey earlier this year to inspect water conditions.

“This is a very positive letter, and it’s the first time in recent history that we have had no significant deficiencies,” said Tim Holdeman, water superintendent.

The IEPA conducts these surveys every three years for all water utilities throughout the state. The comprehensive survey includes checks on record keeping, water quality sampling, water treatment, water storage, pumps, and mains. These surveys ensure that the drinking water customers receive is safe and reliable.

The water division has made significant progress in getting all of the City’s well sites to the point that they are safe, particularly in the handling of chlorine and mitigating its risk of release. The next priority is to review the size and condition of the City’s aging water mains and to address the subsequent budget implications to the Capital Improvement Plan.

Holdeman noted, “The IEPA evaluation shows that the efforts we are employing are meeting or exceeding the industry standard. There’s always room for improvement and this confirms that we are moving in the right direction.”

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