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### **CITY OF ROCKFORD DEDICATES 8<sup>TH</sup> FILTRATION PLANT**

ROCKFORD – November 10, 2011 - The City of Rockford dedicated another water filtration plant today. This is the 8th filtration plant (out of ten total) to be built as part of the Water System Rehabilitation Program. The facility is quite impressive; covering about 4,000 square feet and containing all new modern water treatment equipment. It is located at 4625 Skyline Drive.

The filtration plant is designed to remove iron, which is the primary cause of discolored water experienced by many residents in the neighborhood. By filtering out iron, residents will have noticeably clearer water from their tap.

Alderman of the Tenth Ward, Frank Beach believes that “Safe water is essential for our citizens... We are blessed with an abundant supply of ground water in Rockford. This investment is all about protecting the health and welfare of each one of us to continue to have safe water now and for the generations’ to come.”

The new facility is capable of pumping up to 9 million gallons of filtered water per day. Drinking water produced from the new filtration plant will primarily serve residents in East-Central Rockford. Mayor Morrissey adds that “The completion of this water filtration plant will ensure our citizens have safe and reliable drinking water. It is also an investment in our future because we must have safe drinking water to attract investment in our community.”

Construction of the filtration plant began in November 2009. Funding was provided by the Illinois EPA through the American Resource and Recovery Act. Financing terms included zero-interest and 25% principle forgiveness. The total cost of the project was \$3.2 million.

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