

New Jersey American Water Receives Two Prestigious Awards for New Water Treatment to Remove PFAS

New Jersey American Water (NJAW) has received two prestigious awards for its proactive and innovative use of a Strong Base Anion Exchange (AIX) system to remove PFAS from source water in two of its groundwater stations in Union County. PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, including PFOA, PFOS, GenX and others) are man-made substances pervasive in the environment that U.S. EPA says can lead to adverse human health effects.

In late 2020, NJAW was awarded the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's annual Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards. The company was also honored with a Leading Infrastructure Project Award from the New Jersey Alliance for Action.

The awards are in recognition for the company's proactive and innovative approach to removing PFAS from the groundwater supply at the company's Short Hills Station and Springfield Well Field, respectively, both in Springfield Township, Union County.

In the interest of public health and after extensive testing of an innovative technology, the company fast-tracked the implementation of a Strong Base Anion Exchange (AIX) system nearly nine months ahead of the PFOA and PFOS rule implementation in both of these groundwater stations to bring levels of this newly regulated compound to non-detectable.

"We are proud to be a leader in water treatment and delivery, and this award is testament to the commitment and expertise of our scientists, engineers and operations teams who are devoted to our mission," said Cheryl Norton, President of New Jersey American Water and Chief Environmental Officer of American Water.

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NJUSA Insight

New Jersey Resources Announces Key Sustainability Achievements at January 2021 Annual Shareowners Meeting

New Jersey Resources recently announced significant progress in advancing its sustainability agenda, including surpassing its goal of voluntarily reducing the company's operational emissions in New Jersey to 50% of 2006 levels by 2030 – well ahead of schedule. Building on this accomplishment, NJR set a new emissions reduction target of a 60% reduction of 2006 levels by 2030 from its New Jersey operations.

"New Jersey Resources is helping lead the way to a clean energy future. Achieving a 50% reduction in our New Jersey operational emissions is an important accomplishment that shows our company's strong support for New Jersey's clean energy and climate

goals," said New Jersey Resources President and CEO Steve Westhoven. "Reaching this goal ahead of schedule was possible because of our long track record of prioritizing safe, reliable infrastructure investments to modernize our natural gas system in an environmentally responsible way."

NJR reached its 50% by 2030 goal by making key investments in its natural gas delivery system, facilities and fleet that have substantially reduced emissions. To meet its new goal of a 60% reduction of 2006 levels by 2030, NJR will focus its reduction strategies on transitioning its fleet to low- or no-carbon fuels; continuing to upgrade its natural gas infrastructure; as well as introducing decarbonized

fuels, such as renewable natural gas and hydrogen into its fuel supply stream. NJR's emissions reduction target for its New Jersey operations remains squarely in line with the state's Global Warming Response Act objective of an 80% reduction in 2006 emission levels by 2050.

The announcements were made at NJR's virtual annual shareowners meeting in conjunction with the release of its 2020 Corporate Sustainability Report, which highlights the effectiveness of NJR's business continuity efforts in the time of COVID-19; the extensive support of its communities through volunteerism and corporate citizenship; the strength, independence

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

We are assembling this newsletter in the second month of the New Year and genuinely hope that you and yours ended 2020 as happy and healthy as possible. As we greeted the New Year, I think it would be fair to say that most of us were looking forward to 2021 being a more “normal” year than was 2020. The events of January 6, at a minimum, likely have raised some doubts as to whether that optimism was misplaced. Like most NJUSA members, I have lived long enough to have witnessed political strife and upheaval in America and know that, even in light of recent events, we are strong and resilient enough for our Country and our Democracy to survive.

That is not to say that the challenges of the past year and the tumult of current events are not serious. The Covid-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on so many. If you or someone close to you have experienced a loss this past year due to Covid-19 or any other cause, you have our sincerest sympathies. However challenging 2020 may have been, the rapid development of multiple vaccines and their recent deployment brings a reason for hope that 2021 will indeed bring brighter days.

NJUSA, like other organizations, constantly assesses what activities are possible in light of government restrictions related to the pandemic. As New Jersey progresses with vaccinations and relaxes restrictions on public gatherings, we hope to resume member events. I expect that in-person gatherings might not be possible until the second half of the year, but we hope to schedule virtual events with presentations on topics of interest to utility shareholders. Stay tuned for details.

Legislative and regulatory actions will continue apace as 2021 is a gubernatorial election year and all 40 seats in the State Senate and 80 seats in the Assembly are up in the November 2, 2021 state elections. Predicting what might transpire in years when all state offices are open for elections would be a fool's errand. It is that much more so in a year with a pandemic!

There was significant activity on clean energy in 2020, and I expect 2021 to be an equally busy year in both the BPU and the Legislature. We hope you will continue your NJUSA membership in 2021 so that we can continue to bring you information on issues relevant to your New Jersey utility investments.

I look forward to a productive 2021 on your behalf, even if not always in person!

Karen D. Alexander
President



News Briefs

New Jersey American Water received the Youth Employer of the Year Award at the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals Virtual Youth Symposium. New Jersey American Water was nominated for the award by Hopeworks in recognition of its partnership for local youth workforce development and its program with Hopeworks' Geographic Information Systems (GIS) enterprise.

PSE&G was recognized by PA Consulting as the recipient of the 2020 Outstanding Customer Engagement Award. PSE&G was also named as the recipient of the ReliabilityOne® Award for Outstanding Reliability Performance in the Mid-Atlantic Metropolitan Service Area.

For the second consecutive year, **New Jersey Resources** has been named one of *America's Most Responsible Companies* by Newsweek in recognition of its excellence and accomplishments in corporate social responsibility.

Public Service Enterprise Group has been included on the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) for North America for the 13th year in a row.

New Jersey American Water announced more than \$464 million invested in 2020 on system upgrades and various improvements statewide, an increase of approximately \$80 million over the company's original capital investment plan in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

PSEG announced it entered into a definitive agreement with Ørsted North America to acquire 25% interest in Ocean Wind, an 1,100 MW offshore wind project located 15 miles off the coast of Southern New Jersey. Completion of the acquisition is anticipated to occur in the first half of 2021, subject to approval by the BPU and other customary closing conditions.

BPU Approves Three Elements of PSE&G's Clean Energy Future Initiative

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) has approved PSE&G's Energy Efficiency, Energy Cloud and Electric Vehicle proposals, each of which were included as elements of its Clean Energy Future Initiative. The approval of these programs will enable critical technological and customer engagement investments to advance clean energy in addition to the accelerated infrastructure investments already being made under the Company's Gas System Modernization and Energy Strong II initiatives.

PSE&G's Clean Energy Future framework maps out the Company's plans to assist New Jersey achieve its clean energy goals to address global climate change, lower customer energy bills and enhance economic opportunities across the State.

Under the Energy Efficiency initiative approved by the BPU,

PSE&G will invest \$1 billion to help customers cut household energy use, leading to meaningful improvements in air quality and public health and reductions in the state's carbon footprint.

The Energy Cloud program will provide a real-time digital communication network linking PSE&G with more than 2 million electric customers. The utility will invest approximately \$700 million to provide every customer with smart meters, for the Energy Cloud technology, which is expected to usher in a more dynamic and resilient utility system.

PSE&G's Electric Vehicle initiative helps customers with the cost of installing residential charging equipment, EV chargers at multifamily buildings, government facilities and at public parking lots, as well as fast charging infrastructure at high-traffic corridors such as the Turnpike and the Parkway.

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and diversity of its board of directors; and, how infrastructure investments have made the utility's delivery system among the most environmentally sound in the country, preparing the company to deliver decarbonized gas to support a clean energy transition.

Building on its commitment to sustainability and transparency on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues, fiscal 2020 marked the first year in which NJR reported its progress through the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board framework and the American Gas Association's ESG Questionnaire, in addition to the Global Reporting Index.

The Company also announced a new partnership with the New Jersey chapter of The Nature Conservancy, a leading environmental group, on critical work to restore and preserve saltwater marshes in the Barnegat Bay watershed.

“Our company is not only taking aggressive and innovative actions to reduce emissions from our own operations, in-line with public policy goals, we are also working to help fight climate change and its effects through the restoration of salt water tidal wetlands in the Barnegat Bay,” said Westhoven.

For more information on NJR's sustainability agenda, goals and progress, visit www.NJRSustainability.com.

PSEG Releases First ESG Performance Report

As part of ongoing efforts to increase disclosures and transparency, and help make the Company's data clearer and easier for the public to find and understand, PSEG has issued a performance report on a number of new ESG metrics and disclosures, as well as an update to the Company's progress toward existing goals. Among the new metrics are: expanded disclosure of employee demographics; a new vehicle fleet electrification goal; a new waste reduction goal; and a new COVID-19 response overview. The report provides an update to existing data, including: an updated Materiality Assessment; PSEG metrics linked to UN Sustainable Development Goals metrics and progress on the Company's ESG goals.

“Even as we devote attention to the immediate crisis of the pandemic, PSEG remains intently focused on the long-term challenges of climate change,” PSEG Chairman, President and CEO Ralph Izzo said. “The impacts of our changing climate pose risks to our environment, our communities, our economy and our business. We're pleased to offer the first-ever PSEG ESG Performance Report as a centralized source of data – available to anyone who wants to better understand our business strategy and evaluate our business' impact. Our objective is to simplify and expedite the flow of information and to continuously improve our disclosure process to be more useful and transparent, which can be especially helpful to our diverse stakeholders who navigate the evolving landscape of ESG metrics.”