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**Connecticut Department of Public Health To Honor  
Aquarion Water Company's Chris Kushwara**

**BRIDGEPORT, CONN. – April 30, 2015** – In celebration of National Drinking Water Week (May 3 through 9, 2015), the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Drinking Water Section is honoring Aquarion Water Company employee Chris Kushwara for his outstanding contributions to the health and safety of the state's drinking water.

Kushwara, Aquarion's Senior Chief Operator of the Supply Operation's Northern division, will receive the 2015 Certified Operator Public Health Drinking Water Merit Award on May 4.

DPH presents this award to a certified public water system operator who exemplifies exceptional work practices on the job and contributes to the health and safety of drinking water. Kushwara is receiving the award in recognition of his work at Aquarion as the designated Chief Operator for five public water systems and the assigned operator for four additional public water systems in Connecticut.

"We are proud of Chris for his recognition by the Connecticut Department of Public Health, and for his commitment to Aquarion's promise to deliver the cleanest and safest drinking water to our customers," said Charles V. Firlotte, President and CEO of Aquarion Water Company. "Our company strives not just to meet health and safety standards, but to exceed them, as demonstrated by Chris and his award."

Kushwara began his career at Aquarion in June 1993 as a utility worker and has held several positions of increasing responsibility since then, including his current position as Senior Chief Operator. He lives in Thomaston with his wife and two daughters.

***About Aquarion Water Company:***

Aquarion Water Company is the public water supply company for more than 625,000 people in 51 cities and towns throughout Connecticut, as well as serving customers in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. It is the largest investor-owned water utility in New England and among the seven largest in the U.S. Based in Bridgeport, Conn., it has been in the public water supply

business since 1857. Across its operations, Aquarion strives to act as a responsible steward of the environment and to assist the communities it serves in promoting sustainable practices.

For more information on Aquarion Water Company and its subsidiaries, please visit [www.aquarionwater.com](http://www.aquarionwater.com) or [www.facebook.com/aquarionwater](https://www.facebook.com/aquarionwater).

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