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April 2, 2024

Mike Short
PO Box 271316
Flower Mound, TX 75027

RE: Apple Springs Subdivision Public Water System

Dear Mr Short:

Congratulations to you from DANR! The Apple Springs Subdivision public water system has met the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the state of South Dakota's regulations for supplying safe drinking water to the public. For your efforts and concern for safe drinking water, we would like to present this achievement award to you. The Drinking Water Program has started this program to reward those systems and their certified operators that have demonstrated excellence in water system management and maintenance.

You will also find enclosed a draft press release concerning the award your system has received. The press release can be provided to your local newspaper and includes information about the award.

Thank you for your interest in maintaining safe drinking water for your consumers. If we can be of assistance to you, please contact us at (605) 773-3754.

Sincerely,

Mark McIntire, P.E.
Administrator
Drinking Water Program

Enclosure

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 2, 2024

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DANR RECOGNIZES APPLE SPRINGS SUBDIVISION FOR DRINKING WATER COMPLIANCE

PIERRE – Today the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) announced that the Apple Springs Subdivision public water system and the system's certified operators have been awarded a Drinking Water Certificate of Achievement Award. The award is for outstanding water system operations and environmental compliance with state drinking water standards for the past year.

"Access to safe and reliable water sources is essential to keeping our families safe and our economy growing," said DANR Secretary Hunter Roberts. "This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of South Dakota's drinking water system operators and their efforts to ensure their customers have access to clean drinking water."

To qualify for the Drinking Water Certification of Achievement Award, public water systems and their system operations specialists had to meet all of the compliance monitoring and reporting requirements, drinking water standards, and certification requirements for 2022.



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

2023

By virtue of the authority vested in me, and after due consideration, I do hereby certify that the

Apple Springs Subdivision Public Water System

through extra concern and endeavor has met all federal and state requirements for safe drinking water and has supplied safe drinking water to the public it serves.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. West", is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT 2023

By virtue of the authority vested in me, and after due consideration, I do hereby certify that

John Burchard

through extra concern and endeavor has enabled the

Apple Springs Subdivision Public Water System

to meet all state requirements for safe drinking water
and has enabled this drinking water system to supply safe drinking water to the public they serve.

Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources