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BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION CELEBRATES DRINKING WATER WEEK

***BWSC Focuses on Its No Cost Private Lead Service Replacement Program
While Touting Overall High Quality of City's Drinking Water Supply***

Boston, MA May 2, 2024 – Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) joins communities across North America in celebrating Drinking Water Week, an annual observance led by the [American Water Works Association](#). Taking place **May 5-11 this year**, Drinking Water Week serves to highlight the importance of safe drinking water and recognize the tireless efforts of water professionals who keep it flowing around the clock in our communities.

This year's celebration also coincides with an historic milestone: the **50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)** in the United States, a landmark law designed to safeguard the public by setting high drinking water quality standards. The SDWA provides a scientific framework to identify potential risks to drinking water and address them in partnership with states and water utilities.

Just today, the Biden – Harris administration announced that Boston Water and Sewer Commission – long a national leader in lead pipe identification and removal - has received \$4,698,888 through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including \$1,879,555 in additional subsidy, to eliminate lead water services in both the public way and on private property. Because of this federal funding, BWSC now offers private lead line replacement at no cost to property owners, a move that is expected to accelerate BWSC's intensive efforts to make Boston lead pipe free.

For more information about lead in drinking water and to find out how to participate in the new No Cost Private Lead Replacement Incentive Program, Boston residents may contact the Commission at the Lead Hotline (617) 989-7888.

BWSC is also observing Drinking Water Week by reminding its customers that BWSC's drinking water has consistently been ranked as among America's very best and has won national and regional awards for both its superior quality and its excellent taste. "Drinking Water Week offers an opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of our BWSC employees," noted Executive Director Henry F. Vitale. "Since 2018 we've won three JD Power Awards, honors that reflect the high quality of our water and customer services, and most important, the people behind our commitment to excellence."

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Boston is home to New England's oldest and largest water, sewer and stormwater systems, which are owned, maintained and operated by the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC). Established in 1977, BWSC provides potable water and sewer services to more than one million people per day. BWSC is also the leading organizer of *We Are All Connected*, a campaign to raise public awareness about the importance of protecting and preserving Boston's waterways. For more information please visit: www.bwsc.org.