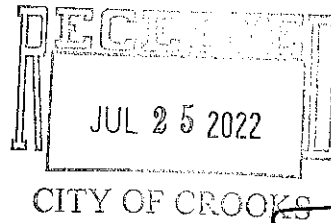




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Mayor Butch Oseby
City of Crooks
PO Box 785
Crooks, SD 57020

RE: Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence

Dear Mayor Oseby:

Congratulations to you from DANR! For 18 consecutive years the City of Crooks public water system has met the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the state of South Dakota's regulations. Eighteen consecutive years of supplying safe drinking water to the public is a remarkable achievement. It is our pleasure to present to you the **Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence** that recognizes your system and the system's operation specialists 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 release can be provided to your local newspaper and includes information about the award as well as those operation specialists who have been recognized for their dedication and concern for safe drinking water. If any operation specialists are listed in error, please revise accordingly.

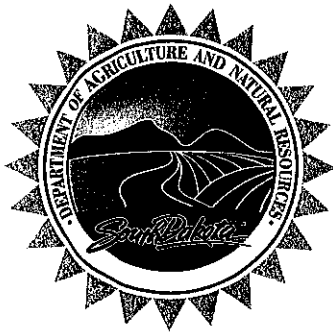
Thank you for all you have done these past 18 years to maintain safe drinking water for your consumers. If we can be of assistance to you, please contact us at (605) 773-3754.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Mayer, P.E.
Administrator
Drinking Water Program

cc: Ginny Beck, Utility Manager

Enclosure



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DANR RECOGNIZES CITY OF CROOKS FOR DRINKING WATER COMPLIANCE

PIERRE - The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) announced today that the City of Crooks public water system and the system's operation specialists have been awarded a Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence.

"Consistent success is a true measure of excellence," said DANR Secretary Hunter Roberts. "With more than 18 years of consecutive compliance, the City of Crooks has demonstrated its commitment to providing its customers with safe and reliable drinking water. " The system's operations specialists are Ginny Beck, Chad Rezac and Jason Penning.

To qualify for the Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence, 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 ten consecutive years or more.