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CITY WATER SYSTEM SCORES TOP MARKS ON STATEWIDE EVALUATION

The drinking water system in the City of Lowell has received the “Outstanding Performance” designation by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). This is the highest designation awarded by the agency and is based on the results of their water system survey conducted in August.

A water system survey is an on-site review of a system’s sources, treatment, storage facilities, distribution system, operation and maintenance procedures, monitoring, and management, for the purpose of evaluating the system’s capability of providing safe water to the public.

The criteria for outstanding performance are:

1. No Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), Action Level, or Treatment Technique violations in the last 5 years;
2. No more than one Monitoring and Reporting violation in the last 3 years. The one violation must be resolved (results submitted);
3. No significant deficiencies or rule violations identified during the current water system survey; and
4. Has not had a waterborne disease outbreak attributable to the water system in the last 5 years.



The City of Lowell maintains two above ground storage tanks with a combined capacity of just over 1,000,000 gallons.

As part of their report, the OHA noted that the Lowell water system is “well-operated and maintained by knowledgeable and competent staff”. The city’s water system survey frequency has also been reduced from every 3 years to every 5 years.

For more information, please contact Jared Cobb, City Administrator, at 541-937-2157 or via email at jcobb@ci.lowell.or.us.

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