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IFA grant helps mobile home park hook up to local water supply, provide safer water to residents

INDIANAPOLIS – The tenants at Walnut Grove Mobile Home Park in Mount Vernon, Indiana, are drinking safer water, thanks to a \$100,000 Arsenic Remediation Grant from the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA). The grant funded the park’s connection to Mount Vernon Water Works.

Although readings from the well at the mobile home park detected arsenic levels that would have been well within the previous limit of 50 parts per billion (ppb), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently lowered the Maximum Contaminant Level 10 ppb. The more stringent standard has forced many smaller systems, including Walnut Grove Mobile Home Park, to take action to decrease their arsenic levels.

“Without this grant, there’s no way we could have completed the conversion from our well system to public water,” said park owner Todd Howard. “It would have killed us financially to provide quality water to our tenants. I applaud this grant program; it was very easy and was a huge difference-maker for us.”

In response to the tightened standard, the mobile home park installed 3,100 feet of distribution line to connect to the Mount Vernon Water Works, a public water system that is in compliance with the arsenic standard. The well at the mobile home park was abandoned according to state regulations.

“Indiana’s drinking water systems do their best to stay in compliance with all of the state and federal requirements, but new rules can sometimes cause a financial burden for our smaller systems,” said Jennifer Alvey, Public Finance Director. “Governor Daniels is intent on improving the health of Hoosiers, and this incentive helps these systems provide the safest drinking water possible without the strain on their budgets.”

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program, a division of the IFA, administers the Arsenic Remediation Grants Program. The IFA was created by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005 to more effectively manage state finances under one entity.

Eligible entities for the Arsenic Remediation Grant Program include municipalities, political subdivisions, privately-owned Community Water Systems and non-profit Nontransient Noncommunity Water Systems. Systems applying for the Arsenic Remediation Grant must serve less than 10,000 residents. Eligible projects for the grant funds include construction of treatment facilities, system consolidation, system restructuring and associated planning and design costs.

Entities interested in applying can contact Sarah Hudson, DWSRF Program Administrator, at (317) 232-8663 or sahudson@ifa.in.gov, or visit our website at www.in.gov/ifa/srf.

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