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Kansas City to Celebrate National Drinking Water Week

Water Services to Highlight Water Quality with Educational Activities May 5-11

(Kansas City, MO.) – Kansas City Water Services will celebrate the essential role drinking water plays in one’s daily life by educating Kansas Citians about the importance and quality of Kansas City’s tap water during National Drinking Water Week, which is May 5-11. During the week, Water Services will host educational activities exploring the journey Kansas City’s water makes from the Missouri River, to the high-quality tap water which is delivered to hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses each day.

“Quality drinking water is essential to the health and well-being of Kansas City and the region,” said Water Services Director Terry Leeds. “The work our employees do each day ensures that the water delivered to our customers is of the best possible quality. We’re committed to providing the best drinking water in the nation, now, and for generations to come.”

While many individuals might take for granted the almost 2,800 miles of pipeline that delivers safe and reliable drinking water, this is an intricate system that Water Services has over 125 years of experience operating. Water Services proudly serves more than 460,000 Kansas City residents and 33 wholesale customers in the greater Kansas City area. In 2012, Water Services treated an average of 112 million gallons of drinking water per day. In addition, Water Services collects and tests more than 1,700 water samples from the source, treatment plant, and distribution system each month, an average of 60 samples per day. Each day drinking water is tested for over 280 contaminants, more than three times the number required for testing by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Individuals interested in learning more about Kansas City’s water and National Drinking Water Week activities are encouraged to visit Water Services online at www.kcwaterservices.org or follow on Twitter using the hashtag #KCWater. For more
The Kansas City, Mo., Water Services Department maintains and operates water collection, treatment, and distribution systems, stormwater management systems, and wastewater collection and treatment systems for residential and business customers in Kansas City and for wholesale customers in the Kansas City area. Water Services is primarily funded by fees charged to customers based on their use or impacts on the three utility systems.

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