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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Media Statement:**

The Genesee County Drain Commissioner's Office announces the planned start of operations, Monday, November 27, 2017, of Genesee County's Water Treatment Plant. On that date, the Genesee County plant will begin delivering treated Lake Huron water to the residents our office serves in our Northern Loop. A list of the municipalities in the Northern Loop, who will begin receiving our plant's treated water beginning Monday, is below. Treated water delivery to our Southern Loop will begin upon completion of all testing procedures for those associated waterlines, and a second press release will be distributed at that time.

- DAVISON TOWNSHIP
- FLUSHING TOWNSHIP
- MONTROSE TOWNSHIP
- MT MORRIS TOWNSHIP
- RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP
- THETFORD TOWNSHIP
- VIENNA TOWNSHIP
- GENESEE TOWNSHIP
- CITY OF CLIO
- CITY OF FLUSHING
- CITY OF MT MORRIS
- CITY OF MONTROSE

Beginning Monday, the communities listed above will receive the SAME source water under Genesee County's system, as they currently receive from Detroit. The completed Karegnondi Pipeline (KWA) delivers the same Lake Huron water we currently utilize under Detroit, to Genesee County's new state-of-the-art treatment plant.

“The support that the KWA project and Genesee County’s treatment plant have seen in our community has been astounding,” stated Jeff Wright, Genesee County Drain Commissioner. “The leaders of each Genesee County community we serve unanimously spoke with one voice in 2013. We had to put an end to the double-digit rate increases on our drinking water, implement a redundant back-up water supply for our residents, and create a more stable system. I am proud to say today, we have achieved those goals,” said Wright.

The planned delivery of Genesee County treated water on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> comes after months of rigorous testing at our facility. The Genesee County plant has been fully operational since July, treating drinking water that meets and exceeds DEQ and EPA standards. This 4-month test period has allowed the staff at our plant, which includes some of the most experienced water operators in the United States, to have the highest confidence in our treatment process and the drinking water we will deliver to residents.

“We understand the importance of water safety. Our plant mirrors the first-class treatment process conducted by our current water supplier, the Great Lakes Water Authority. The plant treats the same Lake Huron water we currently drink. Our system employs 3 F1 level licensed operators, the highest certification attainable, when only 1 licensed operator is required. Every action we have taken in planning, constructing, and operating our plant has been painstakingly thorough and deliberate. Every action we have taken has been done with the thought of safety and reliability in mind,” said Wright.

Our drinking water will be tested constantly. Multiple levels of testing will occur every shift, of each and every day. In addition to on-site testing, split samples will be taken and tested off site by additional Genesee County staff, as well as independent experts. This will ensure the integrity of the testing procedures, and add to the confidence our community will have in the quality of water delivered to their homes.

If any resident our office serves has questions or concerns about their drinking water, they should contact our plant at the following numbers:

810-793-5123 – 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday

810-762-3626 – After Hours Number

Attached to the press release is an informational flyer, with additional detail on the Genesee County Water Treatment Plant operations.

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