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Dubuque 2017 Water Quality Reports Available

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque Water Department has published the annual water quality reports for the Dubuque, Vernon, and Barrington Lakes water supplies. The drinking water for all three systems met all state and federal water quality requirements and had no drinking water violations in 2016.

The complete reports are available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/waterquality. Printed copies of the Dubuque water quality report are available at several locations including City Hall (50 W. 13th St.) and the Carnegie-Stout Public Library (360 W. 11th St.). Printed copies of the Vernon and Barrington Lakes water quality reports are available by request.

The City of Dubuque purchased the Barrington Lakes and Vernon water systems in 2016 and is responsible for their operation, maintenance, and management. The water supplies for these systems are currently separate from each other and from the City of Dubuque's water supply, with connection of these systems to the Dubuque water supply scheduled for later this year.

The City of Dubuque's Eagle Point Water Plant sources water from aquifers and produces an average of 7.2 million gallons of treated water per day. The plant has the capacity to produce up to 18 million gallons per day and the City's current wells have the capacity to pump up to nearly 24 million gallons per day. Dubuque's water distribution system consists of over 320 miles of water mains, over 8,000 control valves, almost 2,900 fire hydrants, and over 23,500 service connections. "Providing safe drinking water to our community is a tremendous responsibility. We are very proud of the high quality of our water supply and our ability to deliver it to customers at an affordable cost," said City of Dubuque Water Department Manager Denise Ihrig.

When compared to the other six large cities in Iowa that soften their drinking water, Dubuque has the third-lowest rate at \$28.43. That monthly rate translates to just 47

cents for 100 gallons of drinking water. The average cost for a 16.9 ounce bottle of bottled water at a convenience store is \$1.59, which translates to over \$1,200 for 100 gallons of bottled water.

The water department welcomes visitors for scheduled tours of the Eagle Point Water Plant. For additional information, please call 563-589-4291 or visit www.cityofdubuque.org/water.

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