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AQUA NORTH CAROLINA INSTALLS NINE NEW FILTER SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY FOR CUSTOMERS IN WAKE AND DURHAM COUNTIES

CARY, NC – Aqua North Carolina installed nine new filter systems in 2016 to fix discolored water problems for customers in one Durham County and seven Wake County communities.

The new systems remove iron and manganese, which are minerals that exist naturally in the groundwater that flows throughout North Carolina. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, these minerals don't affect health, but they can discolor water and affect its taste. Aqua installed the filter to fix this problem and increase customer satisfaction with its water service. The new filters will improve water quality for a total of approximately 5,000 residents in the following communities:

- Bloomfield, Willow Spring
- West Oaks, Fuquay Varina
- Springfield, Fuquay Varina
- Crescent Ridge, Wake Forest
- Waterfall, Wake Forest
- Highland Trails, Raleigh
- Hallmark subdivision (2 wells), Holly Springs
- Greymoss subdivision, Durham

The filters remove iron and manganese from the water before it enters the community's distribution pipes. The total cost of all nine filter installations is estimated at nearly \$3.5 million.

"Iron and manganese are common in the groundwater throughout North Carolina, and we understand why customers who have this problem want it fixed — we do, too," said Shannon Becker, president of Aqua North Carolina. "It's important to understand that fixing the problem on all of our wells with high levels of these minerals will take time, but we're committed to making it happen and keeping our customers informed of our progress."

Aqua submitted these projects for pre-qualification under the state's water and wastewater system improvement charge, which provides a way to accelerate and expand improvements to water and wastewater systems.

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