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Port St. Lucie Continues to Provide Quality Drinking Water

PORT ST. LUCIE, FL (July 15, 2016). August is National Water Quality Month and while recent events indicate that the health of the Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie Estuary have been greatly compromised by Lake Okeechobee discharges, the City of Port St. Lucie would like to reassure residents that our drinking water is clean, safe, great-tasting and continues to meet all Federal and State requirements.

The City's water supply comes from two independent sources: the shallow aquifer and the deeper Floridian aquifer. Both are treated by state-of-the-art facilities where waters are blended, pH-adjusted, disinfected and fluoride is added in accordance with regulatory standards.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribe regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Public utilities such as ours must meet the EPA's regulations and make the annual [Water Quality Report](#) available for the public.

"Our Utility Systems Department, recognized as a leader in Florida's water and wastewater utility industry, has long practiced outstanding environmental stewardship and diligently worked to protect the community's valuable resources" said Jesus Merejo, Utilities System Director.

In 1994, the City embarked on an unparalleled expansion of the system to ultimately make public water and wastewater service available to the entire City. As a result of that construction project, that spanned more than 10 years, the City currently provides water services to more than 70,000

household and commercial accounts and sewer services to more than 50,000 household and commercial accounts.

The City of Port St. Lucie is truly an environmental stewardship vanguard, committed to providing exceptional customer service and support to our customers in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible.

Please contact the Utility Systems Department at (772) 873-6400 or by email at utilitiescustomerser@cityofpsl.com if you have questions about the 2015 Water Quality Report or any services.

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The City of Port St. Lucie is proud to be a hometown where people live, learn, work and play, and celebrate all of life's opportunities. With over 179,000 residents, Port St. Lucie is Florida's eighth largest city by population (South Florida's 3rd largest city). The City occupies an area of 120 square miles in St. Lucie County on Florida's east coast, about 50 miles north of West Palm Beach, half way between Miami and Orlando. The City provides most traditional municipal services including law enforcement, water and sewer, and public works. For more information, please visit: www.cityofpsl.com

