

**Press Release** 

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**Housatonic Water Works Receives Grants Totaling \$365,000** 

Housatonic Water Works is pleased to announce the receipt of two significant grants totaling \$365.000 today.

The first grant, amounting to \$350,000, was awarded by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) under the Emerging Contaminants for Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program. This funding will support the company's manganese remediation program to resolve the seasonal manganese discoloration in the water supply.

The second grant, totaling \$15,000, is designated to enhance the cybersecurity of the company's sophisticated Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. This grant will ensure our water management operations' continued protection and integrity.

James J. Mercer, the company's treasurer, explained, "The company's continued commitment to the community to seek alternate sources of funding capital improvements is finally coming to fruition. We will begin construction when the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities decides our rate case, which contains financing provisions for improvements."

Housatonic Water Works is committed to providing high-quality water services to the community, and these grants will play a vital role in achieving that goal.

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