



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

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February 8, 2023

The Honorable Frank J. Todaro
Erie County Legislator
Legislative Chambers
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: 2022 Water Quality Report and Legislative Update

Dear Legislator Todaro:

Thank you for your letter of February 2, 2023, regarding water quality and the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA).

The Authority is required by our regulators to perform sampling, testing, and laboratory analysis at approximately one-hundred locations throughout our service area. During 2022, the number of tests completed was 59,924. The analysis of virtually all those samples were performed at the ECWA's New York State Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP) certified laboratory. We are currently preparing the 2022 Water Quality Report that will be posted on our website after review and approval by the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH). The report will show the results of analysis of fluoride in our finished water distributed to our customers. The addition of fluoride has been a part of our approved treatment process since 1972.

Regulatory oversight of the ECWA involves twenty-two (22) Federal, State, and Local agencies. Key agencies are United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), State and County Departments of Health. We meet regularly with ECDOH to discuss water quality, proposed capital projects, operation and maintenance procedures for our water treatment, storage, and distribution system. The ECDOH performs annual inspections of both our water treatment plants. They also review our water quality reports prior to ECWA posting that information on our website. A copy of the annual water quality report is also submitted to the New York State Department of Health.

I will be able to send you a copy of our 2022 Water Quality Report once the above process is completed.

I hope this letter has addressed your questions and concerns as well as those of your constituents. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russell J. Stoll".

Russell J. Stoll, P.E.
Chief Operating Officer

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