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***State grant pays for arsenic removal
at mobile home park***

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) awarded an Arsenic Remediation Grant to the Hawthorne Mobile Home Park last week for \$7,410. The park will use the funding to install a new drinking water well – ensuring compliance with new arsenic standards.

“Hawthorne Mobile Home Park would like to thank the State Revolving Program for its diligent work in securing this Arsenic Remediation Grant,” said park owner Geoff Jankowski. “With this grant, we will continue to provide quality water to our tenants.”

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management’s Drinking Water Branch had identified arsenic levels in the untreated drinking water as high as 26 parts per billion (ppb) at the mobile home park. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency lowered the MCL for arsenic from 50 ppb to 10 ppb earlier this year to protect the public against the potential effects of long-term, chronic exposure to arsenic that may exist in the State’s drinking water. Arsenic has been linked to various types of cancer.

“This announcement will not only help provide a safer atmosphere for residents of the Hawthorne Mobile Park facility in Breman, but will encourage increased monitoring of water quality around the state,” said State Representative Bill Friend.

“Indiana’s drinking water systems do their best to stay in compliance with all State and federal requirements. However, new rules can sometimes cause a financial burden for our smaller systems, and that is why this incentive has been targeted specifically for those systems,” said Ryan Kitchell, Public Finance Director.

The State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program administers the Arsenic Remediation Grants. The SRF Program is a division of the Indiana Finance Authority, which was created by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005 to more effectively manage state finances under one entity.

Eligible entities for the recently-created Arsenic Remediation Grant Program include municipalities, political subdivisions, privately-owned Community Water Systems and non-profit

Nontransient Noncommunity Water Systems. Systems applying for the Arsenic Remediation Grant must serve less than 10,000 residents. Eligible projects for the grant funds include construction of treatment facilities, system consolidation, system restructuring and/or the associated planning and design costs.

Entities interested in applying can contact Sarah Hudson, DWSRF Program Administrator, at (317) 232-8663 or sahudson@ifa.in.gov, or visit our website at www.in.gov/ifa/srf.

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