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**DANR Recognizes City of Hartford for Drinking Water Compliance**

PIERRE – The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) has announced that the City of Hartford public water system and the system’s operation specialists have been awarded a Secretary’s Award for Drinking Water Excellence.

“Consistent success is a true measure of excellence,” said DANR Secretary Hunter Roberts.

“With more than 19 years of consecutive compliance, the City of Hartford has demonstrated its commitment to providing its customers with safe and reliable drinking water. “The system’s operations specialists that received awards are Craig Wagner, Neil Hanisch and Jesse O’Kane.

To qualify for the Secretary’s Award for Drinking Water Excellence, public water systems and their system operations specialists had to meet all of the compliance monitoring and reporting requirements, drinking water standards, and certification requirements for ten consecutive years or more.