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Clayton mobile home park awarded grant to clean up arsenic

INDIANAPOLIS (July 23, 2008) – The Indiana Finance Authority (IFA)’s Arsenic Remediation Grant Program has awarded \$15,141 to Sti-Bel Mobile Home Park in Clayton, Ind., to remove arsenic from residents’ drinking water.

“We would not have been able to address the arsenic levels without this grant,” said park owner Dan Brinker. “Residents were anxious to get the system completed, and now they have good, clean drinking water and I didn’t have to raise rates.”

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has recently tightened its national arsenic standard from 50 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb causing the mobile home park to be out of compliance with drinking water measured as high as 12 ppb. In response, the mobile home park installed 18 point-of-use arsenic reduction filters, one at each residence, to bring its system into compliance.

Recent tests now show no detection of arsenic in the drinking water.

“Governor Daniels is intent on improving the health of Hoosiers,” said Jennifer Alvey, Public Finance Director of the State of Indiana. “The Arsenic Remediation Grant Program enables us to provide financial relief for small systems that are trying to provide the safest drinking water possible to their customers.”

Governor Mitch Daniels created the IFA in 2005 to more effectively manage State-related financial programs such as the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Programs under one entity. The SRF Program implemented the Arsenic Remediation Grants Program in May 2006 to help small systems pay for upgrades to comply with tightened federal arsenic limits. Since the inception of the Arsenic Remediation Grant Program, SRF has awarded grants to 20 water systems totaling more than \$922,700.

For more information about the Arsenic Remediation Grant Program, can contact Sarah Hudson, DWSRF Program Administrator, at (317) 232-8663 or sahudson@ifa.in.gov, or visit www.srf.in.gov.

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