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Who: Senior Member of Management Team Responsible for Security

What: Chemical Security Survey

When: Deadline to complete the survey November 16

Due to increased interest in security of hazardous materials, especially gaseous chlorine, among members of the House and Senate, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. EPA, AWWA, along with AMWA, NACWA, NAWC, NRW and WEF, is conducting a survey of member utilities regarding the type of practices and measures that have been implemented to mitigate the potential misuse of hazardous materials.

The survey can be found at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=GQqZmEbkHX8AaPG_2fXJI_2fcA_3d_3d

AWWA encourages all utilities to fill out this short survey. It is extremely important as some members of Congress are contemplating new legislation to regulate the protection of hazardous chemicals at drinking water and wastewater facilities or to mandate that utilities adopt non-chlorine gas treatment technologies.

AWWA, along with the other water sector associations, has argued that local utilities are best suited to decide how to treat water, but without data to demonstrate the industry's record, this position is difficult to defend. We are anecdotally aware of local decisions to adopt sophisticated security practices and to adopt non-chlorine gas treatment technologies, but information with a nationwide perspective does not yet exist. The data collected in this survey will help advocate for our position of local choice.

All responses are anonymous and information will only be referenced in aggregate form. The survey contains up to 37 questions and will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. This notice is being sent to the membership of each water association, and it is possible that more than one individual at your utility will receive it. Please forward it to the most senior member of your management staff responsible for security.

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