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Momentum Continues Regarding Southeast Waterline Improvement Project

Haysville, KS (September 25, 2017) The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has approved plans for municipal water line installation relating to homes affected by well water contamination contributed to a dry cleaning business formerly located in Haysville. Preliminary work on the first portion of the project, which addresses those homes with the highest levels of contamination, is already under way and water pipe is expected to arrive on Thursday, September 28th. The project will take approximately 200 calendar days to complete.

Project proposals from interested construction companies were due on September 13th at 5:00 p.m. A proposal from Nowak Construction was accepted, and came with a price tag of \$4,942,025.42. The proposal covered all aspects of the project, including design by PEC, tap fees payable to the City of Haysville, construction, and incidentals. The contract awarded to Nowak Construction also included a requirement to restore each site as closely as possible to its previous condition. Nowak will be facilitating that restoration by drilling a large portion of the piping needed for the project, a technique which is less intrusive than trenching.

Prior to submitting the project to KDHE for approval, the City of Haysville had to obtain a permit from Sedgwick County Public Works granting access to rights of way owned by the county. “Sedgwick County Public Works received our permit application on September 21st, and had it approved and returned to us the next day. The Chief Engineer of the KDHE reviewed the proposal and other required documents, and we had KDHE’s approval on Saturday the 23rd. Each agency involved understands the importance of moving as quickly as possible for the sake of the residents affected by this contamination,” says the City of Haysville’s Acting Public Works Director Tony Martinez. “Everyone has been working well together, and the City really appreciates that.”

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In addition to bringing municipal water service to those homes affected by groundwater contamination, it will be important to continue monitoring the plume of dry cleaning chemicals as it moves in years to come. To that end, KDHE has a contract with EMR Inc., which will be installing fourteen monitoring wells throughout the identified Area of Concern. With depths ranging from shallow (15-25 feet) to deep (45-55 feet), these strategically placed wells will be sampled periodically to monitor any movement of the plume.

For more information specific to the Haysville American Cleaners contamination site, visit www.kdheks.gov/dryclean/haysville.html. For more information about Haysville, visit www.haysville-ks.com, follow us on Facebook.com/HaysvilleKs or contact the City of Haysville at (316) 529-5900. Contact Acting Public Works Director Tony Martinez at (316) 529-5940 with any other questions or concerns relating to the Southeast Waterline Improvement Project.

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