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January 30, 2014

Jeffrey McIntyre, President
West Virginia American Water
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Charleston, WV 25302

Dear Mr. McIntyre,

Beginning January 9, 2014, following the Elk River chemical spill, West Virginia American Water Company issued a DO NOT USE order for portions of Boone, Cabell, Clay, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Putnam, and Roane counties. Immediately, I began working with the West Virginia National Guard and Office of Emergency Services in an effort to provide water and supplies to impacted citizens through the county emergency services offices as quickly as possible.

To date, more than 17.5 million bottles of water have been distributed to residents in the nine affected counties, at an estimated cost of \$889,575 to the State. While the DO NOT USE order has been lifted, my staff continues to receive calls from constituents and organizations requesting bottled water be made available in their communities. To help address this need, I have asked West Virginia American Water Company to make available potable and bottled water to West Virginians in the affected areas.

I continue to seek assistance for those in the affected areas. I have requested the Federal Emergency Management Agency modify the current Emergency Declaration to provide Direct Funding Assistance to state and local government programs and eligible non-profit agencies that have made expenditures to distribute supplies and meet the needs of those in the affected areas. I have requested assistance from the Small Business Administration to expedite help for small businesses and eligible private, non-profit organizations struggling to meet financial obligations and pay ordinary and necessary operating expenses because of curtailed water service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl Ray Tomblin".

Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

Cc: Chief Operating Officer Walter Lynch