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Water supply, sanitation and hygiene development

Safe and sufficient drinking-water, along with adequate sanitation and hygiene have implications across all Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – from eradicating poverty and hunger, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating infectious diseases, to ensuring environmental sustainability. Much progress has

been achieved over the past decade:

- ◆ 2.3 billion people gained access to improved drinking-water between 1990–2012.
- ◆ The number of children dying from diarrhea diseases, which are strongly associated with poor water, inadequate sanitation and hygiene, have steadily fallen over the two last decades from approximately 1.5million deaths in 1990 to

just above 600 000 in 2012.

As the world turns its attention to the formulation of the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) much remains to be done particularly to reduce inequalities across populations:

- ◆ 2.5 billion people lack access to improved sanitation.
- ◆ 1 billion people practice open defecation, nine out of ten in rural areas.

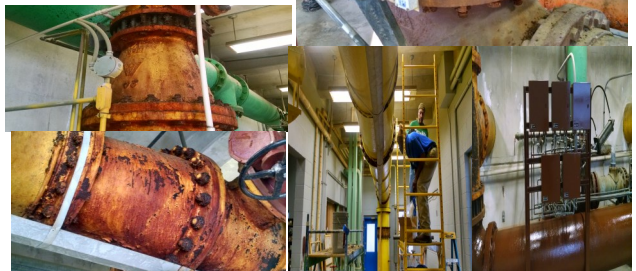
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Upgrade at FCWU

Forrest City Water Utility is still in the phase of upgrading its facilities. These are the latest upgrades that have been done. The Water Treatment Plant gets a fresh clean look, particularly on the pipe gallery; it is nearing completion. To complete the

interior a new ceiling and floor will be done.



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Water Sanitation Health cont.

- ◆ 748 million people lack access to improved drinking-water and it is estimated that 1.8 billion people use a source of drinking-water that is faecally contaminated.
- ◆ Hundreds of millions of people have no access to soap and water to wash their hands, preventing a basic act that would empower them to block the spread of disease.

A major burden

Every year there are 2 million diarrhea deaths related to unsafe water, sanitation, and hygiene—the vast majority among children under 5. More than one billion people lack access to an improved water source. Household water treatment and safe storage (HWTS) interventions can lead to dramatic improvements in drinking water quality and reduc-

tions in diarrhoeal disease—making an immediate difference to the lives of those who rely on water from polluted rivers, lakes and, in some cases, unsafe wells or piped water supplies.

So remember this: No F.O.G. (Fats, Oil or Grease) in our water drains, yards, or sewer lines. It takes a collective efforts from all to help keep Forrest City's water safe for drinking, bathing, washing hands, etc.



“You will never know the worth of water until the well runs dry.”

The Story Behind St. Patrick's Day

Every year on March 17, the Irish and the Irish-at-heart across the globe observe St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the patron saint of Ireland has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture with parades, dancing, special foods and a whole lot of green. The celebrations are largely Irish

culture themed and typically consist of wearing green, parades, and drinking. Some churches may hold religious services and many schools and offices close in Suffolk County, the area containing Boston and its suburbs.

People all over the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day, especially places with large Irish-

American communities. Feasting on the day features traditional Irish food, including corned beef, corned cabbage, coffee, soda bread, potatoes, and shepherd's pie. Many celebrations also hold an Irish breakfast of sausage, black and white pudding, fried eggs, and fried tomatoes.



Manager's Corner

It always fascinates me when I hear people say that our Water Utility men just “ride around” all day. I assure you, these men do not just “ride around” wasting gas, but are working hard to make sure the residents of Forrest City are getting fresh, safe water and

water emergencies are being handled quickly and diligently. W.H. Calvin Murdock,
Utility Manager



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