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**For Immediate Release**

**SOUTHEAST MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
PWS NJ #1424001**

**Township of Hanover and Borough of Morris Plains  
Service Area Improvements**

**April 12, 2018**

(Cedar Knolls, NJ) – The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (SMCMUA) has identified an interim solution regarding the service area pressures in the 660 Gradient, or in the vicinity of SMCMUA’s Countrywood Pump Station. The solution will be accomplished in the following manner:

- Install two (2) swing check valves to provide inter-gradient connections from the 568 Gradient to the 660 Gradient.
  - In the event of a failure of the Countrywood Pump Station, the 660 Gradient will be supplied from the 568 Gradient. During this type of an emergency event, the service pressures in the 660 Gradient will be reduced by approximately 20 psi.
  - Work will commence during the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Project completion is expected to require four (4) to six (6) weeks, where every effort is being made to expedite this project.
- At completion of the swing check valve installation, the 660 Gradient will be gradually restored to a direct pump operation which will restore water pressure in this portion of the service area as originally operated.
- Required engineering analyses for long-term solutions will be completed as part of the Capital Improvement Program and Budget process.

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SMCMUA appreciates the patience of our customers during the phased implementation of these improvements. Please forward any questions regarding this matter to either Kenneth Crawford, Operations Division, at [k Crawford@smcmua.org](mailto:k Crawford@smcmua.org) or Jeff Elam, Engineering Division, at [jelam@smcmua.org](mailto:jelam@smcmua.org).

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