



## 2016 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

For the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

*(Including data for Fair Harbor, Riverside, Brentwood, Stony Brook and East Farmingdale Water Districts)*

Dear Suffolk County Water Authority Customer:

In the following pages you will find the Suffolk County Water Authority's 2016 Drinking Water Quality Report. This report, which is now available primarily in electronic form, provides you with all the data you need to assess the quality of the water we supply to you. With the electronic report, you can directly access information about the water quality in your community with just the click of a mouse.

I'm pleased to tell you that the Suffolk County Water Authority this year has again surpassed the tough water quality standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and New York State Health Department, which both found our drinking water to be safe. At SCWA, though, we're not satisfied with just surpassing regulations. Our internal standards for water quality are often far more rigorous than standards set by state and federal regulators. Providing our customers with the highest quality drinking water will always be our top priority. In 2015, our laboratory tested for 398 chemicals—249 more than is required by regulators—and analyzed approximately 59,000 samples that produced roughly 171,000 test results to make sure your water is always safe to drink.

In addition to information about the quality of your water, you will find inside this report information about the Long Island Commission for Aquifer Protection, which was created by SCWA in conjunction with the Long Island Water Conference and the Nassau-Suffolk Water Commissioners Association and approved unanimously by the legislatures of both Nassau County and Suffolk County. The commission is hard at work fulfilling its mission of advocating for a coordinated, regional approach to groundwater resources management and this year will release the first-ever State of the Aquifer report for Long Island. You can also read about our new Education Center in Hauppauge and our first-ever comprehensive business plan, Strategic Plan 2025, which outlines a series of initiatives that will provide a blueprint of our top priorities for the coming decade.

If you have any questions about the contents of this report, please call our Customer Service center at (631) 698-9500 and we'll be happy to assist you. And you can call the same number to request a paper copy of this report.

James F. Gaughran, Chairman,  
Suffolk County Water Authority

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