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##PRESS RELEASE##

## **Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority Awarded Gold & Silver by the Virginia Department of Health**

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The Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (RWSA) is pleased to announce that it has received several 2024 Excellence in Waterworks Operations/Performance Awards.

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Office of Drinking Water recognized RWSA for its filtration, clarification, and backwashing procedures in its water treatment plants. The awards, presented last week, show RWSA's commitment to providing clean and safe drinking water to its community members.

Each year, through Virginia's Optimization Program, the VDH recognizes water treatment plants that perform above and beyond minimum water quality standards by optimizing and running their treatment process efficiently and effectively. The program's primary purpose is to reduce risks to public health associated with drinking water.

The awards were based on Monthly Operating Reports (MOR) collected from multiple surface water treatment plants across the state. VDH uses water turbidity (how clear it is) as a main evaluation factor.

The Crozet Water Treatment Plant, North Rivanna Water Treatment Plant, and Scottsville Water Treatment Plant all received Gold Awards. The South Rivanna Water Treatment Plant and Observatory Water Treatment Plant received Silver Awards.

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*The **Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority & Solid Waste Authority**'s mission is to serve the Charlottesville, Albemarle, and UVA communities by providing high-quality water and wastewater treatment, refuse, and recycling services in a financially responsible and sustainable manner.*

*The **Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority** provides wholesale water and sewer services to the Charlottesville Department of Utilities and Albemarle County Service Authority.*

*The **Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority** manages five reservoirs, nine dams, six drinking water treatment plants, five finished water pumping stations, eleven water storage tanks, four advanced water resource recovery facilities (wastewater treatment plants), and nine wastewater pumping stations.*

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