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March 4, 2025

Anita Altheide  
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RE: Country Road Estates Public Water System

Dear Ms Altheide:

Congratulations to you from DANR! For 21 consecutive years, the Country Road Estates public water system has met the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the state of South Dakota's regulations. It is our pleasure to present the **Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence** which recognizes your system and the system's operation specialists who have demonstrated excellence in water system management and maintenance.

You will also find enclosed a draft press release concerning the award your system has received. The release can be provided to your local newspaper and includes information about the award.

Thank you for all you have done these past 21 years to maintain safe drinking water for your consumers. If we can be of assistance to you, please contact us at (605) 773-3754.

Sincerely,

Mark McIntire, P.E.  
Administrator  
Drinking Water Program

Enclosure

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 4, 2025

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## **DANR RECOGNIZES COUNTRY ROAD ESTATES WITH A SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR DRINKING WATER EXCELLENCE**

**PIERRE, SD** – Today, the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) announced that the Country Road Estates public water system and the system's operation specialists have been awarded a Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence.

"Repeated success is a true measure of excellence," said DANR Secretary Hunter Roberts. "With more than 21 years of consecutive compliance, the Country Road Estates has demonstrated its commitment to providing its customers with safe and reliable drinking water."

To qualify for the Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence, public water systems and their system operations specialists had to meet all the compliance monitoring and reporting requirements, drinking water standards, and certification requirements for ten consecutive years or more.



**SECRETARY'S AWARD  
FOR DRINKING WATER EXCELLENCE  
2024**

By virtue of the authority vested in me, and after due consideration, I do hereby certify that the

**Country Road Estates Public Water System**

through extra concern and endeavor has met all federal and state requirements for safe drinking water and has supplied **21 consecutive years** of safe drinking water to the public it serves.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fred R...', is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources