

Chamber hears all about clean water

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The Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce toured American Water's Watres Water Treatment Facility on Friday. The tour was conducted by Allen Novatski, who demonstrated the plant's sophisticated computer systems, as well as the facility's water-cleaning devices.

More than 58,000 people depend on the plant for clean water daily. The plant gleans its water from three primary sources: Gardner Creek, Mill Creek, and the Watres Reservoir, the largest provider of water to the treatment facility.

Novatski fielded questions concerning the purity of the water provided to the plant, the monitoring of tributaries, and the plant's readiness to deal with emergency situations. He explained the plant's meter system, which allows technicians to pinpoint water main breaks and isolate them within an hour. The recent water main break in the Susquehanna River was a perfect example of this system.

"In years past," Novatski stated, "people from West Pittston all the way to Kingston would have been without water." However, thanks to today's technology, water was re-routed and the problem was dealt with efficiently.

Novatski also spoke about the emergency turbine generators that can keep the plant functioning even under adverse conditions. After reviewing many emergency situation scenarios, the group was put at great ease by the readiness of the plant to deal with any foreseeable water problem.



At Friday's presentation for the Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce, seated, Anthony Gangemi, Allen Novatski, Rick Kazmerick, Dolores D'Elia, Janet Rosenbaum, Michael Bochnovich III, Bryan Jones and Charles Adonizio III; standing, Phyllis Brandewene, Jerry Mondlak, Tom Amico, Joseph Boylan, Rosemary Dessoye, Ellen Mondlak, Anthony D'Elia, Ron Ralston, John Charles Gilard, Jerome Sulkoski, Shirley Bartos, Barbara Altoe and Robert Bayer, Jr.

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Barbara Altoe, Rosemary Dessoye and Allen Novatski



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