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## **History of Borden Tri-County Regional Water District**

The Borden Tri-County Regional Water District (BTC Water) was created to provide a dependable and sustainable public water supply to residents and businesses throughout portions of Clark, Floyd, and Washington Counties in southern Indiana. Established during a period of regional growth and increasing demand for reliable drinking water, the District has served as a vital public utility for nearly five decades.

### **Formation and Incorporation**

The origins of the District date back to the mid-1970s when local leaders and residents recognized the need for a stronger, more financially stable regional water system. At the time, two separate utilities, Town of Borden Water and Tri-County Water, were providing water service within the area, but both faced challenges in maintaining aging infrastructure and securing the financial resources necessary for future improvements and expansion.

On November 18, 1975, a petition was filed to establish the Borden Tri-County Regional Water District. Following public hearings and review by state agencies, the Stream Pollution Control Board of the State of Indiana signed the Final Order and Determination for the organization of the District on February 23, 1976. The District was officially organized as an independent political entity of the State of Indiana for the purpose of supplying water for domestic, industrial, agricultural, and public use throughout the service area.

The incorporation and public service approval documents from 1977 further solidified the District's authority to operate and expand water service within the tri-county region. The creation of BTC Water provided a legal and financial framework that allowed the system to refinance existing debt, invest in infrastructure improvements, and better meet the growing water demands of the community.

### **Early Mission and Growth**

The founding mission of BTC Water was centered on protecting public health and ensuring long-term water reliability for rural Southern Indiana communities. Organizers believed

that a regional approach would create a stronger and more efficient utility capable of maintaining equipment, expanding service lines, and improving water quality.

Throughout the late 1970s and 1980s, the District expanded its infrastructure to reach additional homes, farms, and businesses across the region. The establishment of centralized governance through a Board of Trustees helped guide responsible growth while maintaining local oversight.

As population growth continued throughout Clark, Floyd, and Washington Counties, BTC Water steadily expanded its distribution system into Harrison County and upgraded its facilities to meet increasing demand. Over time, the District became an essential utility provider for thousands of customers throughout the area.

### **Commitment to Water Quality**

Since its formation, BTC Water has emphasized water quality, system reliability, and regulatory compliance. The District operates a treatment plant in Borden, Indiana, and today pumps hundreds of thousands of gallons of treated water each day throughout its system. During peak summer demand, daily production can exceed one million gallons.

The District performs extensive water quality monitoring and testing in compliance with requirements established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). BTC Water personnel conduct daily testing on raw water, finished water, and distribution system water, while additional laboratory testing is performed by state-certified laboratories throughout the year.

BTC Water also provides annual Consumer Confidence Reports to customers detailing water quality and testing results. These efforts reflect the District's long-standing commitment to delivering safe and dependable drinking water to the communities it serves.

### **Modern Operations and Community Service**

Today, Borden Tri-County Regional Water District operates from its office and treatment facilities located on West Water Street in Borden, Indiana. Governed by a Board of Trustees and supported by experienced management and staff, the District continues to invest in infrastructure, maintenance, and operational improvements.

The District provides a variety of customer services and educational resources, including water conservation information, watershed protection initiatives, leak adjustment policies, and

utility assistance programs. BTC Water also conducts routine flushing programs and maintains ongoing infrastructure upgrades to ensure dependable service throughout the system.

In addition to daily operations, the District remains committed to long-term planning and responsible stewardship of regional water resources. By balancing system growth with water quality protection and infrastructure investment, BTC Water continues to fulfill the vision established by its founders nearly fifty years ago.

### **Legacy and Continued Service**

From its establishment in 1976 and formal approvals in 1977 to its modern role as a regional public water provider, Borden Tri-County Regional Water District has played a critical role in supporting public health, economic development, and quality of life in Southern Indiana.

What began as an effort to unify and strengthen local water service has grown into a trusted regional utility serving communities across four counties. Through decades of growth, modernization, and public service, BTC Water has remained dedicated to its core mission: providing safe, reliable, and affordable water service for present and future generations.