

# **ISSUE:** Poor Maintenance of Systems Impacts **YOUR** water

This problem occurs in water utilities across the country. Every year, there are 240,000 water main breaks in the U.S, which result in utilities losing 1.7 trillion gallons of water.



**That's \$2.6 billion of treated drinking water lost each year!**

The average system loses 16% of its water and up to 75% of that nonrevenue water should be recoverable. As pipes age and budgets tighten, maintenance and technological upgrades are constantly deferred, leading to decrepit systems that are spilling money.

## **GOOD NEWS!**

Water and wastewater operators continue their education to keep up with technology to prevent poor maintenance and ensure that America's water is safe and clean.

