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Altus: Where is the source of our drinking water?

(ALTUS, OKLAHOMA): As Drinking Water Week continues, the City of Altus joins the American Water Works Association and water professionals across North America in encouraging homeowners to learn more about their water. Since 1975 the City of Altus has used the Tom Steed Reservoir as its primary source of drinking water. A 36-inch pipe delivers raw water from Tom Steed directly to the Altus Water Treatment Plant.

The Tom Steed Reservoir is operated by the Mountain Park Master Conservancy District and the City of Altus is a part-owner. The City contributed funds for construction and continues to fund a portion of ongoing maintenance. Altus is assured of rights to this water since we participate in the funding.

The City of Altus has taken substantial measures to protect our water supply. The restoration of the City's well field will greatly help improve our drought readiness. In addition, plans are underway to convert a portion of the City Reservoir as a holding basin for Tom Steed Reservoir to provide an emergency supply of clean water if ever needed due to power interruptions.

Lear more about the history of the Altus water system on our website at:

<http://www.altusok.gov/254/Altus-Water-System-History>

To get real time information on water level in Tom Steed visit:

<http://www.swt-wc.usace.army.mil/TOMS.lakepage.html>

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