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[Duluth, MN] - *Liquid Assets Minnesota*, the film documentary produced and sponsored with the assistance of the Minnesota Chapter of American Public Works Association (APWA), will be broadcast this Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 8 PM on PBS Channel 8.4. The documentary, developed over a two year period, explores the function, age, and condition of our water, wastewater, and storm water infrastructure and delivers the message that the infrastructure is in urgent need of repairs and capacity relief or else our quality of life may be threatened. Duluth is highlighted in the documentary as one of several Minnesota communities that face significant challenges to maintain quality services under the pressures of an aging infrastructure.

"Our water system is out of sight, out of mind, until the system fails. The Liquid Assets series is an opportunity to understand all of the systems necessary to make sure water is available on demand in your home. As a nation, we have neglected our water system and we're paying the price in the form of very expensive water main leaks and breaks," said Mayor Don Ness.

After this Sunday's premiere, the program will be repeated several times on PBS. In addition, the documentary will be made available on DVD so that it can be viewed and discussed by select groups such as schools, city councils, public utilities, other civic groups, legislators, and anyone interested the future of our water infrastructure.

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