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UPDATE ON BOIL WATER ADVISORY FOR THE LOWER NINTH WARD OF NEW ORLEANS: STILL IN EFFECT

New Orleans – The precautionary boil water advisory for the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans is still in effect. Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (S&WB), in consultation with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), is currently testing water samples and will have results back in approximately 24 hours from this notice. S&WB will notify residents and businesses when the boil water advisory is cancelled.

S&WB issued a precautionary boil water advisory yesterday for the Lower Ninth Ward area of New Orleans after the pressure dropped below 15psi (pounds per square inch) during a repair in the area. Fifteen (15) psi is the threshold established by public health officials for issuing a boil water advisory.

Customers in other areas of the City are not affected by this boil water advisory.

We thank residents for their patience and apologize for the inconvenience that this has caused. We will continue to provide updates as they become available. If you have any questions, please call 52WATER (529-2837).

Boil water advisories are issued out of an abundance of caution whenever the water pressure drops below 15psi. We agree with the recommendations of our regulatory partner, the Department of Health and Hospitals, that it is prudent to issue these advisories out of an abundance of caution. The concern is that a pressure drop inside of the water pipe could allow an opportunity for contaminants into the pipe. Chlorine is a chemical that is added to water to combat contamination. The Sewerage and Water Board staff maintains a high chlorine residual and we aggressively and continually monitor our chlorine residual to ensure that our potable water has the ability to fight off bacteriological growth.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOILING WATER

Boil water for one full minute in a clean container. The one-minute boil time begins after the water has been brought to a rolling boil. (If there is a flat taste, it can be eliminated by shaking the water in a bottle or pouring it from one container to another.)

What to do During a Boil Water Advisory

Please review and follow the Louisiana Office of Public Health's Recommendations for Boil-Water Advisories listed on our website at <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/assets/oph/Center-PHCH/Center-CH/infectious-epi/EpiManual/BoilWaterAdvisory.pdf> or www.swbno.org to ensure that all tap water is properly disinfected before use.

<http://www.nola.gov/getattachment/Mayor/Press-Releases/2015/20150724-Boil-Water-Advisory/Boil-Water-Factsheet-General-Public-V6-0.pdf/>

Boil Water Advisory Tips for Healthcare and Daycare Facilities

[http://www.nola.gov/getattachment/Mayor/Press-Releases/2015/20150724-Boil-Water-Advisory/Boil-Water-Factsheet-Healthcare-andDaycare-Facilities-V3-0-\(1\)-\(2\).pdf/](http://www.nola.gov/getattachment/Mayor/Press-Releases/2015/20150724-Boil-Water-Advisory/Boil-Water-Factsheet-Healthcare-andDaycare-Facilities-V3-0-(1)-(2).pdf/)

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