

## "RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21st CENTURY"

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## UPDATE - BWA CANCELLED PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER ADVISORY CANCELLED FOR VENETIAN ISLES

New Orleans – Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (S&WB), in consultation with the Louisiana Department of Health, cancelled the precautionary boil water advisory for residents and businesses in the Venetian Isles area after the bacteriological tests confirmed that water in the area was safe to drink and could be used normally for personal needs.

Customers are advised to flush their internal and external plumbing by running water through their system.

S&WB Executive Director Cedric Grant said, "Water samples from across the Venetian Isles area of New Orleans have tested negative for contamination, so the precautionary boil water advisory has been cancelled. Sewerage and Water Board is committed to providing safe drinking water and this precautionary boil water advisory was issued out of an abundance of caution to ensure the public's safety. We thank the impacted residents and businesses for their patience and apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused."

Boil water advisories are issued out of an abundance of caution whenever the water pressure drops below 15psi. The concern is that a pressure drop inside of the water pipe could allow an opportunity for contaminants into the pipe. We agree with the recommendations of our regulatory partner, the Louisiana Department of Health, that it is prudent to issue these advisories out of an abundance of caution.