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## **PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER ADVISORY LIFTED FOR LOWER NINTH WARD AREA OF NEW ORLEANS**

**New Orleans** –Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (S&WB), in consultation with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), has lifted the precautionary boil water advisory for residents and businesses in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans after 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 for several minutes.

S&WB Executive Director Cedric Grant said, "Water samples from across the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans have tested negative for contamination, so the precautionary boil water advisory has been lifted at this time. 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. We also commend the fast and professional work of S&WB employees from several departments and the excellent cooperation of DHH officials during this event."

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. This precautionary boil water advisory was issued on Thursday afternoon when water pressure levels dropped below 15 psi due to a break in a water main that serves the Lower Ninth Ward.

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