



**“RE-BUILDING THE CITY’S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY”**

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New DHH Rules

Today, the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans announced that it has been performing additional sampling in anticipation of the release of the new drinking water system requirements issued by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. DHH issued an emergency rule Wednesday that requires state water systems to maintain a higher chlorine level and to increase the number of water testing sites by 25 percent. The Sewerage and Water Board’s chlorine residual is well above the minimum levels listed in the emergency rule at all sample locations.

“The S&WB already maintains a number of safeguards to ensure a quality and safe drinking water system for our residents, including operating with increased chlorine levels,” said Marcia St. Martin, S&WB Executive Director. “We are constantly monitoring the status of the city’s water supply in coordination with DHH and are confident the system is already meeting the new requirements.”

Current sample results submitted to DHH show that New Orleans has a healthy chlorine residual that will prevent the growth of any bacteria in the water system.