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Sewerage and Water Board to Perform Test Water Line Closure, Encourages Residents to Report Changes in Water Pressure

NEW ORLEANS – Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (S&WB) will be performing a test closure of a water line at the Carrollton Water Plant this Friday, November 17. The closure will be from 1 a.m. to 11 a.m. The purpose of the test closure is in preparation for the Water Hammer Project which consists of installing necessary piping on the 48” water main. The Water Hammer Project is a \$50 million infrastructure investment that will make the City’s water supply more resilient and help prevent future boil water advisories.

The test will be a controlled closure with pressures closely monitored. S&WB employees will be constantly monitoring water pressure and assessing the impact on any affected areas of the East Bank of New Orleans. However, during the test closure, S&WB is also asking customers to report any changes in water pressure by calling 52-WATER. Should there be drops in water pressure, the controlled test closure can be ended immediately.

The entire East Bank of New Orleans MAY experience changes in water pressure during the test closure.

About The Project

Prompted by disruptions in electricity resulting in water service interruptions to New Orleans residents, the S&WB and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) launched the Water Hammer project to upgrade the water distribution facilities at the Carrollton Water Purification Plant.

The upgrades are designed to reduce the occurrence of “water hammer.” Water hammer is a surge of water pressure caused by power loss at a water plant. This can result in shockwaves in the water system that can damage and lead to water main breaks. The project includes two new 200 foot tall water tanks that will hold 4 million gallons of water. In the event of complete power loss the towers will provide uninterrupted water pressure for 40 minutes and continuous water service to the city.

The Water Hammer Project is part of a comprehensive update on resiliency efforts at the water plant. The Water towers are a major proactive measure that S&WB has taken to ensure residents continue to receive high quality water every day. The Water Hammer Project was designed by Stanley Consultants, Inc. and was constructed by B&K Construction, LLC. Funding for the project comes from FEMA.

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