

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

## Sewerage & Water Board of NEW ORLEANS

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To: News Media

From: The Sewerage & Water Board

Re: Crews Still on Scene of Water Main Break

Release Immediately

Contact Robert Jackson, 269-7978 or Brenda Thornton, 269-7819

The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans said emergency crews will work throughout the night to repair a broken water main causing low water pressure in a large portion of Eastern New Orleans and parts of the Ninth Ward.

A 50-inch water main near Almonaster and France Road broke this morning. The main is a major feeder line for Eastern New Orleans.

Crews were able to re-route some water around the break, which slightly increased pressure in some areas.

50-inch mains are the largest water lines in the S&WB water distribution system.

Cause of the break is unknown at this time. The S&WB will advise the public of repair progress through updates to the news media.

The New Orleans fire and police departments have been notified.

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