

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

Sewerage & Water Board of New ORLEANS

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BOIL WATER ADVISORY FOR VENETIAN ISLES

The State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health has recommended that the Sewerage and Water Board issue a boil water advisory for a portion of the City of New Orleans known as Venetian Isles.

The State of Louisiana is recommending that all areas throughout the state that have been inundated by tidal surges to issue boil water advisories. Consequently, a boil water advisory has been issued specifically for the Venetian Isles area because it was the only area in New Orleans inundated by tidal surge from hurricanes Gustav and Ike. This advisory is "precautionary only" since water pressure was maintained in the area.

According to Marcia St. Martin "we believe it is in the best interest of our customers in Venetian Isles that we are proactive and issue this precautionary advisory."

The State recommends that you disinfect your water by any one of the following methods prior to consumption (including drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, bathing or preparing food):

- Boil water for one full minute in a clean container. The one-minute boil time Begins after the water has been brought to a rolling boil. (The flat taste can be eliminated by shaking the water in a bottle or pouring it from one container to another.
- If the water is clear, mix 1/8 teaspoon of unscented, liquid chlorine laundry bleach with one gallon of water and let it stand for at least 30 minutes prior to consumption.
- If the water is cloudy or colored, use ¹/₄ teaspoon per gallon of water. Be sure to mix thoroughly.

This boil water advisory will remain in affect until further notice.