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BOIL WATER ADVISORY FOR VENETIAN ISLES IS LIFTED

The State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, has advised the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans that a boil water order for Venetian Isles can now be cancelled.

Residents of the area can resume normal use of tap water.

The most recent biological and chemical tests results were negative, indicating that the water is safe to drink.

The boil water order began on Sept. 15, 2008, when the State of Louisiana recommended that all areas throughout the state that were inundated by tidal surges issue boil water advisories.

Consequently, a boil water advisory was issued specifically for Venetian Isles because it was the only area in New Orleans inundated by tidal surge from hurricanes Gustav and Ike. The advisory was "precautionary only" since water pressure was maintained in the area.

The Sewerage and Water Board flushed all the lines in the area and began around-the-clock testing of water. The most recent series of tests show that the boil water order can now be lifted.

S&WB Executive Director Marcia St. Martin said, "We are pleased that our chemists, water experts and field staff were able to rectify the situation for our Venetian Isles customers. We especially appreciate the assistance and guidance of the state Department of Health and Hospitals during this process. In addition, and more importantly, we would like to applaud the outstanding patience of our customers and their neighborhood leadership in the Venetian Isles area specifically Councilwoman Cynthia Willard-Lewis and Mr. Ed Hadley, president of the Venetian Isles Homeowners Association."

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