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Drinking Water Update Boil Water Advisory Stays In Place For New Orleans East

The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans issues the following statement:

Personnel of the Sewerage and Water Board have begun testing the water mains in sections of New Orleans East. Crews have crossed the Industrial Canal and are beginning to march eastward with the goal of again providing vital services to that area. People may observe water at the taps of their homes and businesses at times. It should be noted that water pressure and loss of pressure may come and go as valves are open and closed to assess the system and as leaks are repaired. In the areas of eastern New Orleans where there is pressure, the water may only be used for cleaning purposes.

The Boil Water Advisory remains in affect for those portions of the City of New Orleans east of the Industrial Canal, which includes, 1) that section of New Orleans termed the Lower Ninth Ward and, 2) that section of New Orleans termed New Orleans East. The areas to be still covered under the boil water advisory are also described as that portion of zip code 70117 east of the Industrial Canal, and that portion of zip code 70126 east of the Industrial Canal, and zip codes 70127, 70128 and 70129 in their entirety.

In areas with approved water, the Sewerage and Water Board asks that all returning citizens run all hot and cold water taps for 10 to 15 minutes to flush the plumbing of their homes and businesses. People may find that they can detect a slight bleach odor from the chlorine in the water. Taps should not be left to run continuously. We remind residents to let icemakers cycle several times before using the ice. Residents are also asked not to place debris over their water meter boxes or around fire hydrants.



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The personnel of the Board and contracted companies continue to work throughout the city locating and repairing leaks. It is hoped that the remaining areas will be back in service as soon as possible.