



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

Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS

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Re: Boil Water Advisory
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BOIL ADVISORY

A Boil Water Advisory Issued to ALGIERS Water System

Sewerage and Water Board and State DHH officials are warning the residents of the Algiers section of Orleans Parish not to drink, make ice from, brush teeth, bathe or shower, prepare or rinse food with tap water unless it has been properly disinfected, until further notice.

A major water main break at about 4:30 pm in Algiers brought the water pressure to low levels in at least a portion of the area. As a precaution residents are advised that the quality of the water may be unsafe due to bacteriological contamination. Therefore, the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans has issued a **BOIL ADVISORY** effective Tuesday, December 12, 2006 for the ALGIERS portion of the Parish of Orleans. Residents may expect the boil advisory to continue until water quality testing has proven the safety of the system. Water pressure was restored above the level of concern in most of the affected area by 7:30 pm.

Officials are cautioning users of the water system to disinfect their water before consuming it or using it for food preparation by the following means:

Boil water for a one full minute in a clean container. The one minute starts 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.