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**UPDATE 1: GLWA HAS ISOLATED THE BREAK ON ITS 36-INCH WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN ON 24 MILE ROAD NEAR NORTH AVENUE; WATER PRESSURE HAS BEEN RESTORED TO THE FIVE IMPACTED COMMUNITIES**

- *GLWA crews and contractors have isolated the break on the 36-inch water transmission main on 24 Mile Road near North Avenue in Macomb Township*
- *Pressures have been returned to the five impacted communities*
- *Boil Water Advisory remains in effect for approximately 152,000 people in five communities: Chesterfield Township, Lenox Township, Macomb Township, the Village of New Haven, and the city of Rochester (Rochester East – GLWA District)*

DETROIT – The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is providing an update on the break to its 36-inch water transmission main on 24 Mile Road (near North Avenue) that occurred just after 6:00 a.m. this morning.

GLWA Field Service crews and their contractors have successfully isolated the break, and normal pressures have been restored to all five of the impacted communities by switching them to a 42-inch transmission main that runs parallel to the damaged pipe (which is a prestressed concrete cylinder pipe (PCCP) that was put into service in 1973).

The mandatory Boil Water Advisory remains in effect for Chesterfield Township, Lenox Township, Macomb Township, New Haven, and the city of Rochester (Rochester east, GLWA District).

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, GLWA expects to be able to conduct its first of two rounds of water quality testing this afternoon. Each round of testing takes approximately 24 hours. Therefore, the soonest the Boil Water Advisory could be lifted by GLWA is 48 hours from when the first test is taken. GLWA will notify all impacted communities once the water is determined to be safe to drink.

Under this mandatory Boil Water Advisory, residents should not drink the water without boiling it first. Residents must bring all water to a boil for at least one minute and then let it cool before using. Boiled, bottled, or disinfected water should be used for drinking, making ice, washing dishes, brushing teeth, and preparing food until further notice.

Whenever a water system loses pressure for any significant length of time, precautionary measures are recommended since a loss of pressure can lead to bacterial contamination in the water system. Bacteria are generally not harmful and are common throughout our environment. Boiling water before using it will kill bacteria and other organisms that may be in the water.

For more information, please contact Great Lakes Water Authority Water Quality at [waterquality@glwater.org](mailto:waterquality@glwater.org) or by calling (313) 926-8102 or (313) 926-8128. For a Frequently Asked Questions General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

Please click [HERE](#) for an FAQ on Boil Water Advisories.

GLWA will continue to provide updates as they become available.

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### **About the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA)**

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is the provider-of-choice for drinking water services to nearly 40 percent, and efficient and effective wastewater services to nearly 30 percent, of Michigan's population. With the Great Lakes as source water, GLWA is uniquely positioned to provide those it serves with water of unquestionable quality. GLWA also has the capacity to extend its services beyond its 88 member partner communities. As part of its commitment to water affordability, the Authority offers a Water Residential Assistance Program to assist low-income households in participating member communities throughout the system. GLWA's board includes one representative each from Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne counties, two representatives from the city of Detroit, and one appointed by the Michigan governor to represent member partner communities outside of the tri-county area.