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**GLWA CONTINUES EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORK ON
54-INCH WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN IN SOUTHWEST DETROIT**

- *Contractors mortaring joints inside the pipe as the last interior repair step for the main.*
- *Rebar being placed around the outside of the pipe today in anticipation of the pouring of the concrete encasement around the pipe tomorrow.*
- *GLWA assisting DWSD with cleaning of sewers in the impacted area to remove debris created by the break.*

DETROIT – The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) continues its critical role as a part of the broader emergency response to a break on a 54-inch steel water transmission main at Beard and Rowan in Southwest Detroit that occurred in the early morning hours of Monday, February 17, 2025.

Contractors are mortaring joints inside the pipe as the last interior repair step in the main. They have also begun placing rebar around the outside of the pipe in anticipation of the pouring of a concrete encasement which will support it as the site is backfilled with dirt at the completion of the repair.

GLWA will also be assisting the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department with the cleaning of sewers in the impacted area to remove debris created by the break.

The timeline for completion of the repair and testing to clear the main for service is anticipated to run through the end of the week of March 3, 2025.

More updates will be provided as they become available.

Residents impacted by the water main break can call (313) 774-5261 to be connected to emergency resource through the City of Detroit.

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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.