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**GLWA IS INVESTIGATING A POTENTIAL LEAK ON 36-INCH WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN
ON
GRATIOT BETWEEN 24 AND 25 MILE ROADS IN CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP**

- *GLWA is investigating a potential leak on a 36-inch transmission main on Gratiot between 24 and 25 Mile Roads in Chesterfield Township*
- *System pressures in the area of the potential leak are being intentionally lowered to investigate options for maintaining service in the area during repairs; Emergency connections are being opened between communities*
- *Low system pressures and discolored water may be experienced due to these activities*
- *Impacted communities include Chesterfield Township, Lenox Township and the Village of New Haven*

DETROIT – The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) has discovered a potential leak on a 36-inch water transmission main on Gratiot Avenue between 24 and 25 Mile Roads in Chesterfield Township.

GLWA Field Service Crews are in the process of investigating the suspected leak by closing a valve on the 36-inch transmission main, which is made of prestressed concrete cylinder pipe. Contractors will also be on-site today to begin preparing for any necessary repairs.

Regional system pressures in the area of the suspected leak are being intentionally lowered in order to investigate options for maintaining service during repairs. GLWA is also working closely with its member partners in the impacted communities, which include Chesterfield Township, Lenox Township and the Village of New Haven, to open emergency connections between communities to plan for service contingencies.

As system pressures normalize with this change in valve positions and at this lower-level, lower pressures may be experienced in the impacted area. Also, with the emergency connections being opened, residents and businesses in the impacted communities may experience discolored or cloudy water. For water pressure or water quality concerns, residents and businesses should contact their municipality's Department of Public Works.

More information will be shared as it becomes 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.