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**UPDATE 5: GLWA CONTINUES REPAIR OF 42-INCH WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN; BOIL WATER ADVISORY IN EFFECT FOR CITIES OF WIXOM, COMMERCE TOWNSHIP, AND WALLED LAKE AND REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR PARTS OF NOVI**

- *Boil water advisory in effect for Wixom, Commerce Township and Walled Lake and remains in effect for parts of Novi*
- *External welding of the new 42-inch pipe segment has been completed and internal welding is underway*
- *Inspection of new 42-inch pipe is underway; crews are onsite inspecting 1,200 feet of pipe, west of the break site*

DETROIT – The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) continues its response to the 42-inch water transmission main break on 14 Mile Road (west of M5) affecting Commerce, Walled Lake, Wixom, and parts of Novi that occurred on Thursday, September 25th.

Around 6:15am this morning, the cities of Wixom, Commerce Township, and Walled Lake experienced a loss in pressure. While pressures are climbing, due to the initial drop in pressure, all three cities have issued boil water advisories for residents and businesses. Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township is not affected. A map of the affected area and additional information is available in the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's statement [here](#). Parts of Novi remain under a boil water advisory until further notice. GLWA's Water Quality team is working with all affected communities to monitor their systems and lift the boil water advisories as soon as possible.

Yesterday, field crews worked to complete the outside welding of the new 42-inch pipe segment. GLWA's Field Services team plans to wrap up the repairs on the 42-inch main and backfill the site tomorrow. As GLWA prepares to return the 42-inch main to service, crews are continuing their inspection of the pipe, 1,200 feet west of the break site and 3,400 feet toward the new 30-inch valve location.

In order to accommodate work on the 30-inch valve location, the new traffic direction remains in place on 14 Mile Road, west of Novi Road, where eastbound traffic is reduced to a single lane.

GLWA expects normal operations to resume in 8-13 days but impacted residents and businesses can expect the return of drinkable water in the next few days. GLWA has provided checklists for [residents](#) and [businesses](#) to follow after a boil water advisory.

GLWA is asking residents in the affected communities to conserve water resources throughout this emergency to limit any additional stress on the system. The team continues to coordinate closely with community partners and will share updates as more information 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.