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**UPDATE 6: GLWA CONTINUES RESPONSE TO 42-INCH WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN BREAK; BOIL WATER ADVISORY LIFTED FOR NOVI AND REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR WIXOM, COMMERCE TOWNSHIP, AND WALLED LAKE**

- *The boil water advisory for the city of Novi has been lifted but remains in effect for Wixom, Commerce Township and Walled Lake*
- *Welding of the new 42-inch pipe segment has been completed and inspection of the main continues*
- *Excavation of the new 30-inch isolation valve site has begun*

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.

Following two rounds of negative bacteria testing, the city of Novi lifted their boil water advisory this afternoon. A boil water advisory was reissued yesterday morning for the cities of Wixom, Commerce Township, and Walled Lake. 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](#). GLWA’s Water Quality team is working with the affected communities to flush their systems and lift the remaining boil water advisories as soon as possible.

Yesterday, crews finalized the internal welding of the new 42-inch pipe segment. The main has been inspected from Welch Road to the break site, and today, teams are working to complete the inspection, from Welch Road to Novi Road. Backfill operations are beginning at the 42-inch break site that includes the installation of a new manway and should be completed within the next few days. In addition, field crews are working to set up maintenance of traffic (MOT) to support the installation of the new 30-inch isolation valve.

To accommodate work on the 30-inch valve location, a new traffic direction will be in place on 14 Mile Road, west of Novi Road, where 14 Mile Road will be closed from Novi Road to East Walled Lake with local traffic only. GLWA is working with the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) to establish a new maintenance of traffic plan for the safety of the field team

and motorists. On 14 Mile Road east of M5, cars have been tapered to the two right lanes. For more information regarding the MOT, visit the RCOC's website [here](#).

The GLWA team expects normal operations to resume in 7-12 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.