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UPDATE 4: NEW SEGEMENT OF 42-INCH PIPE INSTALLED; BOIL WATER ADVISORY LIFTED FOR CITY OF WALLED LAKE

- *Crews have installed the new section of 42-inch pipe with welding to take place today*
- The boil water advisory for the city of Walled Lake has been lifted
- GLWA water quality team working with the city of Novi as they prepare to lift their boil water advisory in the coming days

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 morning.

Late last night, GLWA crews successfully installed the new segment of the 42-inch pipe. Today, the Field Services team is working to weld the new pipe section to the existing 42-inch main. Crews are working to cut a manway for the team to enter the new pipe as they prepare it for connection. Teams will remain onsite around the clock until the repair has been completed.

To complete the necessary work, a new traffic direction will be set up on 14 Mile Road, west of Novi Road, reducing traffic on the eastbound lanes to a single lane.

Water service remains impacted for some residents in the surrounding area. The boil water advisory for the City of Wixom has been lifted and as of this afternoon, the city of Walled Lake. Both rounds of bacteria testing came back negative for the city of Walled Lake after flushing the system to return it to drinkable water. The boil water advisory for parts of Novi remains in effect until further notice. GLWA's Water Quality team is working with the city of Novi to flush and sample their systems as they prepare to lift their boil water advisory in the coming days. GLWA expects normal operations to resume in 10-15 days, but all 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.

