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### **Boil Water Advisory issued for parts of Donaldsonville**

Parish Utilities of Ascension announced today that, because of a water main leak on Williams Street in Donaldsonville, they have issued a boil-water advisory, effective immediately. Repairs to the leak required the water to be shut off temporarily. When this happens, there is always a possibility that the water in the line could have been contaminated, so the advisory is issued in an abundance of caution, and will remain in effect until rescinded by PUA.

The affected areas, which may also have experienced low water pressure, are limited to buildings and residences on St. Vincent Street, Williams Street and St. Patrick Street.

It is recommended that all consumers disinfect their water before consuming it (including fountain drinks, making ice, brushing teeth, or using it for food preparation or rinsing of foods, by the following means:

Boil water for (1) full minute in a clean container. The one minute starts after the water has been brought to a rolling boil. (The flat taste can be eliminated by shaking the water in a clean bottle, pouring it from one clean container to another, or by adding a small pinch of salt to each quart of water that is boiled.) Residents are advised to disinfect their own water prior to consumption until advised otherwise.

The line break has been repaired and water service should have resumed. The Ascension Parish Public Utilities Department will rescind the Boil Advisory upon notification from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals – Office of Public Health after additional water samples collected from our water supply system have shown our water to be safe.

Please contact Parish Utilities at 225-450-1071 with any questions.