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SUBJECT: WATER MAIN FLUSHING PROGRAM

On Sunday, May 22nd, 2011, the Manchester Water Works will begin an estimated six-week long program to flush out the 496 miles of distribution mains which make up the Manchester Water Works' water distribution system. The program will be conducted by Manchester Water Works' employees between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, in order to minimize the inconvenience to customers. Tom Bowen, Manchester Water Works Director, indicated that even though the Manchester Water Works operates a state-of-the-art Water Treatment Plant at its' Lake Shore Road facility, sediment can collect in mains and restrict flow or cause water quality problems if not flushed periodically.

The flushing program will generally progress from the Water Treatment Plant westerly across the city and portions of the surrounding towns which Manchester Water Works serves. Heavy commercial users will be notified by the Manchester Water Works prior to work being done in their immediate area. Bowen asked that residential customers with special needs, such as in-house dialysis equipment, call the department to make their locations known so that they may also be notified in advance.

Customers may experience a slight discoloration of water during the flushing program due to the increased velocity of the water in the pipelines. Bowen indicated that he regrets that the program may inconvenience some customers but that it is a necessary part of the departments' preventive maintenance program.

Customers experiencing prolonged or excessive discoloration are asked to call the department after allowing ten to fifteen minutes to flush their own service lines.

Any customers with questions regarding the program are also asked to contact the Manchester Water Works at 603-624-6494 ext. 319.

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