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CITY OF ROCKPORT – PUBLIC NOTICE TO BOIL WATER

At approximately 11:30 a.m. today, a local contractor working in the area near Highway 35 Business and Palmetto Avenue struck a 10" water supply line causing leakage and loss of water pressure to a portion of the City of Rockport public water system. As a result, the water system experienced low pressures for a limited period of time.

The City responded and had crews on the scene within 30-minutes and secured the leak. At approximately 3:00 p.m. repairs were started on the affected line. Repairs are expected to be complete between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. today with the system returning to normal function with proper pressure, pump function, and tank flow.

As a precautionary measure, the City of Rockport is complying with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirement that our water system City of Rockport (PWS ID TX0040002) notify customers of the need to boil their water prior to consumption.

According to TCEQ guidelines and an abundance of caution, water for drinking, cooking and making ice should be boiled and cooled prior to use to ensure destruction of any potential, harmful bacteria and microbes. The water should be brought to a vigorous, rolling boil and then boiled for two minutes. In lieu of boiling, you may purchase bottled water or obtain water from some other source.

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When it is no longer necessary to boil the water, the water system officials will notify you that the water is safe for consumption. Instructions to discontinue boiling will be issued in the same manner as this notice. The City will be testing the water system after repairs are complete and samples will be sent to a lab. Once the results are obtained, the City will officially resend the boil water notice.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

If you have questions concerning this matter, you may contact Mike Donoho, Public Works Director for the City of Rockport at (361) 790-1160. We apologize for the inconvenience.